

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 10th December 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam / Rev Marion Russell

Sidesmen: Julia Tum and Carol Harvey

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 Shirley Stow Page 723
2 Peter 3: 8-15a Soo Sykes Page 1224
Mark 1:1-8 David Marshall Page 1002

Prayers: Allen Smith

Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Roger Ellis

Brassess : Julia Tum and Hilary Cartwright

Sunday 10th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent – ? – Organ (Philip Tordoff)

1. 185 Hark the glad sound
2. 382 On Jordon's bank the Baptist's cry
3. 92 Come, thou long expected Jesus.
4. 282 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
5. 479 The Advent of our King
6. 537 Thou didst leave thy throne

Prayers Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: Margaret Yuile, Norman Yuile, Christine Whitaker, Jean Hannam, Pam McNulty, Majorie Moorhouse, Pat Wilcock, Helen Hearson, Glynice Lord, David Williams, Anne and John Milnes. Move deeply within the lives of each of these people for your healing power to meet them at their point of need. May they each know your love and presence in new ways. We pray also for your healing love to flow through all those who live and work in residential provision in Rastrick.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially those living in Slade Lane, Lower Fold, Fletcher Crescent and the staff and children at Rastrick High School.

We pray for those who have died recently died especially Andrew Taylor. 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 17th December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Storey
10.15 am All Age Worship led by Alan Hoggard
7.30 pm Accord Singers

Sidesmen: Gerald Savage and Oriel Kelly

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end Ella Campbell Page 748
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Norman Lake Page 1188
Dismissal reading Rev Marion Russell

Prayers: Soo Sykes

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 Cartwright (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

There is 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.

KNIT AND NATTER We will be having a break over Christmas, our last meeting will be on Wednesday December 20th. Needles will start clicking again on Wednesday January 3rd at Ella's home 11, Ashlea Avenue from 10am to 12 noon. Happy Christmas and every good wish for 2018 from all those in the Knit and Natter Group.

BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 12th December 12.30pm for 1.00pm - £15 (5 courses) contact Cherry 01484 385080 or text 07816757334 to book.

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK Missions and Charities are sad that Bash Local has now closed but the good news is that the ongoing legacy will be that the Central Methodist Church volunteers are going to keep the Foodbank going which we at St John's will continue to support. Only food or toiletries can be accepted for the foodbank. These gifts will make a big difference to local people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

Thank you for your support Missions and Charities Committee

BEER AND BANTER CHRISTMAS MEAL THE GLOBE 11TH

DECEMBER 7PM Anyone wishing to book a meal (£12.95 for 3 courses) can you please contact Alan (07756035591 or email: alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk) by 1st December – All Men welcome.

MINCE PIES NEEDED FOR THE 17TH DECEMBER ACCORD SINGERS CONCERT. Please can we have some home baked mince pies. All profits from refreshments will go into Church funds. Please let Barbara know how many you can bake. **UPDATE We still need offers for more mince pies. Please bring mince pies to the church hall on Sunday morning of Dec 17th, or bring in the evening as you come to the concert.** Thank you for your kind offers.

THE ACCORD SINGERS EVENING IN CHURCH on Sunday 17th December at 7.30 pm will be a wonderful experience of traditional carols sung by the singers. During some of the carols the congregation can join in with readings interspaced between the music. Warm mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval. There will be a retiring collection to be split between the Accord Singers and Church.

A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT Can you make time this December to come together with others and explore this wonderful season of Waiting, Preparation, Expectation and Hope?

Groups will be meeting at the following times and dates:

Mondays 11th, 18th - 50 Archbell Ave, HD6 3SU (Shirley Tel 714209)

7:30pm – 9:15pm

Tuesdays 12th, 19th - 163 Halifax Road, HD6 2EQ (Alan 719631)

7:45pm – 9:15pm

Wednesdays 13th 20th - 144 Huddersfield Road, HD6 3RT (Pearl Tel 713961)

2:15pm-4.00pm

Thursdays 14th & 21st - 27 Daisy Road, HD6 3SY (Judith Tel 716399)

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Further details from Alan (01484-719631) or Julia (01484 – 400227)

CHRISTMAS CARDS : The display board for Christmas cards for the Church Family will be available from Sunday 10th December. If you wish to give a donation in lieu of cards, please put it in the basket provided. All donations are for Church funds this year. Thank you – Missions and Charities group

RUCKSACK CLUB ST JOHN'S DAY WALK AND LUNCH WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER. There will be a Communion Service at Church at 9.30am to celebrate St John the Divine Saints Day. Meet at Bradley Park Golf Club at 10.45am ready for walking at 11.00am.

Walk leaders: Eric and Judith (01484 716652)

An easy 4 mile / 2 ½hour family walk from the Golf Club.

The cost of the meal is £6.00 per head. Please put your names on the list **and pay Anne or Robert** for the meal by **Sunday 17th December.**

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**

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING – CHURCHES TOGETHER. Tesco, Bradford Road Saturday 23rd December 11am till 12 noon. All welcome.

DIARY

13th December	10.30 am Holy Communion
15th December	7.30 am Morning Prayer
11th December	7 pm Beer and Banter Dinner @ The Globe
12th December	Christmas Lunch
17 th December	Accord Singers Concert in Church
23rd December	11am - 12 noon Christmas Carol Singing - Tesco
24th December	3.00 pm Christingle Service
Christmas Eve	5.00 pm Christingle Service 11.30 pm Midnight Communion
25th December	8.00 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's
Christmas Day	10.15 am Family Christmas Communion
27th December	9.30 am St John's Service, Walk and Lunch



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