

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 1st January 2017

Naming and circumcision of Jesus

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

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

Readings: Numbers 6: 22-end Graham Readshaw Page 141
Galations 4: 4-7 Soo Sykes Page 1170
Luke 2: 15-21 Julia Tum Page 1028

Prayers: Margaret Ellis

Chalice : Margaret Ellis and Barbara Rukin

Sunday 1st January: Naming & Circumcision of Jesus – Old & New – Organ – (Graham Kennedy)

1. 421 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him
2. 553 Unto us is born a Son
3. 3 A great and mighty wonder
4. 395 Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
5. 54 Breathe on me, Breath of God
6. 430 Rejoice in the Lord always
7. 389 O praise ye the Lord!

Prayers for the week: Collect for today : God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **God. Amen.**

We pray for the suffering, especially James Cherry, Ann Smith, David Williams, Mandy Rochell, Pat Wilcock, Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, 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.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Long Ridge, Toothill Lane, Toothill Bank, Toothill Avenue and for all our schools returning after their Christmas holiday

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 8th January 2017

Epiphany

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

The 10.15 service will be held in the hall as the Orchestra of Square Chapel will be rehearsing in the morning for their afternoon concert.

10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe
Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Shirley Stow Page 746
Ephesians 3: 1-12 Ella Campbell Page 1174
Matthew 2: 1 - 12 Gerald Savage Page 966

Prayers: Julia Tum
Chalice : Roger Ellis and Janine Morrisroe

Brasses : Julia Tum and Hilary McCarthy

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.

ADVENT APPEAL/KNIT AND NATTER The purpose to make hats, gloves, scarves or toys to donate to BASH for children during the winter months. It has been so successful that the group have decided to carry on. All are welcome to join us or make at home sizes from babies to teenagers. We will meet again on Wednesday January 4th 2017 from 10am to 12 noon at Ella's Home, 11 Ashlea Avenue. Many thanks. Missions and Charities.

AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK: (Brighouse 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.

RUCKSACK CLUB : FULL DAY WALK - SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH 2017. Leader: Rod France (Mobile: 07920238561)

Leave church: 9.30 a.m.

Distance: Approx 6 and a half miles

Parking: Bingley Railway Station car park

Start of walk: Bingley Railway Station

Terrain: Canal tow paths, local villages, farm and woodland tracks covering Gilstead, Eldwick and Crossflats area.

OS Explorer Map 288 Bradford and Huddersfield

Note: on completion of the walk, if anyone is interested I will be organising a fish and chip meal at Mother Hubbards in Bradford.

THE SQUARE CHAPEL ORCHESTRA have chosen our Church as their second home while the Square Chapel in Halifax is renovated along with the Piece Hall. They are performing their Annual Viennese Christmas Concert in Church at 3pm on Sunday 8th January 2017. Tickets are £10 and £5 for students in full time education. This is a very popular event so make sure you get your tickets early. There will be a bar and during the interval mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the hall. Tickets will be available from Christine James.

MINCE PIES NEEDED FOR THE SQUARE CHAPEL 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. (Editor - there seems to be shortage of sweet mince meat at the moment so if you see any buy it!)

THE PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS GROUP would like to thank all those who put themselves on the register to help at future events. The register is just a list of people we can call upon to help at events doing things that they feel comfortable with. We hope a few more will come forward. If you would like to help but think other commitments might get in the way don't worry as we always ask before an event if you are available. If we have a bigger pool of talent then the burden is shared amongst more people and it is less of a strain for individuals. There are more registration forms at the back of Church.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS QUIZ NIGHT will be held in the hall on January 11th 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.

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 2016

4th January	10.30 am Holy Communion
6th January	7.30 am Morning Prayer
8th January	3 pm Orchestra of Square Chapel (Doors open 2.30 pm) Annual Viennese Christmas Concert
11th January	7.45 pm Wednesday Nighters Quiz - open for all.



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



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