

## 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 everyone for fellowship and light refreshments in the Church hall after the service.



### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### Advent 3

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

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Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end

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Dianne Bates

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

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Cherry Fancourt

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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Gerald Savage

Prayers: Cherry Fancourt

Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Freda Broadbent

Brasses: Mothers' Union

Hymns: – **Old & New – Organ** (*Philip Tordoff*)

1. 14 All my hope on God is founded
2. 367 O little town of Bethlehem
3. 382 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
4. 56 Broken for me, broken for you
5. 34 As we are gathered
6. 114 Father, we adore you
7. 475 Tell out, my soul

**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 Stan Brown, Margaret Martingale, Dorothy Taylor, Holly Ferguson, Geoffrey Nicholson, Neil Shaw, Joan Smith, 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, particularly those who live in The Nursing Homes in Rastrick, Aspinall Fold, Common Road, Wilderness Road, Banks End and East View

We pray for the departed. Surround all who mourn with your love. Give courage and companionship as they adjust to their loss and be with them as they grieve.

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Advent 4

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

10.15 a.m. All Age Worship led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

7 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols led by Rev. Marion Russell

Sidesmen: Kathleen Fletcher and Julia Tum

Readings: **9 a.m. ONLY 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16**

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Romans 16:25-end

'Taken from Word on the Street Bible'

Rod Dimpleby

Luke 1: 6-8, 26-38

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Doreen Davis

Prayers: Julia Tum

12 noon **RASTRICK VOICES REHEARSAL**

#### **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: [www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk) e mail Alan Hoggard [alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk) to promote events or information for the website.

If you wish to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order see Cherry or Gerald.

Please send newsletter items to Margaret Ellis (718013) or e mail [ellis700@btinternet.com](mailto:ellis700@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Wednesdays

The Pastoral Care Team is Alan Hoggard, Margaret Ellis, Judith Readshaw, Jo Lewis, Freda Broadbent, Doreen Davis, Anne Aspinall, Cherry Fancourt, Christine James and Dianne Bates

*For young children and carers we have a crèche in the Lady Chapel. There is a children's area with books, toys and service-relevant materials where they can sit and colour. New bible toys may be taken to 'pews' during the service, then returned to the Children's area*

**CHRISTMAS POSTERS:** A poster per household, free for folks to take home. *Marion*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** There is a basket at the back of church for Christmas flowers donations. Traditionally the flowers are usually provided by the congregation at Christmas time. Thank you for your support.

**RASTRICK CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Please can you deliver a pile of the cards which are on the table at back of church. If your street has been taken, please take another pile. This is an important part of our outreach to the people of our parish.

**ADVENT APPEAL:** The Coffee Morning and sale of cakes on Sunday morning raised an amazing £236-40 for the Ravenscliffe @Spring Hall Appeal. The Christmas card board is in church ready to receive your card for the family at St. John's. Please display your card and give a donation in lieu of giving lots of cards. Thank you for your continued support. *Missions and Charities group*

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS:** December 2014-November 2015. Would you like to organise or help with an event during this important year in the life of our Church? Contact a member of the co-ordinating group: Rev. Marion Russell, Ann Johnson (769297) [annjohnson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annjohnson@hotmail.co.uk), David Marshall (718182) or Stephen Hannam (716053)

**BEER AND BANTER-MEN ONLY:** 8 p.m. Mondays at 'The Globe' 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Beers & Banter. 26<sup>th</sup> January: Norman Lake: 'Educating Honley.' *Alan Hoggard*

**WELCOME CENTRE:** We are collecting **tinned meat in December**. Many thanks for your support. *M Ellis*

**RUCKSACK CLUB:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December: St. John's Family Walk, 4 miles long. Park at Bradley Park Golf Club at 11.15 a. m. Lunch is a hot beef sandwich, chips and gravy at 2 p.m. Cost is £5 each. Please put names on the list in Church and pay Anne or Robert Beaumont by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Walk:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Leader David Wilson Length: 9 miles leaving Church at 9.30 a. m.

**AGM:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the Sturrock Room at 7.15 p. m.

**NEW ROAD SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Carol singing at Lands House. Any one interested in joining us would be made most welcome. Meet at Lands House either in the car park or inside at 3 40 p.m. **TODAY.** *Allan Bottomley*

## DIARY

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

12.30 p.m. for 1 p.m. Christmas Lunch in Sturrock room for those who have booked

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

7 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols at St. John's

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

8 p.m. Beer and Banter at the Globe (see above)

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**AT ST. JOHN'S** 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christingles and 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion

**AT ST. MATTHEW'S** 7 p.m. Candlelit Carol Service

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. John's

8 a. m. and 10 a. m. Holy Communion at St. Matthew's

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Blood donor session on 31<sup>st</sup> December is at 9-3.30 p.m. PLEASE DONATE if you are able.

