

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 29th January 2017

4th Sunday of Epiphany

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam/ Glenn Tatton

10.15 Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam/ Glenn Tatton

Wednesday Nighters' Corporate Communion

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Pat Hobson

Readings: 1 Kings 17: 8-16 Dianne Knowles Page 358

1 Corinthians 1: 18-end Pat Lee Page 1144

John 2:1-11 Christine Wilson Page

1064 Prayers: Barbara Rukin

Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Margaret Ellis

**Sunday 29th January: 4th Sunday of Epiphany – Old & New –
(Gordon Balmforth)**

Wednesday Nighters' Corporate

1. 11 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
2. 156 God of mercy, God of grace
3. 67 Christ is our cornerstone
4. 525 This is my body, broken for you
5. 149 God be in my head
6. 386 Open our eyes, Lord
7. 418 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Prayers for the week: Collect for today God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for the suffering, especially Angus and Barbara McLaren (parents of Rosemary Lake), James Cherry, Ann Smith, David Williams, Mandy Rochell, , 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 Robertson Avenue, Scholey Avenue, Scholey Road, and for all the staff and children at Longroyde School.

We pray for those who have died, especially Rosemary Briggs who has 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 5th February 2017

4th Sunday before Lent

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

10.15 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

Sidesmen: Julia Tum and Carol Harvey

Readings:	Isaiah 58: 1-9a 9b-12	Graham Readshaw	Page 744
	1 Corinthians 2: 1-12	Holly Mason	Page 1145
	Matthew 5:13-20	David Marshall	Page 969

Prayers: Soo Sykes

Chalice: Janine Morrisroe and Barbara Rukin

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 or make at home sizes from babies to teenagers. We will meet again on Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon at Ella's Home, 11 Ashlea Avenue. Many thanks. Missions and Charities.

HYMNS & CAROLS: **Hymns** - Rod and I have started making a large print booklet of the hymn words each Sunday for Mum. It would be easy to print extra copies, so please let me know if you'd like us to do the same for you.

Carols - I am now in a position to burn CDs of the Nine Lessons and Carols. If you missed the service and would like a CD (*or even if you didn't miss it*) please let me know and I'll make you one. Pam

HALIFAX LONG MARCH : Volunteers needed to steward on Easter Sunday evening April 16-17th. Many Tasks are needed to be covered - patrolling the route, helping at rest centres(including St Johns), dealing with paperwork and catering. The work goes on through the night. You don't have to stay all night, you can select a time slot which suites you. Further details from Alan Hoggard or www.longmarch.org.uk

MARA – BAG OF MAIZE APPEAL : Many thanks to everyone who so generously supported the appeal from Bishop George. We were asked if we could give £40 for a bag of maize for our link parish of Nyakiswa and if possible £80 so that a parish without a link in Yorkshire could benefit as well. We raised an amazing £462.95 at St. John's, which with some added gift aid becomes £500+, enough for 12 bags of maize and a little left over for transport costs.

UPDATE : We have also received a cheque for £50 from the Orchestra of the Square Chapel which they raised amongst themselves. A card from them is at the back of Church.

AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK: (Brighouse 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.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST : This will be held in the Sturrock Room at St John's on Saturday 11th February at 9am. Do come and join with other Christians in Rastrick for an enjoyable Breakfast, a good natter, updates from the four churches, and 10 minutes of Prayer for us and the world.

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.

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.

BIBLE SOCIETY WALK : The sponsored walk on behalf of the Bible Society helped to raise £1,647.50p Ronnie Grandage has sent a card thanking the Rucksack Club for leading and sponsoring this year's walk. The total raised was the highest in the last 7 years.

LENT GROUPS :This year we are to look at a course looking at how Christianity has been deepened and enriched from encounters with people from other religions. This course looks exciting and different from courses we have done in the past few years. We are looking now for people interested in **LEADING** a Lent Group using the above material, and also people who are willing to **HOST** a group at a time and day of the week to suit them. There will be five weeks of House Groups starting with week beginning Monday 6th March, a Sixth Joint Group to be held on Monday 10th April, at St Matthew's Parish Centre at 6.30pm with a Bring & Share Meal. If you can Lead or Host please tell Barbara Rukin or Alan Hoggard.

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.

DIARY 2017

1st February	10.30 am Holy Communion
1st February	7.30 pm Rucksack Club AGM in the Sturrock Room
3rd February	7.30 am Morning Prayer
11th February	9.00 am Fellowship Breakfast
15th February	7.30 pm PCC
15th February	Pantomime Society AGM
18th February	Rucksack Club full day walk - Jennifer Guy 712874
11th March	Table Top Sale
19th March	7.30 pm Orchestra of the Square Chapel - Spring Concert



Web site : www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk



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



Facebook : www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick

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**