

## ***Events & Services***

<b>Tuesday</b> 9	9.15am - Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 10	7.30pm - Advent House Group
<b>Thursday</b> 11	9.30am - 12pm - Parish Office open 9.30am - Midweek Communion
<b>Friday</b> 12	9.30am - Stay & Play @ St John's <i>Playgroup for babies, toddlers and their grown ups</i> 1pm - Advent Group in the Parish Room
<b>Saturday</b> 13	2.00pm - Zest Christmas Special at Kirklands Community Centre
<b>Next Sunday: 14 December - The Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9.30am - Zest Communion 11am - Holy Communion

### ***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***

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***

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## ***Parish Notes - 7 December 2025*** ***Gift Sunday***

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, MENSTON

### ***Today's Services***

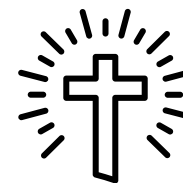
**9.30AM** **ZEST - AN INFORMAL AND CREATIVE TIME OF WORSHIP**

*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:** Romans 15:4-13 (New Testament p159-160)  
Matthew 3: 1-12 (New Testament p2-3)

**Hymns:** On Jordan's bank  
How beauteous are thy feet  
Long ago, prophets knew  
The Kingdom of God is justice and joy



## **Parish Notices**

### **READERS WANTED**

Readers wanted for The Longest Night & Carols by Candlelight. Please get in touch with Elizabeth ASAP - ealeo200@hotmail.com.

### **PARISH MAGAZINE**

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

### **GO DEEPER WITH GOD THIS ADVENT**

This year during Advent we are going to look at the reflections and mediations of Rev Rachel Mann in her book "Don't be afraid - finding the joy in waiting in a time of fear". We suggest a voluntary donation of £8.50 if you do take a copy. We are running groups at two different times to join together and discuss what we've read so far. These are on: Fridays 12 & 19 December – 1pm in the Parish Room & Wednesdays 10 & 17 December – 7.30pm at someone's home. Please let Jo know if you would like to attend a group (even if just for one session) or sign up at the back of church.

### **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

On Advent Sunday we launched our 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 would like further ideas for donations, there are flyers with suggestions 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.

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

**Saturday 13 Dec - 2pm**

Zest Christmas Special at Kirklands Community Centre

**Thursday 18 Dec - 7pm**

The Longest Night

**Sunday 21 Dec - 4pm**

Carols by Candlelight

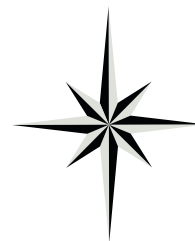
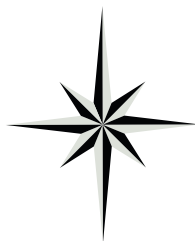
**Christmas Eve**

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:** David Seel, Jack Shaw, Elsie Crowther, Robert Thackwray, Karl Ingram, Lilian Rich, Eluned Ellis, Florence Mee, Trudie Scott, Lilian Thomson, Kenneth Hanson

*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.*



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