

27—2 DECEMBER

WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am—12pm—Parish Office Open
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Thursday 9.30am—Midweek Communion
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NEXT SUNDAY — 3 DECEMBER—ADVENT SUNDAY

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm The 6pm Service

7.00pm The Den

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PARISH NOTES

Welcome to
St John the Divine
The Parish Church of
Menston with Woodhead



THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

26 NOVEMBER 2023

9.30am ZEST

*Please join us in the Parish Room for Fairtrade
tea and coffee between 10 and 11am.*

11.00am HOLY COMMUNION

With Revd Barry Overend

Readings: Ephesians 1: 15—end (New Testament page 189)
Matthew 25: 31—end (New Testament page 27-28)

Hymns: Jesus shall reign
Morning glory
Mine eyes have seen the glory
The kingdom of God is justice

6.30pm THE DEN JOINS RELEASE AT ALL SAINTS, ILKLEY

WE PRAY FOR



The Sick: Pauline Blake, Angela Evans, Enid Holdsworth,
The Hawkyard family

The Deceased: Ben Downs

Memorial Book: Elaine Ridley, Roy Waring, Harry Naylor, Æverill
Tinkler, Arthur Voigt, David Jones, Eleanor Hill,
William Greetham, John Slater, Hilda Simmonds

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- * Local government, community leaders
- * All who provide local services
- * Those who work with young or elderly people
- * Schools, colleges and universities
- * Emergency and rescue organisations

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Lord God, in this upcoming special season, I come to You on
behalf of those whose festive periods are a struggle.

I pray for those who feel forgotten or excluded over the period.

I pray for those who are required to work while
others sleep or celebrate.

I pray for those who are spending it alone,
remembering those they lost.

I pray for those who are refugees in foreign lands
or suffering through war.

I pray also for prisoners and patients, along with those who are
stranded or sidelined during this blessed season.

I ask You to be close to and shower Your favour on all who need you
over the next month, in the name of Jesus,
Your beloved and only-begotten Son. Amen.

GIFT SUNDAY—10 DECEMBER

As Meadowlea is closed for refurbishment we are not able to donate our gifts there this year. Instead, we are supporting the Food Bank and their Christmas Parcel appeal. We will be collecting the following items at church on Gift Sunday: tinned ham, tinned halal meat, Christmas cake, boxes of chocolate, selection boxes, packs of biscuits, crisps, savoury snacks, custard and hot chocolate. We will also have a jar at the back for cash donations.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The December/January edition of the Parish Magazine is now available in print and online www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is almost time to write your Christmas cards! If you would like to send one card to all your friends at

church please make use of the post box at the back of church. The cards will be displayed on the Baptistry.

PARISH OFFICE FROM JANUARY

From January, the Parish Office will be open on a Thursday from 9.30am to 12 midday. If you need to come into the office but can't make it on a Thursday, please contact the administrator to arrange another time.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR MOBILE

The administrator is contactable Tuesday to Thursday via email at office@stjohnmenston.org.uk and now via the Parish Office mobile at 07440 289248.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING - DECEMBER

The Parish Office will be open on the following days in December from 10am to midday: Wednesday 6 December, Thursday 14 December, Wednesday 20 December. It will then be closed for Christmas, reopening on Thursday 4 January at 9.30am.

Christmas *At St John's, Menston*

Sunday 17 December—2pm

Carol Service

Sunday 24 December—4pm

Nativity Service

Sunday 24 December—11.30pm

Midnight Communion

Monday 25 December—10am

All-age Christmas Service
with optional communion

In addition to our usual Sunday services. See website for more information.