

18—23 NOVEMBER

WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**Thursday** 9.30am—12pm—Parish Office Open  
21 9.30am—Midweek Holy Communion

**Friday** 9.15am—Stay & Play toddler group  
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**NEXT SUNDAY — 24 NOVEMBER — CHRIST THE KING**

9.30am Zest

11.00am Holy Communion

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES—NOVEMBER**

Thursday 14 November, Thursday 21 November & Thursday 28 November from 9.30am to 12pm. The administrator works remotely on 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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**PARISH  
NOTES**

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



**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT  
17 NOVEMBER 2024**

**9.30am ZEST**

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

**11.00am HOLY COMMUNION**

Readings: Hebrews 10: 11—14; 19—25 (NT page 221)  
Mark 13: 1—8 (NT page 43)

Hymns: Be thou my vision  
Be still and know  
Alleluia, sing to Jesus  
Blessed assurance

**3.00pm THE CORE**

*A welcoming space for all 7—11 year olds  
to wonder*

## WE PRAY FOR



- The Sick:** Pauline Blake, Enid Holdsworth, Gabriella Galvin
- The Deceased:** Charlotte Mary Wood
- Memorial Book:** Alan Greig, Muriel Hall, Edward Bellis, Sheila Agar, John Robertson, Barbara Smith, John Benjamin Downs, John Thomas, Ruth Alsop, Joseph Emmott, Gwenneth Dennington, Ronald Leigh, Roderick Thomson, Angela Evans

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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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Gracious God,  
we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world.  
We pray for human rights, and relief of the oppressed.  
We give thanks for all that is gracious in our lives.  
We pray for the Church of England.  
We give thanks for the gift of your word,  
the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people.  
We pray for this local community  
and for all people in their daily life and work.  
We pray for the young and the elderly,  
for families, and all who are alone.  
In your name, amen.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

Our Christmas leaflet, detailing all of our Christmas services and events, is available at the back of church and on our website.

## TRAVELLING NATIVITY

Can you give a home to our Travelling Nativity for a night (or more!) during advent? From Advent Sunday (1 December) the nativity will commence its journey around Menston and beyond in its search for a place to stay. The nativity moves from place to place and will be brought to you by the previous host, and in turn you will enable the nativity to find its way to the next host. Inside the crib box are all the nativity figures, an advent candle, prayer card and a story book. There is a little welcome ceremony shared by the travellers and the hosts as the crib is exchanged. The crib will return to St John's at our Christmas Day service at 10am. If you would like to give the crib a place to stay, please see the form at the back of church or visit our website [www.stjohnmenston.org.uk](http://www.stjohnmenston.org.uk). The deadline to complete the form is next week, Sunday 24 November.

## PARISH MAGAZINE

The November edition of the Parish Magazine is available in print and on our website. The deadline for the December/January double edition of the magazine is TODAY, Sunday 17 November.

## LIGHT UP A LIFE

Thursday 21 November: In memory of Howard T.W. Goth—always remembered.

## FAIRFAX CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 13 December at 7pm. A Christmas Concert by the Fairfax Singers. Tickets £10 per adult, children go free. Tickets from the Parish Office in advance or pay on the door. In aid of church funds.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Do you have a Christmas jumper or top that you no longer need/want but is still in good condition for someone else to use? If so, please donate it to the Christmas Jumper swap, organised by St John's Eco Group & Climate Action Menston. The swap will take place at the Lights Switch on at Kirklands on Saturday 7 December, 1—3pm. There is a box at the back of church for donations—all sizes welcome.

## OVERSEES OUTREACH

**Disasters Emergency Committee-Middle East Humanitarian Appeal.** Funds are desperately needed for food, shelter, water and immediate medical care as the conflict in the Middle East continues to devastate lives. Please give generously and don't forget to gift aid it if you can. DEC, PO Box999, London, EC3A 3AA. Or visit [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk). Thank you—*Outreach Group*.