

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 8th January 2017

Epiphany

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
3.00 pm Orchestra of Square Chapel. Doors open 2.30 pm.

Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly and Gerald Savage
Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Shirley Stow Page 746
Ephesians 3: 1-12 Ella Campbell Page 1174
Matthew 2: 1 - 12 Gerald Savage Page 966
Prayers: Julia Tum
Chalice : Roger Ellis and Janine Morrisroe
Brasses : Julia Tum and Hilary McCarthy

Sunday 8th January: Epiphany - Old & New – Piano (in the hall) (Graham Rayner)

1. Brightest and best (words in Newsletter)
2. 406 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
3. 505 The race that long in darkness pined
4. 179 Hail to the Lord's anointed!
5. Love came down at Christmas (words in Newsletter)
6. 458 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Prayers for the week: Collect for today : Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 Lyndhurst Road, Lyndhurst Ave, Lyndhurst Grove Road, Greystone Court, and for all the staff and children at William Henry Smith 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 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

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 starting on **Monday 9 January** in the Sturrock Room! It will be 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!

MOTHERS' UNION 'WAVE OF PRAYER'. Meet in the Lady Chapel at 12 noon on Tuesday 10th January. Please can you try and come to this very special service.

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 : FULL DAY WALK - SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH 2017. Leader: Rod France (Mobile: 07920238561)

Leave church: 9.30 a.m. **Distance:** Approx 6 and a half miles

Parking: Bingley Railway Station car park Start of walk: Bingley Railway Station

Terrain: Canal tow paths, local villages, farm and woodland tracks covering Gilstead, Eldwick and Crossflats area.

OS Explorer Map 288 Bradford and Huddersfield

Note: on completion of the walk, if anyone is interested I will be organising a fish and chip meal at Mother Hubbards in Bradford.

UPDATE : THE SQUARE CHAPEL ORCHESTRA have chosen our Church as their second home while the Square Chapel in Halifax is renovated along with the Piece Hall. They are performing their Annual Viennese Christmas Concert in Church at 3pm **TODAY**. The doors will open at 2.30 pm and remember that the car park will be very full and busy so try to come early to get parked and get a good seat. Tickets will be sold on the door at £10 and £5 for students in full time education. There will be a bar selling wines and soft drinks and during the interval mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the hall.

THE PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS GROUP would like to thank all those who put themselves on the register to help at future events. The register is just a list of people we can call upon to help at events doing things that they feel comfortable with. We hope a few more will come forward. If you would like to help but think other commitments might get in the way don't worry as we always ask before an event if you are available. If we have a bigger pool of talent then the burden is shared amongst more people and it is less of a strain for individuals. There are more registration forms at the back of Church.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS QUIZ NIGHT will be held in the hall on January 11th at 7.45 pm. Our resident quizmaster, Robert Beaumont, will be setting the questions. Nibbles will be provided but bring your own drinks and a glass. EVERYONE welcome.

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 2016

10th January	12 noon Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer
11th January	10.30 am Holy Communion
11th January	7.45 pm Wednesday Nighters Quiz - open for all.
13th January	7.30 am Morning Prayer
14th January	9.30 Rucksack Club full day walk



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**