

## Events & Services

<b>Tuesday</b> 16	9.15am - Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 17	7.30pm - Advent House Group
<b>Thursday</b> 18	9.30am - 12pm - Parish Office open 9.30am - Midweek Communion 7.00pm - The Longest Night
<b>Friday</b> 19	9.30am - Stay & Play @ St John's Christmas Party <i>Playgroup for babies, toddlers and their grown ups</i> 1pm - Advent Group in the Parish Room
<b>Saturday</b> 20	9.30am - Church flowers
<b>Next Sunday: 21 December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9.30am - Zest 11am - Holy Communion 11.30am - Zest Christmas Party in the Parish Room 4.00pm - Carols by Candlelight

### First time here?

Welcome! It's so good to see you. We'd love for you to join us for refreshments and a chat in the Parish Room between the services. We can answer any questions or just get to know you better, whether you are visiting or looking for a new church to call home! Please fill out a 'New to St John's' form so we can stay in touch.

### Parish Office

Holiday exceptions are listed in the Notices. *The Parish Office is open Thursday mornings from 9.30am—12pm. The administrator works remotely Tuesday & Wednesday and is contactable via email or mobile (details below). If you need to come into the office on another day, please contact to arrange.*

### Contact Us

**Vicar:** Rev Joanna Glenwright vicar@stjohnmenston.org.uk 07502579658  
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## Parish Notes - 14 December 2025 The Third Sunday of Advent

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, MENSTON

### Today's Services

**9.30AM**     **ZEST COMMUNION** - AN INFORMAL AND CREATIVE TIME OF WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

*Please join us in the Parish Room between the services for Fairtrade tea and coffee*

**11.00AM**     **HOLY COMMUNION** - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (CHURCH OF ENGLAND)

**Readings:** James 5:7-10 (New Testament page 228-9)  
Matt 11:2-11 (New Testament page 10-11)

**Hymns:** Come, thou long expected Jesus  
For the fruits of his creation  
Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
Christ is the world's light



## **Parish Notices**

### **LIGHT UP A LIFE**

Tuesday 16 December: Happy memories.

### **PARISH MAGAZINE**

The December/January edition of the Parish Magazine is available to read in print and on our website.

### **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from midday on Thursday 18 Dec, reopening on Thursday 8 Jan at 9.30am. The administrator will be contactable from Tuesday 6 Jan.

### **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

If you would like to take part just collect an item for the food bank each day and then bring your offering to Church between Christmas day and Sunday 4 January. All donations will go to the Ilkley Food Bank. If you are in need of suggestions, there are flyers at the back of church.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

We shall be meeting to decorate the windows on SATURDAY 20 December at 9.30am - not Friday 19 as advertised in the magazine.

### **ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOX**

For many years now, the Eco Church group has been encouraging the congregation to send one card for all their friends at St John. The Post Box is at the back of church and cards will be displayed on the Baptistry screen.



To give towards the work of St John's, here and more widely, scan the QR code. For more information and other ways to give visit [www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/giving](http://www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/giving)  
Registered charity number: 1129823

## **Christmas @ St John's**

**Thursday 18 December - 7pm**

The Longest Night

**Sunday 21 December - 4pm**

Carols by Candlelight

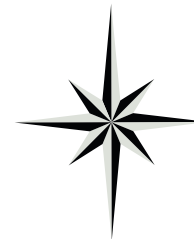
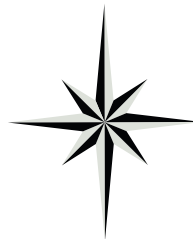
**Christmas Eve**

Nativity Service - 3pm

Midnight Communion - 11.30pm

**Christmas Day - 10am**

Christmas Communion



## **We Pray For**

**Prayers for healing, comfort, support and courage for all who need it**, especially: Jane P, Francesca, David and Pat, Ros and family, Janet H and family.

- Lord have mercy on them in their need and suffering, help and sustain them and give them hope and trust in you. Amen.

**Memorial Book:** Shirley Rollinson, Philip McLellan, Madge Woodhouse, Herbert Kendall, Reginald Westwell, Jean Illingworth, John William Hill, Louie Normington, Ashton Harvey, Sheila Yeadon, Mary Wilson, Alan Hopkinson

*Can we be praying for you? You may be going through a new phase or a personally challenging time and we would love to hold you and your needs up to God in prayer. Please let us know via a friend, the clergy or the office if you would like to be added to the prayer list. We commit to pray for a month and your request for specific prayer can be renewed if you'd like.*