

**18—23 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 — 24 DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS EVE**

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Nativity Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

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## PARISH NOTES

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



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 17 DECEMBER 2023**

**9.30am ZEST**

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

**11.00am HOLY COMMUNION**

**Readings:** 1 Thess. 5: 16-24 (New Testament page 202)  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (New Testament page 88)

**Hymns:** On Jordan's bank  
Hark my soul it is the Lord  
Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Longing for light

**2.00pm CAROL SERVICE**



## WE PRAY FOR

**The Sick:** Pauline Blake, Enid Holdsworth, Pat Shaw,  
The Hawkyard family

**Memorial Book:** Louie Normington, Ashton Harvey,  
Sheila Yeadon, Mary Wilson, Alan Hopkinson,  
Joan Gledhill, Susan Johnson, Maurice Harvey,  
David Storr

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- \* The universal Church
- \* Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
- \* The leaders of the nations
- \* The natural world and the resources of the earth
- \* All who are in any kind of need

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At Christmas the song of the angels  
rings throughout the world.  
As we rejoice in their song  
may we always acknowledge  
that Christ brings peace for us all.  
As we make our way together  
on our own earthly pilgrimage,  
may the light of Christ shine in our hearts  
and may we be guided by his presence.  
All creation give witness to your glory.  
Amen.

### SUNDAY 7 JANUARY

On Sunday 7 January there will only be one joint service at 10am. This will be followed by a farewell to Steve with drinks, nibbles and cake in the Parish Room. Everyone is welcome.

### CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

In addition to our regular services:  
- Carol Service—Sunday 17 December at 2pm  
- Nativity Service—Sunday 24 December at 4pm  
- Midnight Communion—Sunday 24 December at 11.30pm  
- Monday 25 December—All-age Christmas Service with optional communion at 10am  
There will be no Midweek service on Thursday 28 December.

### A FESTIVE THANK YOU!

Thank you to Dominic Overall at Acrecliffe for very kindly donating our Christmas tree again this year.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The annual Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer will take place in church on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 11.00am, and members are asked to come along and take part if they are able.

### CHARITY BUTTON VOTE

The winner of the International charity vote is Wateraid with 355 votes. Freedom From Torture had 288 and Sightsavers 258. This means the charities we will support with our giving in 2024 are: Behind Closed

Doors (local), Shelter (national) and Wateraid (international). Thank you for all your votes over the year.

### 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 OFFICE OPENING - DECEMBER

The Parish Office will be open on Wednesday 20 December. It will then be closed for Christmas, reopening on Thursday 4 January at 9.30am.

### 6PM & THE DEN

From 10 December, the 6pm Service and The Den are paused for the interregnum.

### THANK-YOUS

- Many thanks to all involved with the St John's stall at the Lights switch on at Kirklands on 2nd December. Sales of craft items and pre-loved Christmas jumpers raised £127.40.  
- Thank you also to everyone in the congregation who gave donations for the Food Bank on Gift Sunday. All donations are greatly appreciated.

### LIGHT UP A LIFE

19—22 December: Mr Thomas Henry Shaw—thinking of you always. Love from Pat, Alex, Robin, Tom and all the family.