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Dear Friends

I have a practice during Advent of slowly reading one of the Gospels (about a chapter a day, depending on the Gospel – Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) in the run-up to Christmas. This helps give me a grounding in the whole of Jesus's life as we approach the celebration of his birth. I find it helpful, within the madness of preparing for Christmas celebrations, to remember the significance of his life, death and resurrection as well as the amazing events of his beginning.

It is good, I think, to have these kinds of practices built into our Advent or perhaps New Year routines. Otherwise, we end up being just carried along by events in December – the office parties, children's events, carol concerts, and so on - and counting down to Christmas or New Year with maybe just a chocolate-a-day from the calendar to anchor us in the present and remind us what's coming.

For me, reading a Gospel presents a strange juxtaposition whilst travelling through Advent: hearing again Jesus's teaching about the poor whilst buying presents, working unsustainably hard whilst Jesus feeds 5,000 and talks about how his burden is light, trying to plan and run services to attract people to church whilst Jesus has to stop his disciples sending people away, the feeling of getting closer to Christmas and celebrating whilst sensing the horror that awaits the new-born baby in the manger, and then finally as we get there and the child is born, I also get to experience the new life that Jesus's resurrection offers to all.

The setting of the events of Jesus's life beside our Advent period of waiting and preparing which, with all the practicalities of getting 'sorted' for Christmas involves never ceases to be challenging. It brings my experience into dialogue with the Lord himself: 'Why is work so hard if your burden is light?'; 'How do I hold together the child in the manger with the man on the cross and the empty tomb?'

It's been a fruitful reflection every year I have read a Gospel in Advent. You may have similar habits for the run-up to Christmas or perhaps as a New Year's resolution. But if you don't, might you consider adopting my practice, perhaps just as a trial run for this year? Try to allow the stories to speak to you and interrogate those Advent days, and let them move you to prayer.

I'd love to hear how you get on, and always, if there's anything I can do to help you with it, please let me know.

When it arrives, God bless you and Happy Christmas!

Steve



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A View from The Pews by Dominic Hall

Last year I bought my first Christmas tree. Of course, we had trees when I was a child but as an adult, I have always spent Christmas away from home so never saw the need to have a tree. Perhaps the pandemic restrictions changed my view but whatever the reason, I now own a tree. Assembling and decorating it this year gave me more joy than is decent! In part this is because I have acquired decorations that stir my memories. Let me tell you the story of three of these.

There are some little glass ballet shoes that remind me of my mother. She was a huge fan of the ballet, and we were taken as children to see favourites like ‘Giselle’, ‘Coppelia’ and of course ‘The Nutcracker’. The shoes give me memories of those happy times with mum and though no new memories will be created, this time of year always brings these treasures afresh to my mind.

A little stained-glass window was a treat I found on a trip to Paris this spring. I visited the Sainte-Chapelle, a chapel known for its truly breathtaking stained glass. The ornament reminds me of the artistic capability of mankind to create astonishing beauty. In a world so riven with war, hatred and distress, it is good to be reminded that we are capable of so much more than our basest instincts.

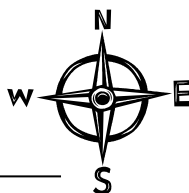
On a visit to Niagara a few years ago, I found myself in a Christmas shop...in August! There I picked up the quirkiest of tree decorations – a gherkin! No, that is not a typo and I haven’t been sniffing the sherry. There was a shop selling Christmas gherkin tree decorations. Apparently, there is a tradition in north America to hide the decoration among the branches and the first person to find it on Christmas morning wins a prize or has good luck for the year ahead. The gherkin reminds me that, in an ever-changing world, the traditions and peculiarities of a society often ground us and give a sense of belonging.

Three little trinkets. None of them particularly precious or valuable. Yet to me they are priceless. I have no doubt that as you look at your own trees there will be decorations that stir the memories and bring missing people to life – if only for a moment.

Christmas is a time when we welcome friends and family into our homes. This year, don’t forget to hold onto those precious reminders of the joyous moments in your lives. Let us all take a moment to remember the people not with us in person but always in our hearts and minds.

I salute you with a glass of something delicious and wish you all a happy and memorable Christmas.

Prayer Points



The Winter months mark the end of one year and the beginning of another. Perhaps there is poignancy as we reflect on what has gone before – and anticipation as we look towards celebrations and new beginnings.

Pray not to take for granted our friends, their talents, their kindnesses and their laughter. Pray not to take for granted the beauty of the changing seasons, the opportunities, and the privilege we have in simply being here.

It's a message caught in an extract from a poem by Ordained Deacon Rosemary Mitchell (1967-2021):

“Luckier by far am I to have seen so many times
The ring of seasons, the world's renewal year by year,
Decay turned to delight, a phoenix paradoxical in time.
There is some promise of eternity in ceaseless beauty,
In the faces of small children, and all young things,
And even in the riches of reflecting minds.”

And in the hymn, *For the Beauty of the Earth*:

For The Beauty Of The Earth
For The Glory Of The Skies
For The Love Which From Our Birth
Over And Around Us Lies.

For Thyself Best Gift Divine
To The World So Freely Given
For That Great Great Love Of Thine
Peace On Earth And Joy In Heaven.

With thanks to Susan Druett for this month's Prayer Points

The Eco - Church Group

ZERO WASTE SHOPPING

It was great to welcome Jeanne-Claire to our recent meeting when we discussed zero waste shops, cycle racks and our planting plans. Here is some information about zero waste shops locally:

Burley in Wharfedale ~ Waste Not is on the main street, with free parking directly outside. Closed Monday and Friday.

Ilkley ~ Waste Not (sister shop to Burley) is on Wells Road opposite Friends of Ham. One hour free parking outside the shop. Even better, go by train - it's very handy for the station! Website is: <https://wastenot.tillex.co.uk/app?vrp=29>
Both these shops are owned by Charlotte who works mainly in the Burley shop, with her sister Tillie in the Ilkley shop.

Closed Monday.

Otley ~ Like Nana Did is in Orchard Gate, open Monday to Saturday every week, also the last Sunday of the month. They offer a delivery service through Shop Otley.

Horsforth ~ Zero Muda on the main road (New Road Side) in Horsforth. They open 7 days per week. There is parking on the main street.. They offer an organic veg box collection service (*Kirkstall Community Farm*) which the farm will deliver to them and you can collect every Friday. They also offer a wide range of loose organic fruit /veg that are delivered from *The Organic Pantry*. They also have bread delivered to them from the *Leeds Bread Co-op* as well as selling wine to fill your own bottle.

All the shops above offer a wide range of goods from food / teas/ coffees to beauty /household products .

St JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

Many thanks to those who have given large pots for planting, a water butt and the promise of an apple tree - we are just working out where to plant that. We are most grateful for your support. We will get going with the planting and the bug and bee hotel making in the spring with the young people from the Core and the Den.

CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGES

Do please consider making a pledge to take climate action be that prayer, creating less waste or using less plastic or anything else that works for you! The pledge cards are still available at the back of church or you can pledge online on the website (scroll to the bottom of the page).

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

We will be putting out the Christmas Post box shortly. This is for the church community to write one card for all their friends at church rather than lots of individual cards. The cards will be displayed by the Baptistry. Do please support this initiative.

All the above will help us to work towards a silver eco church award but the other "elephant in the room" is getting to net zero. The Church of England has pledged to reach net zero by 2030 for energy use in churches, parish rooms, vicarages and for clergy travel. In 2021, St Johns' scored F on its energy rating where A is best and G is the worst. It should improve now that the roof has been insulated but we have some way to go.

For more info on Eco Church see Sally, Matthew, Catherine, Jeanne-Claire or Marilyn or make contact via the Parish Office or St John's website. Do join us if you would like to get involved. Our next meeting is on 11 January.

OCTOBER PCC Notes

Colin Alexander, our treasurer, presented a detailed document setting out the **final roof finances**. Despite an increase in the cost due to additional work on the lightning conductor and roof timbers, we are in a sound financial position.

Colin confirmed we would be able to start paying our **Diocesan Share** again towards the end of the year. The PCC thanked Colin for all the work he has done on the roof project.

Fundraising continues with a **Christmas Quiz** planned for Friday 2 December. Sponsor a slate would continue to be available during coffee time until the end of October.

The **lanterns** have been restored and refitted. An electrician has been contacted and is sourcing elements so the lanterns can be rewired. The cost of the lanterns has exceeded the original quote because some of the work had to be subcontracted by the restorer. Colin and Roger are going to explore a compromise payment.

The **Eco Committee** sort permission to plant an apple tree in the Church grounds. The PCC approved this if it was planted away from the wall and the path.

The PCC approved the following **safeguarding documents** for another year: Promoting a safer church, Policy Document, Policy Statement, Appendix 5 Document. The Risk Managements documents for The Den and The Core have also been reviewed.

It was confirmed that the Safeguarding and Insurance Policy are on display in church. Catherine was thanked for all her work ensuring our Safeguarding documents are up to date.

The PCC split into two groups to discuss our **post roof priorities**. This month we focussed on mission. Comments and thoughts were shared on the range of services on offer, the launch of small groups, how the church community keeps in touch and the needs of our village community.

We finished the meeting with prayer.

Sally Smith



THANKS FOR THE ROOF

The roof project is complete!

These are words which I sometimes thought I would never be able to write. Indeed, even now, when I walk past the church and see the rain streaming down the nice new tiles (rather than dripping in between them into a church below) I still have moments of not quite believing it is done!

Thank you all for your prayers, your amazing financial generosity, your efforts in fund-raising, and for being part of a church family who have for many years looked towards this achievement and saved for it, even before we really decided to pursue it in earnest.

Thank you especially to those who have guided the project: our treasurer who as well as holding all the finances together, was primarily responsible for the grant funding that we received. Thank you to our churchwardens who dealt with so much of the issues thrown up by the project, the PCC who drove it forwards and together debated really difficult decisions, but always in a way which was a privilege to see. Thank you to our fundraising committee who have worked so hard to co-ordinate and enable fund-raising projects. And of course, thank you to

everyone else, not named in particular but who has dreamt with us and worked hard to make this a reality.

With a secure roof, we can now look ahead to imagine what God has in store for us in the next few years and few decades in Menston. This is something the PCC have begun to think about, working out how best the story of God's love can be shared with our village, how best we can serve our community, how best we can become a family who always strive to care for each other better, and how we can grow in our faith, individually and together.

Please pray for the PCC as they lead us into this next phase of life in St John's.

Thank you for journeying with us through the ups and downs of the roof project, financial and practical. I know it has been difficult at times for various reasons, and I thank God for the church family here who have faced these difficulties with grace. I pray we continue to show each other that grace that comes from God, and extend it even more to our village and our wider world.

Steve

FROM THE REGISTERS



HOLY BAPTISM

20 November

We welcome into the Lord's family:

Emma Elizabeth Sheppard

CONFIRMATION

27 November

We welcome :

Dominic Hall and Peter Wilbraham

HOLY MATRIMONY

31 December

We extend our congratulations to:

James Anthony Crabtree and Sally Ann Mills

FUNERAL SERVICES

2 December

We commend into the hands of Almighty God:

Kathleen Hoyle



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Menston Scouts are holding a Christmas Social on Saturday 10 December in the main hall of Kirklands at 2pm. The aim is for the young people to interact with the older generation and enjoy one another's company. The scouts will serve tea, mince pies and cake and will provide entertainment.



Invitations have been sent out to all who attended the Jubilee afternoon tea and to others who may have been overlooked (unfortunately there has to be a limit of 80 people). Those who have been invited have been asked to bring a photograph of themselves when they were young to encourage conversation!

The afternoon will finish with carol singing and it is hoped it will be a joyful start to everyone's Christmas celebrations.

**ST JOHN THE DIVINE
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Christmas at St John's

**Saturday 17 December - 2pm:
Zest Christmas Celebration at Kirklands**

**Sunday 18 December - 2pm:
Carol Service**

**Christmas Eve - 4pm:
Nativity Service**

**Christmas Eve - 11.30pm:
Midnight Communion**

**Christmas Day - 10am:
Christmas Service with optional Communion**

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Worship this month

4 Dec The Second Sunday of ADVENT
Readings: Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12
Reader: Jane Pratt

9.30am Zest
11.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm 6pm Service
7-8pm The Den

11 Dec The Third Sunday of ADVENT
Readings: James 5:7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11
Reader: Jenny Steele

9.30am Zest
11.00am Parish Eucharist
7-8pm The Den

18 Dec The Fourth Sunday of ADVENT
Readings: Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-end
Reader: Ros Wilkinson

9.30am Zest
11.00am Parish Eucharist
2.00pm Carol Service

24 Dec CHRISTMAS EVE ~ Reader: David Mercer
4.00pm Nativity Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

25 Dec CHRISTMAS DAY ~ Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20
Reader: tbc

10.00am *See previous page for details of all Christmas services*

1 Jan The First Sunday of CHRISTMAS
Readings: Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-21
Reader: Colin Alexander

9.30am Zest
11.00am Parish Eucharist

8 Jan The Second Sunday of CHRISTMAS

9.30am Zest

10.30am Covenant Service at Menston Methodist Church

15 Jan The Second Sunday after EPIPHANY

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

Reader: Pat Machin

9.30am Zest

11.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm 6pm Service

7-8pm The Den

22 Jan The Third Sunday after EPIPHANY

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23

Reader: Adele Maddy

9.30am Zest

11.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Ilkley All Saints ~ Release

29 Jan The Fourth Sunday after EPIPHANY

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-end; John 2: 1-11

Reader: Geoff Druett

9.30am Zest

11.00am Parish Eucharist

5 Feb The Third Sunday before LENT

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20

Reader: Glenys Prince

9.30am Zest

11.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm 6pm Service

7-8pm The Den

MID-WEEK SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday December: 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 NB: there will be no communion service on **Thursday 29 December.**

January: 5 / 12 / 19 / 26

A GOOD READ by Dominic Hall

It is that time of year already! Have you got your sprouts on? If the Christmas season does give you a few moments respite from the hurly burly of modern life or if you are looking for a gift for a voracious bookworm, I offer a couple of books that I have enjoyed recently.

First, pack your bags as we are heading to Cyprus. Specifically, 70s civil war torn Cyprus. In 'The Island Of Missing Trees', Elif Shafak has fashioned a lush and heartrending novel of love across the divide. A Christian Greek boy and a Muslim Turkish girl meet and fall in love. This novel is, however, more than a mere retelling of Romeo & Juliet with olives! There are layers of drama, tragedy and ultimately hope that make this a thoroughly rewarding read.

This being a parish magazine it would be remiss not to include a good murder mystery! Louise Candlish is a writer with a knack for channelling middle-class angst into something quite thrilling. Her first book, 'Our House', was adapted into an absorbing TV drama this year. In 'The Heights' she looks at how time has a way of distorting the truth and at what would happen when the person you arrange to kill is still very much alive. Mercifully, not something that happens too often in Menston! The book is ideal for a winter evening and plays on the old theme of 'what would you do' when faced with a terrible moral dilemma and a golden opportunity for revenge.

In 'The Lost Storyteller' Amanda Block draws on themes of family, addiction, alienation and innocence. That makes it sound like quite a heavy read but her ability to draw characters in whom you can believe and who you want to learn more about holds this story together. The perception of a person you have known only as a child juxtaposed with the reality of that person's life is presented here without emotion and with a clarity that cuts through the temptation to bring forth tears. As a result, the story actually draws out greater emotion.

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. That is certainly the case in my last recommendation. In 'The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer' Shrabani Basu explores the case of a young lawyer accused of a senseless crime. In desperation, he appeals to Arthur Conan Doyle to explore the case and help him to prove his innocence. Very quickly we learn about the racism inherent in some English villages in the early twentieth century. With remarkable verve, Basu leads us through a complex case and exposes issues that we all know too well. This excellent book reminds us that we should always be on our guard not to judge people and to challenge intolerance and bigotry when we see it.

I always implore that you forego the massive booksellers in favour of small, independent shops. These are often staffed by people with a deep love of books and their knowledge can recommend new and unusual titles to keep your bookshelves stocked and interesting.



2025 Menston Heritage Group

We have now had two meetings and are working on plans to create an archive for Menston's history as well as a heritage trail, using QR codes. Our next step is to work out places of significance for Menston's history and then decide how to present the information in an appealing way. There are likely to be opportunities for music and drama offerings as well as filming and sound skills. Would you be interested in presenting the history of St John's in some way? If so, please get in touch.

We next meet on **Monday 9 January** in the small room in Kirklands at 7pm and then on 30 January when we will welcome the creative director for Bradford 2025, Shanaz Gulzar.

For more information, please contact Marilyn on 874220.



This month:

Tuesday 6 December 2.15 pm *Advent Service*
in church with our vicar and invited MU members from St
Oswald's, Guiseley. Mince pies and fellowship afterwards in the
Parish Room.

2023

Tuesday 3 January 2.15 pm *see * Subscription*
Afternoon with social activity

Monday 9 January 11 am *MU Annual Wave of*
Prayer – time allotted to St John's with shortened version
lasting 30 minutes. Members please come along to the
Parish Room if you can.

* We have been informed that the MU subscription for 2023 has been increased to £30 after remaining at £28 for the past two years because of the Covid pandemic and branch members being unable to meet together as usual. Now that things are returning to normal, MSH and MU Leeds Diocese, who share the subscription, have increased their share by just £1 each.

It is important for members to appreciate that it is their subscriptions which support the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide and without a thriving membership the organisation would not be able to fulfil its charitable aims.

At our last meeting on 1 November we were joined by Rev Andrew Howorth who entertained members with an enjoyable afternoon of amusing poetry. This was something which had interested him from early childhood, and several

of the poems he highlighted raised fond memories of childhood from many of those present. He also talked about previous periods in his career path which members found most enlightening.

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* In view of the subscription increase, members were asked whether they felt they were missing out on fellowship opportunities, and to consider whether they would like to revert back to meeting twice a month as previously, and having the third Tuesday in the month purely as a social afternoon. We will decide about this at our first meeting next year on 3 January.

With all good wishes to our members for Christmas and the New Year.

Marjorie Boddy & Ann Dixon



Climate Action Menston

In November, we held a workshop to share ideas about how to make Kirklands a sustainable green centre. We encouraged people to sign up to take climate action making use of the pledge cards. We will next meet in February so more on that in the New Year.

Have a wonderful Christmas and don't forget to reduce, reuse and recycle!

For more information see Marilyn or contact via <https://climateactionmenston.org.uk/>

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

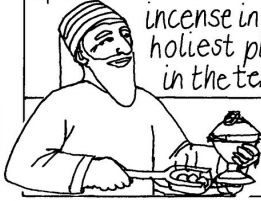
It can be read in the Bible in
Luke ch.1 verses 1-25 & 57-80

The Romans had invaded Israel and still ruled it. Zechariah and Elizabeth were an old childless couple living in the hill country.



It was Zechariah's turn for temple duty in Jerusalem.

He was given a once-in-a-lifetime chance to burn incense in the holiest place in the temple



As it burnt he prayed



Lord God, please rescue us, your people.

Then he saw the angel standing next to him



God has heard your prayer, and you will have a son.

At our age that's not going to happen!



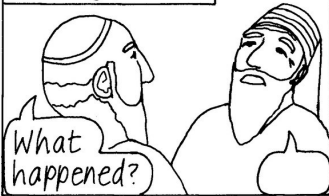
To show you that God means what He says...

you will be unable to speak until your son, John*, is born



*In Hebrew, 'John' is 'Yochanan' or 'God is gracious'

When Zechariah came out of the holy place...



What happened?

He went home and soon Elizabeth had good news



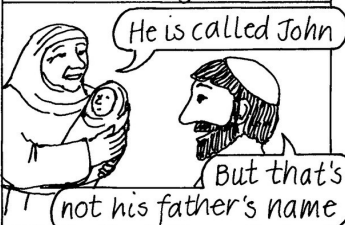
I'm pregnant!

Elizabeth's cousin Mary visited her...



but left before...

Elizabeth's baby was born.



He is called John

But that's not his father's name

Zechariah wrote...



and could speak again.

He praised God for what He had done...



and what He was going to do...

ALL IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER...

200 years ago, on 27 December 1882 Louis Pasteur, French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist was born. One of the fathers of germ theory, he was best known for the pasteurisation process, which is named in his honour.

100 years ago, on 30 December 1922 the Soviet Union was founded. Officially known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), it was dissolved in 1991.

90 years ago, on 25 December 1932 the first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King George V addressed the nation live from Sandringham.

50 years ago, on 22 December 1972 14 people were found alive in the Andes more than two months after their plane crashed. They had survived by eating dead passengers.

40 years ago, on 12 December 1982 30,000 women joined hands around the Greenham Common RAF base in Berkshire to protest against the siting of US Cruise missiles there.

25 years ago, on 11 December 1997 the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at reducing greenhouse gases and combating global warming, was adopted at a conference in Japan. More than 190 countries have signed the agreement, which came into effect in February 2005.



ALTAR FLOWERS

2023

8 January
29 January

Jenny Steele
Judith Knaggs



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We shall begin to decorate the church for the Christmas services on Friday 16 December - 10am. Donations of variegated holly would be most welcome to help decorate the windowsills. Please leave at the back of church by *Thursday 15 December*.



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GIFT SUNDAY 5 December

Once again, all gifts will be donated to Meadowlea Children's Home in Menston. Please ensure all items are suitable for children aged 6-9 and are left unwrapped. Meadowlea express their thanks in advance for all donations.

Please note that there will be No Thursday morning communion service on 29 December and NO Communion Service at St John's on Sunday 8 January 2023 as we will be joining Menston Methodist Church for their Covenant Service at 10.30am.


MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

for 2023 are due to be collected with delivery of the **February** issue. The cost of the magazine remains at *60p per copy, £6 for the year*. Please make cheques payable to **'Menston PCC'**. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to arrange a postal delivery which will include a charge to cover postage.

If you know someone who might like to receive the magazine please ring Charmian Thomas 873865 to arrange delivery.

Light Up St John's – Floodlight Sponsorship

Now that the dark winter nights have arrived this is a very special way to mark an anniversary or simply to give thanks. The cost is £5 per evening which helps cover the costs of floodlighting the church from dusk - 10.30pm.

16 Dec	Remembering our son with love	
18 - 23 Dec	Thinking of Tom with love on his birthday. From Pat and all the family	
24/25/26 Dec	Anonymous	
30/31 Dec	In loving memory of Howard T W Goth	Anon
1 Jan	Remembering my father with love on his birthday	

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