

## 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 26th February 2017**

**Next before Lent**

9.00 Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Storey  
10.15 Parish Communion led by Canon Michael Storey

Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly and Gerald Savage

Readings: Exodus 24: 12-end Dianne Knowles Page 82  
2 Peter 1: 16-end Carol Harvey Page 1222  
Matthew 17: 1-9 Pam Dimpleby Page 984

Prayers: Julia Tum

Chalice : Roger Ellis and Margaret Ellis

### **Sunday 26th February: Sunday next before Lent – Old & New – Organ - (Gordon Balmforth)**

1. 130 For the healing of the nations
2. 126 For I'm building a people of power
3. 314 Love is his word
4. 29 A new commandment
5. 117 Father, who in Jesus found us
6. 192 Help us to help each other, Lord
7. 368 Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you

**Prayers for the week: Collect for today** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for the suffering, especially Beryl Hearson, Helen Hearson, Philip Brough, Pat Hobson, Glynice Lord, Angus and Barbara McLaren (parents of Rosemary Lake), James Cherry, Ann Smith, David Williams, Mandy Rochell, Marjorie Moorhouse, 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. (February)

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Shaftesbury Avenue, Long Fallas Crescent, Somerset Avenue, Armitage Avenue, Shepherds Thorn Lane, and for all the staff and children at Rastrick High School.

We pray for those who have died, especially Elizabeth Calvert who has 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 5th March 2017**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

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

Sidesmen: Julia Tum and Carol Harvey

Readings: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Derek Davis

Julia Tum

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Prayers: Soo Sykes

Chalice : Janine Morrisroe and Barbara Rukin

**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](mailto: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](mailto:davidjict@gmail.com) 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.

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

**WE ARE PLANNING AN AWAY DAY**, called **GROWING ALOUD**, for both of our churches to get together in the lovely setting of Gildersome Parish Church. Easy directions will be provided and car shares organised. This will be on **Saturday 13 May** ....get the date in your diary now! It should start around 10.00 am and we will be away for 4.00pm. Lunch in the form of something like jacket potatoes with a tasty casserole will be provided along with the usual coffee and biscuits at regular intervals! The day will be an opportunity to be together and to share experiences and ideas and to realise that there are no 'right answers' in how to grow our church.

**HALIFAX LONG MARCH** : Volunteers needed to steward on Easter Sunday evening April 16-17<sup>th</sup>. Many Tasks are needed to be covered - patrolling the route, helping at rest centres (including St Johns), dealing with paperwork and catering. The work goes on through the night. You don't have to stay all night, you can select a time slot which suites you. Further details from Alan Hoggard or [www.longmarch.org.uk](http://www.longmarch.org.uk)

**VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR LENT LUNCHESES** – Tuesdays 10-14.30 – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> – involves setting up tables cooking (reheating) soup and clearing up afterwards Lunches are served from 12 noon to 13.30. Please get in touch with Oriol if you can help.

**LENT LUNCHESES** – Come and Enjoy a Lunch of Soup, Roll, Tea/Coffee – this will be **FREE OF CHARGE** but a donation towards our Mission Giving this year, Crosslinks, would be much appreciated.

**WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH** during lunches so we need someone to be in there to show people round or just to make sure all is okay. It would be good if a man could do this – dates 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> April. Thanks Cherry.

**LENT APPEAL 2017** : This year, during Lent, we are supporting Crosslinks, which is an international mission society with its roots in the Bible. It works largely within the worldwide Anglican Communion. Please take a labelled jar from the table and return it around Easter time with your donation.

**THE NEXT TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING** will be held on Saturday 11 March from 9.00 am to mid-day in St John's Church Hall. If you would like to book a table (£9.00) please speak to Rosemary or Norman Lake ( 01484 710339). We are also collecting items to sell on the Church stall (no electrical items or household linen please).

**LENT GROUPS** :This year we are to look at a course looking at how Christianity has been deepened and enriched from encounters with people from other religions. This course looks exciting and different from courses we have done in the past few years. There will be five weeks of House Groups starting Monday 6th March. A Sixth Joint Group to be held on Monday 10th April, at St Matthew's Parish Centre at 6.30pm with a Bring & Share Meal. A leaflet giving details of the venues and times of the groups can be found in Church. Please ask a Sidesman or Church Warden for a copy.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – This year this Service will be held at 2-00pm on Friday 3rd. March at the Salvation Army Community Church in Brighouse. The Prayers this year have been prepared by the Christian Women of the Philippines and a warm welcome is extended to ALL to the Service. Doreen Davis

**SPRING CONCERT SUNDAY 19th MARCH AT 7.30 PM.** After the successful New Year concert the Orchestra of Square Chapel will perform in our Church again while the Square Chapel in Halifax is renovated along with the Piece Hall. Tickets are £10 and £5 for students in full time education. This is a very popular orchestra so make sure you get your tickets early. There will be a bar before the concert when the doors open at 7.00 pm and during the interval. Tickets will be available from Christine James.

**PLEASE SEE TREVOR LEWIS** about application forms for the ELECTORAL ROLL. They need to be completed by Sunday 9th April.

**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 2017**

1st March	10.30 am Holy Communion
1st March	7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at St Matthew's
3rd March	7.30 am Morning Prayer
3rd March	2.00 pm Woman's World Day of Prayer - Salvation Army
11th March	Table Top Sale
19th March	7.30 pm Orchestra of the Square Chapel - Spring Concert
17th/18th April	Halifax Long March
13th May	Parish Away Day to Gildersome Parish Church



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



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## **A 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**

**Prayer for Growth:** As we near the end of the themed Sundays looking at the growth prayer line by line, and its meaning and implications for us, please think about what has struck you or touched you, what has inspired you or challenged you, the things that have opened your eyes to more than you'd thought of, or ideas from before that have come to the surface again. On Sunday March 5th, Marion will gather these ideas for us to discuss and explore in the service and beyond that. Come willing to speak your contribution, or write it down to pass to Marion on the day, or phone or email beforehand. We look forward to growing together through this.