

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 25th February 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam /Alan Hoggard
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam /Alan Hoggard

Sidesman: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe

Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Soo Sykes Page 16
Romans 4: 13-end Ella Campbell Page 1131
Mark 8: 31-end Audrey Belcher Page 1012

Prayers: Barbara Rukin

Chalice : Janine Morrisroe and Allen Smith

Brasses : Julia Tum and Hilary Cartwright

Sunday 25th February: 2nd Sunday of Lent – The Source - Group

1. 517 This is the day
2. 608 Your mercy flows
3. 265 I will offer up my life

Reflective Music – please use this time for quiet reflection and join in singing when you hear 297 being played.

4. 297 Jesus take me as I am
5. 441 River, wash over me
6. 354 Men of faith

Prayers Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: David Coop, 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 Shaftesbury Avenue, Long Fallas Crescent, Somerset Avenue, Armitage Avenue, Shepherds Thorn Lane and the staff and children in Rastrick High School.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Gillian Atkinson. 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 4th March 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Sidesman: Shirley Stow and Nina Nicholson

Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17 Norman Lake Page 77
Psalm 19 Congregation Page 552
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 Pat Hobson Page 1144
John 2: 13-22 Christine Wilson Page 1065

Prayers: Julia Tum

Chalice : Cherry Fancourt and David Marshall

Brasses :

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 :_Would you like to come and join the knit and natter group? You would be made very welcome at Ella's home 11, Ashlea Avenue, we meet every Wednesday from 10am to noon.

CENTRAL FOODBANK : We keep going! Your gifts of food and toiletries are a considerable source of help and hope to families and individuals who have difficulty in making ends meet. Please continue to donate long-life items in the basket for Central Foodbank, which is the new organisation continuing this part of the former work of BASH and remaining at Central Methodist Church as its operational base. Thank you for your support. Missions and Charities Committee.

HOUSE GROUP: The Monday evening house group continues to meet at Shirley Stows house (50 Archbell Ave, HD6 3SU) at 7:45pm. Regulars and new starters are most welcome.

LENT GROUPS Groups will start week beginning Monday 19th February for 5 weeks, (26th Feb, March 5th, 12th, & 19th). Information about the groups is in church. Please choose a time and day suitable for yourself and phone the host to make sure there is room for you. The theme will be 'The journey to the cross'.

STAMPS FROM LETTERS AND CARDS. Please can you continue to save your stamps and put them in the magazine box. Thank you.

QUIZ: I am selling quizzes for £1 each to raise funds for 'The Safe House' in Mara Diocese, which I hope to visit when I go to Mara in July. First prize is an M&S £10 voucher and runner up prize is M&S £5 voucher. The theme is **Do You Know Your Nursery Rhymes?** There are 70 questions. Deadline is 30th April 2018. Many thanks for you support.

SPECTACLES: Have you any spectacles or sunglasses that you no longer require? If so, I shall be delighted to receive them to take to Mara. Thank you very much.
Margaret Ellis

CAN YOU HELP? Do you know of anyone who would be willing to help organise **THE TODDLER GROUP** on Thursday mornings. Some of the young Mums are willing to organise crafts on a rota basis, and now need someone to be the lead. The group meets during school term time. We need someone for after Easter. Please liaise with Barbara if you know of someone.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Rucksack Club Full Day walk: Saturday 17th March. Comprehensive details to follow.

TABLE TOP SALE SATURDAY 10 MARCH 9am to 12 noon. I've still got several tables available (£9). Please call me on 01484 710339 to book one. We are running a Church Stall as usual so would welcome any donations (no electrical items please) and offers of help to run the stall on the day. Thanks. Rosemary Lake

LENT APPEAL 2018 : This year we are supporting a Christian African Relief Trust (CART) project. CART is based in Huddersfield and has set up projects in several African countries. It has a shop in Lockwood selling many second-hand items to raise funds. It's Warm Cots project began in the Kilimanjaro area of Tanzania but has recently expanded into Mara Diocese. The warm cots are simple incubators for keeping premature babies warm and are made in Tanzania. Please read the information on the board at the back of Church, take a jar to fill during Lent and then return it to Church at Easter. Thank you, Missions and Charities group.

COME AND JOIN US FOR LENT LUNCH in St John's Community Hall Tuesdays 27th February, March 13th and 20th 12 noon till 1.15 pm. Homemade soup with crusty bread will be served. Hot Cross Buns will be served as well as with coffee and tea. Donations appreciated.

THE TUESDAY LENT LUNCHESES will be followed each week by the showing sections of the BBC video called The Passion. This will be in the Sturrock Room.

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.

NOT MOTHER'S DAY: A different space for those who find Mothering Sunday difficult, with time for quiet reflection. **Saturday 10th March, 5.00 pm, St Chad's, Hove Edge** Halifax Rd, Brighouse HD6 2QL Followed by refreshments for those who wish. Organised by our local parish churches.

**Growing Allowed! Our Second Away Day
for the Churches of St Matthew's and St John's**

**Saturday 12 May 2018: 9.00 – 9.30 for coffee finishing by 4.00pm latest!
Please save the date!**

Remember the success and fun we had at our last Away Day held at St Peter's Church Centre, Gildersome? Well we are busy organising another Away Day at Gildersome again – the venue was just right for us and it provided a lovely worship and discussion space and gave us superb catering facilities and dining area. If the weather is bright and warm the grounds are really lovely to walk or sit in. Many more details to come. Just watch this space and in your Church magazines!

THIS YEAR'S WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IS ON FRIDAY MARCH 2ND, @ 2 pm at the Salvation Army Community Church in Brighouse. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Suriname, and is titled "All God's Creation is very good". Everyone is very welcome at this Service which lasts for about 1 hour. Many Thanks – Doreen Davis.

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

27th February	12 noon till 1.15 pm Lent Lunch
28th February	9.30 am Benefice Communion at St Matthew's
28th February	Wednesday Nighters AGM
2nd March	7.30 am Morning Prayers
2nd March	2 pm Woman's World Day of Prayer @ Salvation Army
10th March	Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning
17th March	9.45 am Rucksack Full Day Walk



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