

**30 SEPTEMBER—5 OCTOBER  
WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday** 2.15pm—Mothers' Union  
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**Thursday** 9.30am—12pm—Parish Office Open  
3 9.30am—Midweek Holy Communion  
*with Rev Barry Overend*

**NEXT SUNDAY — 6 OCTOBER  
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion

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**PARISH  
NOTES**

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



**HARVEST SUNDAY  
29 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**9.30am ZEST**

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

**11.00am HOLY COMMUNION**

**Readings:** Psalm 103 (Old Testament page 565-566)  
Luke 17: 11—19 (New Testament page 77)

**Hymns:** Come, ye thankful people, come  
Praise and thanksgiving  
We plough the fields  
For the beauty of the earth

## WE PRAY FOR



**The Sick:** Pauline Blake, Enid Holdsworth,  
Gabriella Galvin

**Memorial Book:** Winifred Harvey, Elizabeth Morgan, Betsy  
Riley, Norman Holroyd, Christopher Marlow,  
Jeanne Finch, Ada Outtersides, Arthur  
Outtersides, Brian Midgley

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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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Father, as we celebrate this season of Harvest,  
we give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment.

Please grow in us a harvest for the world.

Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord,  
that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance.

Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord,  
that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and  
righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord,  
that others would reap the blessings of family,  
friendship and community.

May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us  
into a harvest that can be feasted on by all.

In your name. Amen.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who have brought donations to our Harvest service today. Donations will be collected by Homeless Hampers, who help vulnerable people in Leeds.

### PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish Magazine is now available to read in print or online—[www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine](http://www.stjohnmenston.org.uk/magazine)

### MOTHERS UNION

On Tuesday 1 October the Mothers Union are having a talk by Diane Bell on Street Children of Nepal. The meeting is at 2.15pm in the Parish Room and visitors are welcome. Refreshments will be provided after the talk.

### MUSIC IN THE AIR

Saturday 12 October, 7-9pm. Join us at St John's to hear local musicians of all ages making music for local people. Tickets £5 including refreshments,

children go free. For tickets, contact the Parish Office or see Marilyn Banister. In aid of church funds.

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed week beginning 14 October. The Notes for 20 October will be created in advance, so if you have any notices please send to the administrator by 9am on Thursday 10 October.

### QUIZ NIGHT & SUPPER

Join us for our annual Quiz Night to raise money for church funds. Friday 1 November, 6.30pm in the Parish Room. Tickets £12 and include a hot supper—a bar and raffle are also available. See Sue or Peter Wilbraham for tickets.

### BLISTER PACK COLLECTION

We are regrettably no longer able to collect blister packs for recycling. Climate Action Menston are hoping to set up a collection point at the library.

### PEBBLE PRAYER POOL

Over the Sumer months you may have noticed the arrival of a pebble pool at the front of Church and an invitation to offer a prayer. We have several visitors each week who pop into Church to find solace, peace, and the opportunity to say a prayer. Some Churches invite you to light a candle, when you pray, and as lovely as that idea is we were concerned about how we manage the fire risk, especially when Church stands open but empty each day. We now have a lovely alternative for people. Seen first in the Kettlewell Church, people are invited to hold one of our pebbles, which we use for prayers at Zest. Having said your prayer, you are then invited to place it in the cool clear water of our pool, as a way of handing your prayer concerns over the God. Each week the pebbles are removed, and a special prayer of commendation is said, and the water refreshed. If you visit Church during the week, why not take time to say a 'pebble prayer'. Andrew.

## Stay&Play

Stay&Play is the playgroup that meets in the parish room on a Friday morning.

This year, with the backing of the PCC, the group has become formally associated with the church and its community outreach. We continue to be an open, friendly and safe space and welcome people of all faiths and none.

We put out toys, a craft and snacks for the children, with singing, dancing and bubbles at the end of the session. It is lovely to welcome so many families into our church on a weekly basis.

If you are a mother, father, grandparent or carer for a young person, or know someone who is, we would love to welcome you to Stay&Play during term time on Fridays at 9:30am in the parish room.

If you'd be interested in volunteering, either interacting with children and their grown ups, serving tea and coffee in the kitchen or helping to set up/tidy away, or if you'd like any more information, please reach me at [jrsheppard9@gmail.com](mailto:jrsheppard9@gmail.com), or ask for Jenny at Zest.

