

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 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 Thesalonians 5:16-24 Carol Harvey Page 1188
Dismissal reading Rev Marion Russell

Intercessions: Soo Sykes

Sunday 17th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent – Nativity - Old & New – Organ (Graham Kennedy)

1. 495 The holly and the ivy
2. 475 Tell out my soul
3. 237 In the bleak midwinter
4. 40 Away in a manger
5. 170 Go, tell it on the mountain

Prayers God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 residing in the Nursing Homes in Rastrick, Aspinall Fold, Common Road, Wilderness Road, Banks End, East View and the staff and children in our schools starting their Christmas holiday.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Andrew Taylor and Albert Furness. 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 24th December 2017 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve

10.00 am Holy Communion Joint Benefice Service at St Matthew's
3.00 pm Christingle Service
5.00 pm Christingle Service

11.30 pm Midnight Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell/Rev Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen : Margaret Raine

Readings	Isaiah 62:6-end	Soo Sykes	Page 749
	Titus 3 4-7	Christine Wilson	Page 1199
	Luke 2 1-20	David Marshall	Page 1027

Intercessions : David Marshall
Chalice : David Marshall and Janine Morrisroe

Monday 25th December 2017 Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's
10.15 am Family Christmas Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
Sidesman: TBA
Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10 Audrey Belcher Page 739
Psalm 98 Barry Belcher Page 603
John 1: 1-14 Graham Readshaw Page 1063
Prayers: Barbara Rukin
Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Cherry Fancourt
Brasses : 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 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.

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

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 TONIGHT 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:

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

7:30pm – 9:15pm

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

7:45pm – 9:15pm

Wednesday 20th - 144 Huddersfield Road, HD6 3RT (Pearl Tel 713961) 2:15pm-4.00pm

Thursday 21st - 27 Daisy Road, HD6 3SY (Judith Tel 716399)

2:00pm – 3:30pm

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 1/2hour 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.**

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR RECEIVING LETTERS AND CARDS. Please can you save the stamps and put them in the magazine box. Thank you.

THE FIGURES ARE IN FOR THE UKELELE CONCERT last October. For the hire of the Church, sale of raffle tickets and the bar takings we made the fantastic sum of **£583**. It was very hard work for a few people but with their efforts this magnificent sum was achieved. Thank you very much to all who helped.

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

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS QUIZ NIGHT will be held in the hall on January 10th at 7.45 pm. Our resident quizmaster, Robert Beaumont, will be setting the questions. Nibbles will be provided but bring your own drinks and a glass. **EVERYONE** welcome.

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

17 th December	7.30 pm Accord Singers Concert in Church
20th December	There will be no 10.30 am Communion due to 11am funeral.
22nd December	7.30 am Morning Prayers
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 (10.45am) and Lunch
10th January	7.45 pm Wednesday Nighters Quiz
13th January	9.45 am Rucksack Club Walk leaving from Church



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