

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Brighthouse and are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. Join us for tea/coffee and fellowship in the Church Hall after the 10.15 a.m. service each Sunday.

Sunday 15th January 2017

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

10.15 All Age Worship led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 Dianne Knowles Page 735
Psalm 40: 1-12 Carol Harvey Page 566

Prayers: David Marshall

Sunday 8th January: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

The hymns will be announced during the service.

STOP PRESS: The amount raised at last week's service and concert for the famine relief in Mara was an amazing £246.45. The appeal will continue certainly next week, probably the week after too, so this total will increase.

Prayers for the week: Collect for today Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Our Church is on the back page.

We pray for the suffering, especially James Cherry, Ann Smith, David Williams, Mandy Rochell, Rosemary Briggs, Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Kathleen Carline, Anne Milnes, the patients at our local hospices and those who live in Cygnet Lodge. Ease their pain, and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present to them through the support of family and friends and in the care of doctors and nurses and fill them with the warmth of your love. (January)

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Tithe Barn View, Huddersfield Road, Woodhouse Lane, Ryecroft Lane, Woodhouse Gardens and for all the staff and children at Field Lane School.

We pray for those who have died, especially those who have recently died. Grant them peace and rest. Be close to those who mourn and give them comfort of human affection and strength to continue in their own lives.

Sunday 22nd January 2017

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell/Alan Hoggard

10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell/Alan Hoggard

Sidesmen: Janet Thain, Audrey Belcher and Barry Belcher

Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-4 Margaret Ellis Page 693
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Norman Lake Page 1144
Matthew 4: 12-23 Doreen Davis Page 968

Prayers: Cherry Fancourt

Brasses : Wednesday Nighters'

Please note photography of all kinds is not allowed in all services

Please contact Rev. Marion Russell (713386) on worship matters (weddings, baptisms, funerals, personal support and prayer).

For administrative matters contact the Church Wardens David Marshall (718182) or Hilary McCarthy (537399)

Website e-mail Alan Hoggard alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk to promote events or information for the website.

Please send newsletter items to David James (01484 715197) or email davidjict@gmail.com by N.B. 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and information to add to the website: www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk

For young children and carers we have a crèche in the Lady Chapel. There is also a children's area at one side of Church with books, toys and service-relevant materials where they can sit and colour. Bible toys may be taken to 'pews' during the service, then returned to the Children's area.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Please save used postage stamps for Overgate Hospice and put them in the magazine box.

KNIT AND NATTER The purpose to make hats, gloves, scarves or toys to donate to BASH for children during the winter months. It has been so successful that the group have decided to carry on. All are welcome to join us at 10 am to 12 noon on Wednesdays at Ella's Home, 11 Ashlea Avenue or make at home sizes from babies to teenagers. Many thanks. Missions and Charities.

AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK: (Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless). This is a long term commitment. Donations that would be suitable could be **tins, jars of jam etc, soup, biscuits, pasta, rice, cooking oil, UHT milk, tea, coffee and sugar** and **non-food** items such as **washing up liquid, shampoo, baby wipes, washing powder and toilet rolls**. There is a basket at the back of church for any donations. Thank you.

SIX SPECIAL EVENINGS TO DISCUSS OUR LIVES AND JOURNEY WITH OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH.

Yes it is the START course which we are running again for the next 6 weeks started on **Monday 9 January** in the Sturrock Room! It is led by myself, Julia, and Alan H! If you have been before but were unable to come to all of the sessions then please do pop back for those you missed or call in anyway. With a slightly different group of people there are bound to be differences. Don't worry if you cannot come to all of the sessions.....no problem. We start with coffee and biscuits, and any edibles left over from Christmas at 7.45, and we will finish at 9.15. Please let me know if you would like a lift there and back.

The sessions are easy to follow with some excellent video clips from Robin Gamble and little discussions with the person sitting next to you.just to get us thinking!

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY : Joint Service at St Martin's Church, 6pm Sunday 22nd January. Please come and join with other churches for this important get together. Barbara Rukin.

THE PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS GROUP would like to thank all those who helped in anyway to make such a successful concert in Church last Sunday with the Orchestra of Square Chapel playing their Viennese New Year Concert. A massive thanks goes to all who organised the event, moved choir stalls and chairs, organised and manned the bars, sorted out the sound system, manned the car park, organised, donated raffle prizes and sold raffle tickets, baked mince pies, prepared and served refreshments, introduced the orchestra and anyone else who helped. At every stage everyone who was asked to help did so willingly. When the scale of the concert was realised and resources were short extra people rallied round which is why we are such a strong and friendly church.

A special mention should go to the Flower Ladies who made the Church look especially attractive during the whole of the Christmas season and the flowers were still looking beautiful for the concert. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR SUFFERING IN ANY WAY:

It's a joy and a gift we have to pray for those we know, or have connections with, in our weekly Sunday prayers and in our personal prayers during the week. If you would like to add any names to the weekly newsletter for prayer, please phone or email Marion with brief details (which will remain confidential unless otherwise requested) and ensure that you have the person's permission for their name to be publicised in this way. We will normally include those names for at least a full month (ie the month in which the name is given plus all the following month). Please update Marion towards the end of that full month so that we can continue into the following month or give thanks for progress. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ALTERATIONS : If anyone changes their church duties please let me know so the details can be corrected. Thank you. David James.

Please send newsletter items to David James - davidjict@gmail.com - or 01484 715197 by 5 p.m. on Wednesday. It would be really useful if you indicated how long you want the item in the newsletter.

RUCKSACK CLUB AGM on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Sturrock Room. There will be a Pie and Pea supper at a cost of £4 per head, this includes your first drink. Please put your name on the list in church or let me know if you would like to order Pie and Peas.

DIARY 2017

18th January	10.30 am Holy Communion
20th January	7.30 am Morning Prayer
22nd January	6 pm Joint Service at St Martin's
22nd January	7.00 pm United Benifice Service at St Matthew's
23rd January	8,00 pm Beer and Banter at the Globe
1st February	7.30 pm Rucksack Club AGM



Web site : www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk



Parish Calendar : <http://tinyurl.com/jcjrehp>



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A Prayer for Our Church

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

And power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

STOP PRESS : A grand total of £656 profit (including hire of our facilities) was made at the New Year Concert given by the Orchestra of the Square Chapel. Thanks again for all the help and support given so freely by our congregation.

Two raffle prizes were unclaimed:

white 129

white 308

If there are yours please claim them from Ann Johnson or Carol Harvey.