

2—7 DECEMBER

WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** 10.00am—School visit  
3 2.15pm—Mothers' Union Advent Miscellany

**Thursday** 9.30am—12pm—Parish Office Open  
5 9.30am—Midweek Holy Communion

**Friday** 9.15am—Stay & Play toddler group  
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NEXT SUNDAY — 8 DECEMBER — GIFT SUNDAY

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion

**PARISH OPENING TIMES—DECEMBER**

Thursday 5 December, Wednesday 11 December, Thursday 19 December from 9.30am to 12pm. The administrator also works remotely Tuesday & Wednesday and is contactable via email or mobile. If you need to come into the office but can't make it on one of the above dates, please contact the administrator to arrange another time.

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**Social Media:** Twitter @MenstonStJohn Facebook @StJohnMenston

**Registered charity number:** 1129823



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**PARISH  
NOTES**

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



**ADVENT SUNDAY**

**1 DECEMBER 2024**

**9.30am ZEST**

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

**11.00am HOLY COMMUNION**

**Readings:** Jeremiah 33: 12—16  
(Old Testament page 749)  
Luke 21: 25—36  
(New Testament page 82)

**Hymns:** O come, O come Emmanuel  
The advent of our King  
Hills of the North rejoice  
Lo, he comes with clouds descending

## WE PRAY FOR



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

**Memorial Book:** Arthur Voigt, David Jones, Eleanor Hill,  
William Greetham, John Slater,  
Hilda Simmonds, Harry Price, Edwin Mee,  
Arthur Wilson, Denis Sharp, Thomas Parker  
Pam Rhodes, David Seel

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- \* All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
- \* Those in the midst of famine or disaster
- \* Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- \* Those who are bereaved
- \* All who work in the medical and healing professions

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God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.  
Amen.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS**  
Our Christmas leaflet, detailing all of our Christmas services and events, is now available at the back of church and on our website.

**PARISH MAGZINE**  
The December/January edition of the magazine is now available in print and on our website.

**PARISH OFFICE**  
The Parish Office December opening dates can be found overleaf. Please note, the office will be closed on

Thursday 12 December, opening on Wednesday 11 December instead.

**PARISH NOTES**  
The Parish Notes for 15 December will be printed early. If you have a notice, please email it to the administrator before 5pm on Tuesday 10 December.

**FAIRFAX CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
Friday 13 December at 7pm at church. Tickets £10 per adult, children go free. Tickets from the Parish Office in advance or pay on the door. In aid of church funds.

### **GIFT SUNDAY—SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER, ZEST & 11AM**

This year we are supporting two charities on Gift Sunday:

#### **HOMELESS NOT HELPLESS—providing practical support to homeless people and those in need in Bradford**

Christmas can be a very special time, but it can also be extremely difficult for those less fortunate and on the streets. Homeless not Helpless are asking for donations of gift bags with the following items; voucher for Greggs (or similar outlet that offers a hot drink/food), a small torch, hat, gloves, chocolate. We will collect these during both services on Sunday 8 December.

#### **ZARACH—a Leeds-based charity on a mission to end child bed poverty.**

Hundreds and thousands of children across the UK are facing the prospect of a Christmas sleeping on the floor, on cushions, in broken beds, or crowding into single beds with multiple siblings. Zarach is asking for monetary donations to pay for beds, mattresses, pillows, duvets, and bedding essentials to create a warm, comfortable sleeping space for a child. Please give via their website [www.zarach.org/#donate](http://www.zarach.org/#donate) or via the collection jar or electronic device at the back of church during both services on Sunday 8 December.