

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 13th December 2105

3rd Sunday of Advent

9 a.m.	Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell and Rev. Stephen Hannam		
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3.30 p.m.	Carol Singing at Lands House		
Sidesmen:	Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe		
Readings:	Zephaniah 3:14-end	page 947	Shirley Stow
	Philippians 4: 4-7	page 1181	Ella Campbell
	Luke 3: 7-18	page 1029	Roger Ellis
Prayers:	David Marshall		
Chalice:	Barbara Rukin and Allen Smith		
Brasses:	Mothers' Unio		
Hymns:	Old & New – Organ (Philip Tordoff)		
1. 92	Come thou long expected Jesus		
2. 382	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry		
3. 504	The Lord will come and not be slow		
4. 302	Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us.		
5. 284	Let me have my way among you, (<i>teach before the service</i>)		
6. 537	Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown		



Prayers for the week: Collect for today. O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger, to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

We pray for the suffering, especially Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Linda Kourey, Kathleen Carline, Derek Brown, Anne Milnes, Dorothy Taylor, Geoffrey Nicholson, 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.

God of all goodness and love, in whom we can trust in every time of need: be close to all who live in fear and distress at this time of flooding in our land. We pray for wisdom and strength for all who seek to help and that through this emergency, people and communities may be drawn more closely together in service to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in The Nursing Homes in Rastrick, Aspinall Fold, Common Road, Wilderness Road, Banks End, East View and Longroyde School

We pray for those who have died, especially Margaret (Molly) Brook. 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 20th December 2105

4th Sunday of Advent

9 a.m.	Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam		
10.15 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Rev. Stephen Hannam		
Sidesmen:	Oriell Kelly, Gerald Savage		
Readings:	Micah 5: 2-5a	page 933	Barbara Rukin
	9 a.m. ONLY Hebrews 10: 5-10	page 1207	
	Luke 1: 39-55	page 1026	Susan Smith
Prayers:	Julia Tum		

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 Margaret Ellis (718013) or email ellis700@btinternet.com by **N.B. 5 p.m.** on Wednesdays

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.

PRAYER GROUP AT VICARAGE: 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month at 6.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME

TRADCRAFT: Show you care at Christmas. What better time to show you care about fighting poverty? Buy some of your items from Traidcraft.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Please save used postage stamps for Overgate Hospice and put them in the magazine box

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH: If you able to provide flowers in Church for someone dear to you or to celebrate a special occasion please put your name on the rota on the notice board or see Christine or Barbara. A basket is provided at the back of church for donations towards decorating our church for Christmas.

CAROLS: through the Ages by The Accord Singers, a lovely theme for our centenary year. Entry free but there may be a bucket collection. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the interval. Please come along on Sunday 20th December. If you are able to donate home made mince pies (or others) please see Ann J or Barbara

RESOURCES FOR NYAKISWA SCHOOLS: Many thanks to everyone who has so generously supported our fund raising. Currently, the total is £685. This will be divided between the three schools in Nyakiswa – 2 Primary and 1 Secondary. In November, we sent £353.96 out to buy mosquito nets for schoolchildren. Alan, Mary and I hope to visit all three schools during our visit in February. *Oriel*

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH PEOPLE: The display board for Christmas cards is available at the back of Church. Any donations in lieu of cards will go to BASH – Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless. Thank you, from the Missions and Charities group

NEW CHURCH CARDS: Suitable for any occasion. New designs all taken from the centenary flower festival. No price increase, still excellent value at £3 for 6 cards or 50p each. Two different packs are available and are on sale from the table next to the church door. *Pat Lee*

CENTENARY CDS: Due to popular demand the two history slideshows shown during the centenary weekend are now available on CD that will run on any Windows computer. They can be found at the back of church. The CD also contains all the photos in the presentations and a very large quantity of unseen photographs. The CD can be purchased at £3.00, the same price as the centenary booklet which would make a lovely Christmas present for friends who might have moved away. *David James*

PANTOMIME: Please contact Graham Readshaw (713699) if you have anything that would be suitable for use in the pantomime raffle. Contact Sharon Berry (719143) Tickets are £5 full and £3 concessions and two full for the price of one on Monday night only. All profits raised go to church

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Wednesday 16th December in the Church Hall. 12.30p.m. for 1 p.m. Five courses including wine for £13.50 Tickets available form Cherry (385080)

CENTENARY ITEMS FOR SALE: See Carol Harvey to purchase any available items

CENTENARY BOOKLET and centenary C.Ds : On table at the back of church for purchase @ £3 each. A box is provided for monies. **BEER FESTIVAL CENTENARY GLASSES** at £1 each

RUCKSACK CLUB WALK AND LUNCH: Monday 28th December Leaders: Eric and Robert (01484 716871) Park at Bradley Park Golf Club ready for walking at 11.00am. This is a family 4.5 mile / 2 1/2hour walk from the Golf Club to Shepherds Thorn Lane, Toothill Bank, back over the M62 and through Upper Fell Greave, Bradley Gate Wood and Dyson Wood back to the club house ready to enjoy a hot beef sandwich, chips and gravy at 2.00pm. The cost of the meal is £5.00 per head. Please put your names on the list in Church and pay Anne or Robert for the meal by Sunday 13th December.

Dates for your 2016 diary: Saturday 16th January: Full Day Walk Leaders: Roger and Margaret
Wednesday 3rd February: AGM in the Sturrock Room at 7.15 pm.

500th Walk Celebration Weekend: March 12th/13th 2016 Saturday 12th March: Walk Sunday 13th March: Lunch - Berties @Number One, Elland. The cost of the 3 course lunch including coffee is £24.50 per person. The balance is to be paid at the AGM on February 3rd 2016. Come and join the Rucksack Club for all or part of this special weekend.

DIARY 2015

Tuesday 15th December	7 p.m. Advent Reflection at St. Matthew's
Wednesday 16th December	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Christmas Dinner (see above) 7 p.m. Charles Wood Memorial Service 8 p.m. Wednesday Nighters Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December	Woodhouse School Nativity 9-11.30 a.m.
Friday 18th December	7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th December	Accord Singers concert (see above)
Monday 21st December	8 p.m. Beer and Banter at the Globe 'Christmas cheer'
Thursday 24th December	3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christingles and 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion
Friday 25th December	10.15 a.m. Christmas Day service
Sunday 27th December	No 9 a.m. service Said service at 10.15 a.m.
Monday 28th December	St. John's walk and lunch (see above)
Thursday 31st December	Blood Doning sessions

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Monday 11th January 2016 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. meeting

