

## 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 12th February 2017**

**3rd Sunday before Lent**

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

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Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Doreen Davis, Simon Davis and Margaret Raine

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-end Soo Sykes Page 209

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Shirley Stow Page 1145

Matthew 5: 21-37 Barbara Rukin Page 969

Prayers: David Marshall

Chalice: David Marshall and Barbara Rukin

### **Sunday 12th February: 3rd Sunday before Lent - Old & New – Organ - (Philip Tordoff)**

1. 368 O Lord, all the world belongs to you.
2. 150 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
3. 198 Holy, holy
4. 1 Abba, Father
5. 190 He is Lord, He is Lord
6. 257 Jesu, gentlest Saviour
7. 475 Tell out, my soul

**Prayers for the week: Collect for today** Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of 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.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Rastrick Common, Sunnysdale Avenue, Bowling Alley, Bowling Alley Terrace, Bowling Alley Court and for all the staff and children at Woodhouse 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 19th February 2017**

**2nd Sunday before Lent**

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Barbara Lydon  
10.15 All Age Worship led by Alan Hoggard  
7.00pm Third Sunday Benefice Evening Service - **St John's**

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe  
Readings: Psalm 136 Ella Campbell Page 626  
Matthew 6: 25-end Cherry Fancourt Page 971  
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](mailto: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](mailto:davidjict@gmail.com) by N.B. 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and information to add to the website: [www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](http://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.

**WE ARE PLANNING AN AWAY DAY**, called **GROWING ALOUD**, for both of our churches to get together in the lovely setting of Gildersome Parish Church. Easy directions will be provided and car shares organised. This will be on **Saturday 13 May** ....get the date in your diary now! It should start around 10.00 am and we will be away for 4.00pm. Lunch in the form of something like jacket potatoes with a tasty casserole will be provided along with the usual coffee and biscuits at regular intervals! The day will be an opportunity to be together and to share experiences and ideas and to realise that there are no 'right answers' in how to grow our church.

**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 16-17<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.longmarch.org.uk)

**VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR LENT LUNCHESES** – Tuesdays 10-14.30 – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> – involves setting up tables cooking (reheating) soup and clearing up afterwards Lunches are served from 12 noon to 13.30. Please get in touch with Cherry 01484 385080 if you can help.

**LENT LUNCHESES** – Come and Enjoy a Lunch of Soup, Roll, Tea/Coffee – this will be **FREE OF CHARGE** but a donation towards our Mission Giving this year Crosslinks would be much appreciated.

**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.

**THE NEXT TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING** will be held on Saturday 11 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 or Norman Lake ( 01484 710339). We are also collecting items to sell on the Church stall (no electrical items or household linen please).

**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 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.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – This year this Service will be held at 2-00pm on Friday 3rd. March at the Salvation Army Community Church in Brighouse. The Prayers this year have been prepared by the Christian Women of the Philippines and a warm welcome is extended to ALL to the Service. Doreen Davis

**SPRING CONCERT SUNDAY 19th MARCH AT 7.30 PM.** After the successful New Year concert the Orchestra of Square Chapel will perform in our Church again while the Square Chapel in Halifax is renovated along with the Piece Hall. Tickets are £10 and £5 for students in full time education. This is a very popular orchestra so make sure you get your tickets early. There will be a bar before the concert when the doors open at 7.00 pm and during the interval. Tickets will be available from Christine James.

**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**

15th February	10.30 am Holy Communion
15th February	7.30 pm PCC
15th February	Pantomime Society AGM
17th February	7.30 am Morning Prayer
18th February	Rucksack Club full day walk - Jennifer Guy 71287
20th February	8.00 pm Beer and Banter @ The Globe
3rd March	2.00 pm Woman's World Day of Prayer - Salvation Army
11th March	Table Top Sale
19th March	7.30 pm Orchestra of the Square Chapel - Spring Concert
17th/18th April	Halifax Long Walk
13th May	Parish Away Day to Gildersome Parish Church



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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**