

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 19th February 2017 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Barbara Lydon

10.15 All Age Worship led by Alan Hoggard

7.00pm Third Sunday Benefice Evening Service - **St John's**

"Through the Keyhole: More Glimpses of Eternity"

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe

Readings: Psalm 136 Ella Campbell Page 626

Matthew 6: 25-end Page 971

Prayers: David Marshall

Sunday 19th February: 2nd Sunday before Lent – The Source – Group

1. 47 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
2. 348 Make me a channel of your peace
3. 447 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
4. 118 Give thanks with a grateful heart
5. 335 Shine, Jesus, shine

Prayers for the week: Collect for today Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for the suffering, especially Pat Hobson, Glynice Lord, Angus and Barbara McLaren (parents of Rosemary Lake), James Cherry, Ann Smith, David Williams, Mandy Rochell, Marjorie Moorhouse, Kathleen Carline, Anne Milnes, 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. (February)

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Ogden Lane, Ivy Terrace, Stackgarth, Common Terrace, Vicarage Gardens and for all the staff and children at Carr Green School.

We pray for those who have died, especially those who have recently died. 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 26th February 2017

Next before Lent

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Michael Storey
10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Michael Storey

Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly and Gerald Savage
Readings: Exodus 24: 12-end Dianne Knowles Page 82
2 Peter 1: 16-end Carol Harvey Page 122
Matthew 17: 1-9 Pam Dimpleby Page 984
Prayers: Julia Tum
Chalice : Roger Ellis and Margaret Ellis

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 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

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.

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

WE ARE PLANNING AN AWAY DAY, called **GROWING ALOUD**, for both of our churches to get together in the lovely setting of Gildersome Parish Church. Easy directions will be provided and car shares organised. This will be on **Saturday 13 May**get the date in your diary now! It should start around 10.00 am and we will be away for 4.00pm. Lunch in the form of something like jacket potatoes with a tasty casserole will be provided along with the usual coffee and biscuits at regular intervals! The day will be an opportunity to be together and to share experiences and ideas and to realise that there are no 'right answers' in how to grow our church.

HALIFAX LONG MARCH : Volunteers needed to steward on Easter Sunday evening April 16-17th. Many Tasks are needed to be covered - patrolling the route, helping at rest centres (including St Johns), dealing with paperwork and catering. The work goes on through the night. You don't have to stay all night, you can select a time slot which suites you. Further details from Alan Hoggard or www.longmarch.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR LENT LUNCHESES – Tuesdays 10-14.30 – March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and April 4th – involves setting up tables cooking (reheating) soup and clearing up afterwards Lunches are served from 12 noon to 13.30. Please get in touch with Oriel if you can help.

LENT LUNCHESES – Come and Enjoy a Lunch of Soup, Roll, Tea/Coffee – this will be **FREE OF CHARGE** but a donation towards our Mission Giving this year, Crosslinks, would be much appreciated.

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH during lunches so we need someone to be in there to show people round or just to make sure all is okay. It would be good if a man could do this – dates 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March 4th April. Thanks Cherry.

AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK: (Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless). This is a long term commitment. Donations that would be suitable could be **tins, jars of jam etc, soup, biscuits, pasta, rice, cooking oil, UHT milk, tea, coffee and sugar** and **non-food** items such as **washing up liquid, shampoo, baby wipes, washing powder and toilet rolls**. There is a basket at the back of church for any donations. Thank you.

THE NEXT TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING will be held on Saturday 11 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 or Norman Lake (01484 710339). We are also collecting items to sell on the Church stall (no electrical items or household linen please).

LENT GROUPS :This year we are to look at a course looking at how Christianity has been deepened and enriched from encounters with people from other religions. This course looks exciting and different from courses we have done in the past few years.. There will be five weeks of House Groups starting Monday 6th March. A Sixth Joint Group to be held on Monday 10th April, at St Matthew's Parish Centre at 6.30pm with a Bring & Share Meal. A leaflet giving details of the venues and times of the groups can be found in Church. Please ask a Sidesman or Church Warden for a copy.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – This year this Service will be held at 2-00pm on Friday 3rd. March at the Salvation Army Community Church in Brighthouse. The Prayers this year have been prepared by the Christian Women of the Philippines and a warm welcome is extended to ALL to the Service. Doreen Davis

SPRING CONCERT SUNDAY 19th MARCH AT 7.30 PM. After the successful New Year concert the Orchestra of Square Chapel will perform in our Church again while the Square Chapel in Halifax is renovated along with the Piece Hall. Tickets are £10 and £5 for students in full time education. This is a very popular orchestra so make sure you get your tickets early. There will be a bar before the concert when the doors open at 7.00 pm and during the interval. Tickets will be available from Christine James.

PLEASE SEE TREVOR LEWIS about application forms for the ELECTORAL ROLL. They need to be completed by Sunday 9th April.

NEWSLETTER ALTERATIONS : If anyone changes their church duties please let me know so the details can be corrected. Thank you. David James.
Please send newsletter items to David James - davidjict@gmail.com - or 01484 715197 by 5 p.m. on Wednesday. It would be really useful if you indicated how long you want the item in the newsletter.

DIARY 2017

22nd February	10.30 am Holy Communion
24th February	7.30 am Morning Prayer
20th February	8.00 pm Beer and Banter @ The Globe
1st March	7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at St Matthew's
3rd March	2.00 pm Woman's World Day of Prayer - Salvation Army
11th March	Table Top Sale
19th March	7.30 pm Orchestra of the Square Chapel - Spring Concert
17th/18th April	Halifax Long Walk
13th May	Parish Away Day to Gildersome Parish Church



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Parish Calendar : <http://tinyurl.com/jcjrehp>



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A 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**

Prayer for Growth: As we near the end of the themed Sundays looking at the growth prayer line by line, and its meaning and implications for us, please think about what has struck you or touched you, what has inspired you or challenged you, the things that have opened your eyes to more than you'd thought of, or ideas from before that have come to the surface again. On Sunday March 5th, Marion will gather these ideas for us to discuss and explore in the service and beyond that. Come willing to speak your contribution, or write it down to pass to Marion on the day, or phone or email beforehand. We look forward to growing together through this.