

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 March 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Storey
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
7.00 pm Benefice Service at St Matthew's

Sidesman: Julia Tum and Carol Harvey

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Diane Knowles Page 793
John 12: 20-33 Cherry Fancourt Page 1080

Prayers: Allen Smith

Chalice : David Marshal and Janine Morrisroe

Sunday 18th March: 5th Sunday of Lent – Old & New - Organ - (Gordon Balmforth)

1. 371 O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
2. 263 Jesu, lover of my soul
3. 337 My song is love unknown
Reflective Music – please use this time for quiet reflection and join in singing when you hear 352 being played
4. 352 O for a heart to praise my God
5. 289 Lift high the cross

Prayers Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: Paul Whitaker, David Coop, Keith Redfearn, Christine Whitaker, Jean Hannam, Pam McNulty, Majorie Moorhouse, Pat Wilcock, Helen Hearson, Glynice Lord, David Williams, Anne and John Milnes. Please pray for Jane and James who are two young people with cancer. 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 Close Lea, Close Lea Way, Close Lea Drive, Close Lea Ave and the staff and children in Field Lane School

We pray for those who have recently died especially John Pamment. 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 March 2018

6th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Marion Russell

Sidesman: Gerald Savage and Oriel Kelly
Readings: Gospel of the Palms Mark 11:1-11 Page 1016
Gospel of the Passion Mark 14:1 - 15: end Page 1020
Prayers: Cherry Fancourt
Brasses : Mothers' Union

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.

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK : The foodbank are running short of supplies of toilet rolls, toothbrushes, tooth paste and boxes containing sachets of powdered mash potato. The local school children will shortly be on Easter holidays and free school meals will not be available. The foodbank provide bags of food for families who need a little extra help. Your gifts of food and toiletries are a considerable source of help and hope to families and individuals who have difficulty making ends meet. Thank you for your support. Missions and Charities Committee.

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. Margaret Ellis

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

A MESSAGE FROM BARBARA. Thank you to everyone who has stepped in to cover my duties and for the messages sent to me during my slow recovery from the flu. It is much appreciated. Barbara Rukin

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES 2018/19 The freewill offering envelopes for the new financial year will be available at the back of Church from Sunday, 11 March 2018 and will commence on Sunday, 8 April 2018.

Gift Aid users – please take the box set allocated to you by name.

Unnamed boxes are available for general (Non-Gift Aid) use, anyone wishing to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order should see Cherry Fancourt or Gerald Savage.

HALIFAX LONG MARCH This is a sponsored night "March" around Calderdale, starting from and finishing at Halifax YMCA. It takes place Easter Sunday night (starting midnight) and into Easter Monday, finishing at latest @ 10.00am. Choose your charity, signup and get walking. Application forms on the table at the back of church.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Rucksack Club Full Day walk: Saturday 17th March.

COME AND JOIN US FOR LENT LUNCH in St John's Community Hall Tuesdays 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.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Traditionally the Congregation provides Flowers at this time. There is a basket at the back of Church for donations. Easter Lilies: If anyone wishes to give an Easter lily in memory of loved ones, please place your donation in an envelope with the name(s) of loved one(s) and hand to Christine or Barbara. A suggested donation of £5 is requested for each lily.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 15TH after the morning service at approx 12pm .

It is vital for our PCC to reflect our church population and we would ask you all to consider if this a role you can take on . Hilary and David

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS. This year we are to meet at The George at 11.40pm, slightly earlier than before. Therefore to give us plenty of time we need to leave St Matthew's at 11am and St John's at 11.15am. The Service at Central will begin at 12 noon.

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.

HAVE YOU SEEN Trevor Lewis's letter about the Electoral Roll? A copy can be found on the table at the back of church.

Growing Allowed!

Our Second Away Day for St Matthew's and St John's Churches
Saturday 12 May 2018: 9.00 – 9.30 for coffee finishing by 4.00pm latest!
Please save the date!

The planning is getting on well and we are moving forward *inexorably* to having yet another wonderful day together. Do you remember the success and fun we had at our last Away Day at St Peter's Church Centre, Gildersome? Well, we will be there again, with the opportunity to be together, worship, chat and to eat in the beautiful surroundings of Peter's Church. The main course for lunch will be provided, and perhaps you may want to bring one of your own favourite puddings to share. We have booked sunshine as well, so you will find that the grounds are really lovely to walk or sit in.

THE SCOUTS ARE HAVING A PUB QUIZ FUNDRAISER on Friday 23rd March to keep the group running. It starts at 7.30 pm and it is £3.00 per team member. There is a Pie 'N' Peas supper. If you would like to come along please contact connor.michaels@btinternet.com so he can order enough pies.

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

20th March 12 noon till 1.15 pm Lent Lunch
21st March 9.30 am Benefice Communion at **St Matthew's**
19th March 8.00 pm Beer and Banter @ The Globe - Mark Cheetham
23rd March 7.30 pm Scouts Pub Quiz Fundraiser
29th March Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm HC with Foot Washing @ St John's
30th March Good Friday 11.45 am Walk of Witness to Central Methodist.
Leave 11.30 am from St John's.
30th March Good Friday 2.30 pm Meditation at the Foot of the Cross @ St J.
31st March Holy Saturday 5.30 pm Easter Service of Light at St John's
1st April Easter Day 8.00 am Easter Morning Service Salvation Army at Roundhill
1st April Easter Day Holy Communion at 9.00 am and 10.15 am



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