

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 March 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
10.15 All Age Worship led by Rev. Marion Russell

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow and Nina Nicholson
Readings: Exodus 17 : 1-17 Sue Smith Page 75
Psalm 95 Audrey Belcher Page 602
Romans 5 : 1-11 Allen Smith Page 1132
John 4 5-42 Page 1066
Prayers: Soo Sykes

Sunday 19th March : 3rd Sunday of Lent – Music Group

1. 256 I want to serve the purpose of God
2. 265 I will offer up my life
3. 297 Jesus, take me as I am
4. 337 Lord, we long for you
5. 38 Be bold, be strong

Prayers for the week: Collect for today Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: Pam McNulty, Majorie Moorhouse, Pat Wilcock, Roger Broadbent, Beryl Hearson, Helen Hearson, Philip Brough, Pat Hobson, Glynice Lord, Margaret Yuile, James Cherry, David Williams, Mandy Rochell, and Kathleen Karline. May your healing power be at work within each one in body, mind and spirit and we ask you to be with their loved ones and those who care for them. We pray also for your healing love to flow through all those who live and work in residential provision in Rastrick. (March)

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Close Lea, Close Lea Way, Close Lea Drive, Close Lea Avenue and for all the staff and children at Field Lane School.

We pray for 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 March 2017

4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

10.15 All Age Worship led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

A short Communion Service will follow the Worship Service for those who wish to remain led by Rev. Marion Russell.

Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Doreen Davis, Simon Davis and Margaret Raine

Readings: Exodus 2 : 1-10 Page 58

2 Corinthians 1 : 3-7 Page 1158

Luke 2 : 33- 35 Page 1028

Prayers:

Chalice : Cherry Fancourt 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.

GROWING ALOUD is our Away Day for St John's and St Matthew's on Saturday 13 May. It is being held in the lovely setting of St Peter's Parish Church, Gildersome. Easy directions will be provided and shared transport arranged. Arrive for a cuppa from **9.00 am** to enable a prompt start at **9.30am!** We'll be away by 4.00pm.

Lunch will be in the form of a jacket potato with a tasty casserole (provided by 'The Team') and we would welcome anyone who feels that they could bring a pudding, of any sort which can be shared amongst others, to bring it along. The usual coffee and tea and a 'more-ish' tray bake will be provided 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. It will be a good positive time together with gentle fun! This is for everyone, and the more people we have the more we will see what a wonderful church community we are, with so much to share.

So that we know you are planning to come please complete the tear off slip in the Church magazine and give it to either John Mothersdale; Barbara Rainford, Cherry Fancourt or Julia Tum or sign the list in the Church or telephone Julia on 07773334771.

We all look forward to being together on this day.

HALIFAX LONG MARCH : The final stop of the 26 mile walk is at St Johns (after 18 miles) Volunteers are needed to steward from 3am to 10am on Easter Monday morning. Our main tasks will be to direct people from the end of Gooder Lane and to serve refreshments. Everything is provided we just required volunteers to offer a few hours of help.

There is a sign up on the sheet at the back of church which is split into 1 hour time slots. You don't have to stay all night, you can select a time slot which suites you. This year walkers are being able to raise funds for the charity of their choice although the registration fees and any surplus does go to Christian aid. If anyone is encouraged to walk all or part of the distance for St Johns then that would be great. More details from Alan Hoggard or www.longmarch.org.uk

LENT LUNCHESES – TUESDAYS DURING LENT. 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. During the lunch period the church will be open for prayer and reflection.

AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK: (Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless). This is a long term commitment. Donations can be placed in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

LENT APPEAL 2017 : This year, during Lent, we are supporting Crosslinks, which is an international mission society with its roots in the Bible. It works largely within the worldwide Anglican Communion. Please take a labelled jar from the table and return it around Easter time with your donation.

RASTRICK ST JOHN'S OPEN GARDENS. Offers to open your gardens are urgently required if the event is to run this Summer '17. Provisional date **Saturday 1st July** (not fixed) please phone Anne Aspinall on 01484 718969 and leave a message. Thank you. AA

CHRISTIAN AID : After much discussion the PCC decided that we should continue with envelope distribution and collection for those people who feel that they are willing to take part. To help Christine Whitaker to put out the correct number of envelopes required, please will you sign the form at back of church, and state which street/s you are willing to do. Barbara Rukin

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.. The Lent House Groups started on 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.

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 when tea and coffee will also be available. **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.

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.

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES 2017/18 :The freewill offering envelopes for the new financial year will be available at the back of Church from Sunday, 19 March 2017 and will commence on Sunday, 9 April 2017.

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.

THE FORM INCLUDED WITH MARION'S RECENT LETTER is the latest issued by HMRC and is required to be completed before future claims can be made. The Church's claim covering the period July to December 2016 is ready to be submitted but requires completed forms to be returned before so doing. We would be grateful for a speedy return of forms to Church, Cherry Fancourt, Gerald Savage or Alan Hoggard as appropriate. Thank you.

KNIT AND NATTER continues on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon at Ella's Home, 11 Ashlea Avenue. Many thanks. Missions and Charities.

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**

DIARY 2017

19th March TODAY	7.30 pm Orchestra of the Square Chapel - Spring Concert
20th March	8.00 pm Beer and Banter @ The Globe
21st March	Lent Lunch 12 noon - 1.30pm
22nd March	10.30 am Holy Communion
24th March	7.30 am Morning Prayer
17th/18th April	Halifax Long Walk
13th May	Parish Away Day to Gildersome Parish Church