

## 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.

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Advent 4

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell  
10.15 a.m. All Age Worship led by Rev. Marion Russell and Alan Hoggard  
7 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols led by Rev. Marion Russell  
Sidesmen: Kathleen Fletcher and Julia Tum  
Readings: **9 a.m. ONLY 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16** page 310  
Romans 16:25-end 'Taken from Word on the Street Bible' Rod Dimpleby  
Luke 1: 6-8, 26-38 page 1026 Doreen Davis



Prayers: Julia Tum  
12 noon: RASTRICK VOICES REHEARSAL  
Hymns: **Old & New – Organ (Gordon Balmforth)**  
1. 266 Jesus shall reign  
2. 480 The angel Gabriel from heaven came  
3. 475 Tell out, my soul  
4. 337 My song is love unknown  
5. 537 Thou didst leave thy throne

**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 Stan Brown, Dorothy Taylor, Holly Ferguson, Geoffrey Nicholson, Neil Shaw, Joan Smith, 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, particularly those who live in Unity Court, Stonelea Drive, Garlick Street, Greenhead Lane and Delph Hill

We pray for the departed especially Bill Carpenter, James Gannon, Ronald Warr and Joan Firth (wife of late Barry). Surround all who mourn with your love. Give courage and companionship as they adjust to their loss and be with them as they grieve.

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Eve

Holy Communion service 9.30 am at St Matthew's. **No** Morning Prayer or Holy Communion at St John's.

3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christingle services led by Rev. Marion Russell and Alan Hoggard  
11.30 p.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell and Rev. Stephen Hannam  
Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10 page 739 Graham Readshaw  
Hebrews 1: 1-4 page 1201 Soo Sykes  
John 1: 1-14 page 1063 Marion Russell

Prayers: Marion Russell  
Chalice: Janine Morrisroe and David Marshall  
Brasses: Kathleen Fletcher

**Collect:** Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymns for 11.30 p.m. service: **Old & New – Organ (Granville Brooke)**

1. 186 Hark, the herald angels sing
2. 242 It came upon the midnight clear
3. 378 Once in royal David's city
4. 282 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
5. 449 Silent night
6. 40 Away in a manger
7. 348 O come, all ye faithful

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

### Christmas Day

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam  
Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7 page 693 Pat Hobson  
Titus 2: 11-14 page 1199 Audrey Belcher  
Luke 2: 1-14 page 1027 Julia Tum

Prayers: Soo Sykes  
Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Freda Broadbent

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

1. 378 Once in royal David's city
2. 580 While shepherds watched
3. 40 Away in a manger
4. 186 Hark, the herald angels sing
5. 232 Infant holy, infant lowly
6. 237 In the bleak midwinter
7. 348 O come, all ye faithful

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December****1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell  
 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell (**N.B. NO TEA OR COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE**)  
 Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly, Gerald Savage  
 Readings: Isaiah 61: 10- 62: 3 page 748 Shirley Stow  
 Galatians 4: 4-7 page 1170 Ella Campbell  
 Luke 2: 15-21 page 1028 Kathleen Fletcher  
 Prayers: Barbara Rukin  
 Chalice: Barbara Rukin and Margaret Ellis  
 Brasses: Wednesday Nighters  
 Hymns: **Old & New – Organ** (*Gordon Balmforth*)

1. 99 Ding dong, merrily on high
2. 444 See him lying on a bed of straw
3. 443 See amid the winter's snow
4. 321 Mary had a baby
5. 237 In the bleak mid-winter
6. 242 It came upon the midnight clear
7. 30 Angels from the realms of glory

**Collect:** Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**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: [www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk) e mail Alan Hoggard [alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk) to promote events or information for the website.

If you wish to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order see Cherry or Gerald.

Please send newsletter items to Margaret Ellis (718013) or e mail [ellis700@btinternet.com](mailto:ellis700@btinternet.com) by 5 p.m. on Wednesdays

The Pastoral Care Team is Alan Hoggard, Margaret Ellis, Judith Readshaw, Jo Lewis, Freda Broadbent, Doreen Davis, Anne Aspinall, Cherry Fancourt, Christine James and Dianne Bates

*For young children and carers we have a crèche in the Lady Chapel. There is a children's area with books, toys and service-relevant materials where they can sit and colour. New bible toys may be taken to 'pews' during the service, then returned to the Children's area*

**NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS:** There will be mulled wine/fruit punch and mince pies after the service. Please stay and join in the fellowship.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** There is a basket at the back of church for Christmas flowers donations. Traditionally, the flowers are provided by the congregation at Christmas time. Thank you for your support.

**ADVENT APPEAL:** The Christmas card board is in church ready to receive your card for the family at St. John's. Please display your card and give a donation in lieu of giving lots of cards. Thank you for your continued support. *Missions and Charities group*

**PRAYER GROUP AT THE VICARAGE:** No meeting on 28th December. Next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> January, for an hour from 6.30 pm and continuing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month. We continue to pray for peace, for the Middle- East and other matters close to our hearts. This is an informal group, and anyone is welcome to come regularly or occasionally.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS:** December 2014-November 2015. Would you like to organise or help with an event during this important year in the life of our Church? Contact a member of the co-ordinating group: Rev. Marion Russell, Ann Johnson (769297) [annjohnson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annjohnson@hotmail.co.uk), David Marshall (718182) or Stephen Hannam (716053)

**BEER AND BANTER-MEN ONLY:** 8 p.m. Mondays at 'The Globe' 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Beers & Banter. 26<sup>th</sup> January: Norman Lake: 'Educating Honley.' *Alan Hoggard*

**WELCOME CENTRE:** We are collecting **tinned meat in December**. Many thanks for your support.

**RUCKSACK CLUB:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December: St. John's Family Walk, 4 miles long. Park at Bradley Park Golf Club at 11.15 a.m. Lunch is a hot beef sandwich, chips and gravy at 2 p.m. Cost is £5 each. Please put names on the list in Church and pay Anne or Robert Beaumont by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Full Day Walk: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Leaving Church: 9.30 a.m. Leader: David Wilson: 01484 713549 A 9 mile walk in the Thurstonland area.

Please put your name on the list in Church or let David know if you are walking.

**Dates for your diary**

**AGM – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Sturrock Room followed by a Pie and Peas Supper. Please put your name on the list in Church to order. If anyone would like to join the Rucksack Club Committee, please put your name on the appropriate list.

Full Day Walk – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February Leader – Stephen Guy: 712874

**CHURCHES TOGETHER:** Carol singing at Tesco's raised a fantastic £110 in one hour. Proceeds will be shared between Diabetes UK and Overgate Hospice. Allan Bottomley

**DIARY**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

8 p.m. Beer and Banter at the Globe

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December AT ST. MATTHEW'S** 7 p.m. Candlelit Carol Service

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December** 8 a. m. and 10 a. m. Holy Communion at St. Matthew's

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Blood donor session on 31<sup>st</sup> December is at 9-3.30 p.m. PLEASE DONATE if you are able.

