

## 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 11th February 2018**

**Sunday next before Lent**

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam  
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam

Sidesman: Gerald Savage and Oriel Kelly

Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Graham Readshaw Page 369  
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Shirley Stow Page 1160  
Mark 9: 2-9 Nina Nicholson Page 1012

Prayers: Soo Sykes

Chalice: David Marshall and Margaret Ellis

Brasses : Mothers Union

### **Sunday 11th February: Sunday Next before Lent – Old & New - Organ - (Philip Tordoff)**

1. 71 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
2. . Be still, for the presence of the Lord (Words in Newsletter)
3. . In my life, Lord, be glorified (Words in Newsletter)
4. 332 My God, how wonderful thou art  
Organ music during Communion – please use this time for quiet reflection and join in singing when you hear 198 being played.
5. 198 Holy, holy, holy
6. . Lord, the light of your love is shining (Words in Newsletter)

**Prayers** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: David Coop, Keith Redfearn, 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 residing Rastrick Common, Sunnysdale Avenue, Bowling Alley, Bowling Alley Terrace, Bowling Alley Court and the staff and children in Woodhouse School.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Edna Booth. 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 18th February 2018**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Marion Russell  
10.15 am All Age Worship led by Rev Marion Russell  
7.00pm Third Sunday Benefice Evening Service - **St John's**

Sidesman: Janet Thain, Audrey Belcher and Barry Belcher

Readings: Psalm 128 Congregation Page 624  
Mark 1: 9-15 (NT reading) Holly Mason Page 1002  
NO GOSPEL READING

Prayers: 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 Cartwright (537399)

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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** :\_Would you like to come and join the knit and natter group? You would be made very welcome at Ella's home 11, Ashlea Avenue, we meet every Wednesday from 10am to noon.

**CENTRAL FOODBANK** : We keep going! Your gifts of food and toiletries are a considerable source of help and hope to families and individuals who have difficulty in making ends meet. Please continue to donate long-life items in the basket for Central Foodbank, which is the new organisation continuing this part of the former work of BASH and remaining at Central Methodist Church as its operational base. Thank you for your support. Missions and Charities Committee.

**HOUSE GROUP**: The Monday evening house group continues to meet at Shirley Stows house (50 Archbell Ave, HD6 3SU ) at 7:45pm. Regulars and new starters are most welcome.

**LENT GROUPS** Groups will start week beginning Monday 19th February for 5 weeks, (26th Feb, March 5th, 12th, & 19th). Information about the groups is in church. Please choose a time and day suitable for yourself and phone the host to make sure there is room for you. The theme will be 'The journey to the cross'.

**STAMPS FROM LETTERS AND CARDS**. Please can you continue to save your stamps and put them in the magazine box. Thank you.

**QUIZ:** I am selling quizzes for £1 each to raise funds for 'The Safe House' in Mara Diocese, which I hope to visit when I go to Mara in July. First prize is an M&S £10 voucher and runner up prize is M&S £5 voucher. The theme is **Do You Know Your Nursery Rhymes?** There are 70 questions. Deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Many thanks for you support. Margaret Ellis

**CAN YOU HELP?** Do you know of anyone who would be willing to help organise **THE TODDLER GROUP** on Thursday mornings. Some of the young Mums are willing to organise crafts on a rota basis, and now need someone to be the lead. The group meets during school term time . We need someone for after Easter. Please liaise with Barbara if you know of someone.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Rucksack Club Full Day walk: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

**COFFEE MORNING** On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February, I am having a Coffee Morning with Cake Stall, raffle etc. at 8, Healey Wood Gardens from 10.00am-12noon to raise funds for the Safe House in Mara Diocese. The Safe House has been set up to support girls as young as 13, who wish to avoid the FGM culture and its consequences. Female Genital Mutilation is illegal in Tanzania but is still practised by some tribes. The Safe House has had some success in returning girls to their families with a promise that they will be safe but some girls cannot return home. Then the Safe House provides a refuge as well as education and training. Julia has already started the fund raising, so please come along and lend your support. Thank you. Oriel Kelly.

**ADVANCE NOTICE :** The next Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00 am to mid-day in St John's Church Hall. If you would like to book a table (£9.00) please speak to Rosemary Lake, call 01484 710339 or text on 07811825471. We are running a Church Stall as usual so would welcome any donations (no electrical items please) and offers of help to run the Stall on the day. Thanks.

**LENT APPEAL 2018 :** This year we are supporting a Christian African Relief Trust (CART) project. CART is based in Huddersfield and has set up projects in several African countries. It has a shop in Lockwood selling many second-hand items to raise funds. It's Warm Cots project began in the Kilimanjaro area of Tanzania but has recently expanded into Mara Diocese. The warm cots are simple incubators for keeping premature babies warm and are made in Tanzania. Please read the information on the board at the back of Church, take a jar to fill during Lent and then return it to Church at Easter. Thank you, Missions and Charities group.

**COME AND JOIN US FOR LENT LUNCH** in St John's Community Hall Tuesdays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 12 noon till 1.15 pm. Homemade soup with crusty bread will be served. Hot Cross Buns will be served as well as with coffee and tea. Donations appreciated.

## **Growing Allowed! Our Second Away Day for the Churches of St Matthew's and St John's**

**Saturday 12 May 2018: 9.00 – 9.30 for coffee finishing by 4.00pm latest!  
Please save the date!**

Remember the success and fun we had at our last Away Day held at St Peter's Church Centre, Gildersome? Well we are busy organising another Away Day at Gildersome again – the venue was just right for us and it provided a lovely worship and discussion space and gave us superb catering facilities and dining area. If the weather is bright and warm the grounds are really lovely to walk or sit in.

Many more details to come. Just watch this space and in your Church magazines!

**THE HALIFAX WINTER SHELTER** runs by Christians Together in Halifax is hugely grateful for all the immense support they received, However, they are making a plea for help from people who can commit to being part of a daily team to cook the evening meal, reheat, or act as a kitchen hand. If you are willing to commit to this for the next 8 weeks on a Thursday or Friday, or Saturday from about 6pm-8.30pm, please speak to Marion for more information or phone Rev Linda Maslen 07595949153

### **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**

### **DIARY**

12th February	12.30 pm M.U. Area Council Meeting at St Thomas's, Fixby
14th February	9.30 am Benefice Communion at St Matthew's <b>This service will observe Ash Wednesday</b>
14th February	7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Benefice Service at St Matthew's
14th February	8.00 pm Wednesday Nighters Update on Mara <b>Please note change of programme but same venue.</b>
16th February	7.30 am Morning Prayers
19th February	Beer and Banter @ The Globe - Over the hill with P and K
20th February	12 noon till 1.15 pm Lent Lunch
24th February	Coffee morning at Oriel Kelly's - 8 Healey Wood Gardens
10th March	Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning



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