

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Brighouse 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 20th December 2105

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

10.15 a.m. Morning Worship led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

7.15 /7.30 p.m. Accord Singers concert with mulled wine and mince pies

Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly, Gerald Savage

Readings: Micah 5: 2-5a page 933 Barbara Rukin

**9 a.m. ONLY** Hebrews 10: 5-10 page 1207

Luke 1: 39-55 page 1026 Susan Smith

Prayers: Allen Smith

Hymns: The Source – Music Group

1. 349 Make way, make way
2. 322 Like a candle flame
3. 47 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
4. 398 O Lord our God (We will magnify)
5. 471 Tell out, my soul

**Prayers for the week: Collect for today.** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

We pray for the suffering, especially Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Kathleen Carline, Derek Brown, Anne Milnes, Dorothy Taylor, Geoffrey Nicholson, 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.

God of all goodness and love, in whom we can trust in every time of need: be close to all who live in fear and distress at this time of flooding in our land. We pray for wisdom and strength for all who seek to help and that through this emergency, people and communities may be drawn more closely together in service to one another.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Unity Court, Stonelea Drive, Garlick Street, Greenhead Lane and Delph Hill

We pray for those who have died especially Dorothy Stevenson. 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.

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2105

### Christmas Eve

3 p.m. Christingle service led by Rev. Marion Russell and Rev Stephen Hannam

5 p.m. Christingle service led by Rev. Marion Russell and Alan Hoggard

11.30 p.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell and Rev. Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Gerald Savage, Pat Hobson and Graham Readshaw

Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10 page 739 Soo Sykes

Hebrews 1: 1-4 page 1201 Christine Wilson

John 1: 1-14 page 1063 Gerald savage

Prayers: David Marshall

Hymns: **Old & New – Organ** (*Granville Brook*)

1. 282 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
2. 449 Silent night, holy night
3. 348 O Come, all ye Faithful
4. 572 What child is this
5. 367 O little town of Bethlehem vv1-3
6. 242 It came upon midnight clear
7. 186 Hark, the herald angels sing

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Day

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

Sidesmen: Audrey and Barrie Belcher

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7 page 693 Pat Hobson

Titus 2: 11-14 page 1199

Luke 2: 1-14 page 1027 Julia Tum

Prayers: Alan Hoggard

Hymns: **Old & New – Organ** (*Gordon Balmforth*)

1. 30 Angels from the realms of glory
2. 580 While Shepherds watched
3. 444 See him lying on a bed of straw
4. 237 In the bleak midwinter
5. 553 Unto us a child is born
6. 62 Child in a manger
7. 99 Ding dong merrily on high

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b>	<b>St. John</b>
10.15 a.m. Said Service led by Rev. Stephen Hannam		
Sidesmen: Kathleen Fletcher and Julia Tum		
Readings: Exodus 33: 7-11a	page 92	Nina Nicholson
Psalm 117	page 117	
1 John 1	page 1225	Julia Tum
John 21: 19b-end	page 1090	Barbara Rukin
Prayers: Julia Tum		
Brasses: Kathleen Fletcher and Julia Tum		

**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)

Please send newsletter items to **David James (01484 715197) or email djict@blueyonder.co.uk by N.B. 5 p.m.** on Wednesdays and information to add to the website: [www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](http://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.*

**PRAYER GROUP AT VICARAGE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month at 6.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME

**NEWSLETTER:** As you are all aware, I shall no longer be preparing the newsletter after several years (lost count!!!!). David James is taking on the role as from **3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016**. Contact details are above. Many thanks. *Margaret Ellis*

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

**FLOWERS FOR CHURCH:** If you able to provide flowers in Church for someone dear to you or to celebrate a special occasion please put your name on the rota on the notice board or see Christine or Barbara. A basket is provided at the back of church for donations towards decorating our church for Christmas.

**BASH:** Christmas can be a lonely time of year especially for the vulnerable members of society. It would be lovely if we could provide some extra special items for Christmas. If you know anyone who might appreciate a small gift of a food parcel, please contact Judith Kay (713929)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH PEOPLE:** The display board for Christmas cards is available at the back of Church. Any donations in lieu of cards will go to BASH – Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless. Thank you, from the Missions and Charities group

**NEW CHURCH CARDS:** Suitable for any occasion. New designs all taken from the centenary flower festival. No price increase, still excellent value at £3 for 6 cards or 50p each. Two different packs are available and are on sale from the table next to the church door. *Pat Lee*

**CENTENARY CDS:** Due to popular demand the two history slideshows shown during the centenary weekend are now available on CD that will run on any Windows computer. They can be found at the back of church. The CD also contains all the photos in the presentations and a very large quantity of unseen photographs. The CD can be purchased at £3.00, the same price as the centenary booklet. *David James*

**CENTENARY ITEMS FOR SALE:** These are on a table at the back of church with boxes for your money. Thank you.

**RUCKSACK CLUB WALK AND LUNCH:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December Leaders: Eric and Robert (01484 716871) Park at Bradley Park Golf Club ready for walking at 11.00am. This is a family 4.5 mile / 2 1/2hour walk from the Golf Club to Shepherds Thorn Lane, Toothill Bank, back over the M62 and through Upper Fell Greave, Bradley Gate Wood and Dyson Wood back to the club house ready to enjoy a hot beef sandwich, chips and gravy at 2.00pm. The cost of the meal is £5.00 per head. Please put your names on the list in Church and pay Anne or Robert for the meal by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**Dates for your 2016 diary: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January:** Full Day Walk Leaders: Roger and Margaret  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: AGM in the Sturrock Room at 7.15 pm.

**500<sup>th</sup> Walk Celebration Weekend: March 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 2016 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Walk Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Lunch - Berties @Number One, Elland. The cost of the 3 course lunch including coffee is £24.50 per person. The balance is to be paid at the AGM on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016. Come and join the Rucksack Club for all or part of this special weekend.

**DIARY 2015**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

8 p.m. Beer and Banter at the Globe 'Christmas cheer'

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

St. John's Rucksack Club Walk and Lunch (see above)

**DIARY 2016**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016** 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. meeting

