

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 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: Margaret Ellis

Sunday 18th February: 1st Sunday of Lent – Old & New - Organ - (Gordon Balmforth)

1. 353 O for a thousand tongues to sing (Tune: Lyngham 383 in The Source)
2. 454 Soldiers of Christ arise
3. 365 O Jesus, I have promised
4. 98 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
5. 125 For all the saints who from their labours rest

Prayers Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love 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 Ogden Lane, Ivy Terrace, Stackgarth, Common Terrace, Vicarage Gardens and the staff and children in Carr Green 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 25th February 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam /Alan Hoggard
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam /Alan Hoggard

Sidesman: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe
Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Soo Sykes Page 16
Romans 4: 13-end Ella Campbell Page 1131
Mark 8: 31-end Audrey Belcher Page 1012
Prayers: Barbara Rukin
Chalice : Janine Morrisroe and Allen Smith
Brasses : Julia Tum and Hilary Cartwright

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 : 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 30th April 2018. Many thanks for you support.

SPECTACLES: Have you any spectacles or sunglasses that you no longer require? If so, I shall be delighted to receive them to take to Mara. Thank you very much.
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 17th March
Walk 6 miles - Apperley Bridge and Leeds Liverpool Canal.
Leave church at 9.45 am.

COFFEE MORNING On Saturday 24th 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 10th 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 20th and 27th February, March 13th and 20th 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!

NOT MOTHER'S DAY: A different space for those who find Mothering Sunday
difficult, with time for quiet reflection. **Saturday 10th March, 5.00 pm,**
St Chad's, Hove Edge Halifax Rd, Brighouse HD6 2QL Followed by
refreshments for those who wish. Organised by our local parish churches.

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

19th February	Beer and Banter @ The Globe - Over the hill with P and K
20th February	12 noon till 1.15 pm Lent Lunch
21st February	9.30 am Benefice Communion at St Matthew's
21st February	8pm Panto Open Meeting in the hall
23rd February	7.30 am Morning Prayers
24th February	Coffee morning at Oriol Kelly's - 8 Healey Wood Gardens
28th February	Wednesday Nighters AGM
2nd March	2 pm Woman's World Day of Prayer @ Salvation Army
10th March	Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning
17th March	9.45 am Rucksack Full Day Walk



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