

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 24th December 2017 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve

11.30 pm Midnight Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell/Rev Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen : Margaret Raine

Readings	Isaiah 62:6-end	Soo Sykes	Page 749
	Titus 3 4-7	Christine Wilson	Page 1199
	Luke 2 1-20	David Marshall	Page 1027

Intercessions : David Marshall

Chalice : David Marshall and Janine Morrisroe

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve – Old & New – Organ (*Granville Brook*)

1. 378 Once in royal David's city
2. 40 Away in a manger
3. 232 Infant holy, infant lowly
4. 449 Silent night
5. 295 Little Jesus, sweetly sleep
6. 580 While shepherds watched
7. 348 O come, all ye faithful

Prayers Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: Keith Redfearn, Christine Whitaker, Jean Hannam, Pam McNulty, Majorie Moorhouse, Pat Wilcock, Helen Hearson, Glynice Lord, David Williams, Anne and John Milnes. Move deeply within the lives of each of these people for your healing power to meet them at their point of need. May they each know your love and presence in new ways. We pray also for your healing love to flow through all those who live and work in residential provision in Rastrick.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially those residing in Unity Court, Stonelea Drive, Garlick Street, Greenhead Lane, Delph Hill and the staff and children in our schools on their Christmas holiday.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Norman Yuile (Marion's brother). 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.

Monday 25th December 2017**Christmas Day**

8.00 am Holy Communion at **St Matthew's**
 10.15 am Family Christmas Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
 Sidesman: TBA
 Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10 Audrey Belcher Page 739
 Psalm 98 Barry Belcher Page 603
 John 1: 1-14 Graham Readshaw Page 1063
 Prayers: Barbara Rukin
 Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Cherry Fancourt
 Brasses : Julia Tum

Monday 25th December: Christmas Morning – Old & New – Organ (Gordon Balmforth)

1. 348 O come, all ye faithful
2. 273 Joy to the world
3. 443 See amid the winter's snow
4. 242 It came upon the midnight clear
5. . Christ was born (words on a separate sheet)
6. 572 What child is this?
7. 186 Hark, the herald angels sing

Prayers Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**

Sunday 31st December 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Storey
 10.15 am Parish Communion led by Canon Michael Storey
 Sidesman: TBA
 Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Derek Davis Page 748
 Galatians 4:4-7 Holly Mason Page 1170
 Luke 2: 15-21 Gerald Savage Page 1028
 Prayers: Julia Tum
 Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Allen Smith
 Brasses : Mothers Union

Prayers 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. **Amen**

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially those residing in Healey Wood Road, Healey Wood Crescent, Healey Wood Gardens, Healey Wood Grove and the staff and children in our schools returning after their Christmas holiday.

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 Cartwright (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

There is 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.

KNIT AND NATTER. Needles will start clicking again on Wednesday January 3rd at Ella's home 11, Ashlea Avenue from 10am to 12 noon.

Happy Christmas and every good wish for 2018 from all those in the Knit and Natter Group.

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK Missions and Charities are sad that Bash Local has now closed but the good news is that the ongoing legacy will be that the Central Methodist Church volunteers are going to keep the Foodbank going which we at St John's will continue to support. Only food or toiletries can be accepted for the foodbank. These gifts will make a big difference to local people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

Thank you for your support Missions and Charities Committee

RUCKSACK CLUB ST JOHN'S DAY WALK AND LUNCH WEDNESDAY

27TH DECEMBER. There will be a Communion Service at Church at 9.30am to celebrate St John the Divine Saints Day. Meet at Bradley Park Golf Club at 10.45am ready for walking at 11.00am.

Walk leaders: Eric and Judith (01484 716652)

An easy 4 mile / 2 1/2hour family walk from the Golf Club.

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR RECEIVING LETTERS AND CARDS. Please can you save the stamps and put them in the magazine box. Thank you.

THE FIGURES ARE IN FOR THE UKELELE CONCERT last October. For the hire of the Church, sale of raffle tickets and the bar takings we made the fantastic sum of **£583**. It was very hard work for a few people but with their efforts this magnificent sum was achieved. Thank you very much to all who helped.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS QUIZ NIGHT will be held in the hall on January 10th 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.

THE ACCORD SINGERS : Thanks to all those who donated mince pies or helped in any way. £170 was raised for church funds and a further £84 donated to the Accord Singers from the split retiring collection.

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

25th December Christmas Day	8.00 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's 10.15 am Family Christmas Communion
27th December	9.30 am St John's Service, Walk (10.45am) and Lunch
10th January	7.30 pm PCC
10th January	7.45 pm Wednesday Nighters Quiz
13th January	9.45 am Rucksack Club Walk leaving from Church



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