

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 2nd April 2017

5th Sunday of Lent

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam
10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam
Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe
Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pam Dimpleby Page 868
Romans 8: 6-11 Cherry Fancourt Page 1134
John 11: 1-45 Christine Wilson Page 1077
Prayers: Margaret Ellis
Chalice : Janine Morrisroe and Roger Ellis

Sunday 2nd April: 5th Sunday of Lent - Old & New – Organ - (Graham Kennedy)

1. 54 Breathe on me, breath of God
2. 460 Spirit of the living God
3. 510 There's a wideness in God's mercy
4. 207 I am the bread of life
5. 509 There's a quiet understanding
6. 470 Take my life and let it be
7. 353 O for a thousand tongues

Prayers for the week: Collect for today Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: Pam McNulty, Majorie Moorhouse, Pat Wilcock, Roger Broadbent, Beryl Hearson, Helen Hearson, Philip Brough, Pat Hobson, Glynice Lord, Margaret Yuile, James Cherry, David Williams, Anne and John Milnes, Mandy Rochell, and Kathleen Karline. May your healing power be at work within each one in body, mind and spirit and we ask you to be with their loved ones and those who care for them. We pray also for your healing love to flow through all those who live and work in residential provision in Rastrick. (March)

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Birds Royd Lane, Woodlands Square, River Street, Vulcan Street and for all the staff and children in our neighbourhood schools.

We pray for those who have died 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 9th April 2017

Palm Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Gerald Savage and Oriel Kelly

Readings: Matthew 26:14-end of 27 Page 996

Prayers:

Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Allen Smith

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 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

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.

GROWING ALOUD is our Away Day for St John's and St Matthew's on Saturday 13 May. It is being held in the lovely setting of St Peter's Parish Church, Gildersome. Easy directions will be provided and shared transport arranged. Arrive for a cuppa from **9.00 am** to enable a prompt start at **9.30am!** We'll be away by 4.00pm.

Lunch will be in the form of a jacket potato with a tasty casserole (provided by 'The Team') and we would welcome anyone who feels that they could bring a pudding, of any sort which can be shared amongst others, to bring it along. The usual coffee and tea and a 'more-ish' tray bake will be provided 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. It will be a good positive time together with gentle fun! This is for everyone, and the more people we have the more we will see what a wonderful church community we are, with so much to share.

So that we know you are planning to come please complete the tear off slip in the Church magazine and give it to either John Mothersdale; Barbara Rainford, Cherry Fancourt or Julia Tum or sign the list in the Church or telephone Julia on

07773334771.

We all look forward to being together on this day.

HALIFAX LONG MARCH : The final stop of the 26 mile walk is at St Johns (after 18 miles) Volunteers are needed to steward from 3am to 10am on Easter Monday morning. Our main tasks will be to direct people from the end of Gooder Lane and to serve refreshments. Everything is provided we just required volunteers to offer a few hours of help.

There is a sign up on the sheet at the back of church which is split into 1 hour time slots. You don't have to stay all night, you can select a time slot which suites you. This year walkers are being able to raise funds for the charity of their choice although the registration fees and any surplus does go to Christian aid. If anyone is encouraged to walk all or part of the distance for St Johns then that would be great.

More details from Alan Hoggard or www.longmarch.org.uk

LENT LUNCHESES – TUESDAYS DURING LENT. 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. During the lunch period the church will be open for prayer and reflection.

AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK: (Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless). This is a long term commitment. Donations can be placed in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

KNIT AND NATTER This is proving very successful and will continue. All hats, mitts and scarves will be kept until needed next Autumn. Cardigans and jumpers will still be taken to BASH. Some people are knitting fir other charities - Oxfam, jumpers for Mara and twiddle muffs for people with Alzheimer's. Knit and Natter continues on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon at Ella's Home, 11 Ashlea Avenue. Many thanks. Missions and Charities.

RASTRICK ST JOHN'S OPEN GARDENS. Offers to open your gardens are urgently required if the event is to run this Summer '17. Provisional date **Saturday 1st July** (not fixed) please phone Anne Aspinal on 01484 718969 and leave a message. Thank you. AA

CHRISTIAN AID : After much discussion the PCC decided that we should continue with envelope distribution and collection for those people who feel that they are willing to take part. To help Christine Whitaker to put out the correct number of envelopes required, please will you sign the form at back of church, and state which street/s you are willing to do. Barbara Rukin

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.. The Lent House Groups started on 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.

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

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.

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.

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES 2017/18 :The freewill offering envelopes for the new financial year are available at the back of Church and will commence on Sunday, 9 April 2017.

Gift Aid users – please take the box set allocated to you by name.

Unnamed boxes are available for general (Non-Gift Aid) use, anyone wishing to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order should see Cherry Fancourt or Gerald Savage.

THE FORM INCLUDED WITH MARION'S RECENT LETTER is the latest issued by HMRC and is required to be completed before future claims can be made. The Church's claim covering the period July to December 2016 is ready to be submitted but requires completed forms to be returned before so doing. We would be grateful for a speedy return of forms to Church, Cherry Fancourt, Gerald Savage or Alan Hoggard as appropriate. Thank you.

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**

DIARY 2017

4th April	Lent Lunch 12 noon - 1.30pm
5th April	10.30 am Holy Communion
7th April	7.30 am Morning Prayer
23rd April	APCM
17th/18th April	Halifax Long Walk
13th May	Parish Away Day to Gildersome Parish Church