

## 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 December 2018 1st Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Marion Russell

10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Marion Russell

Sidesman : Gerald Savage and Oriel Kelly

Readings : Psalm 25: 1-9 Congregation Page 556

1 Thessalonians 3:9-end Carol Harvey Page 1187

Luke 21: 25-36 David Marshall Page 1026

Prayers : Alan Hoggard

Chalice : Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Old & New – Organ (*Gordon Balmforth*)

#### Advent Sunday

1. 179 Hail to the Lord's anointed
2. 296 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
3. 282 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
4. *Listen to the reflective music, then...*
5. 117 Father, who in Jesus found us
6. 205 How lovely on the mountains (*Our God reigns*)

**Collect** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**WE PRAY FOR YOUR HEALING LOVE** be at work in each one of these we name, according to their need: Jeremy Aske, Sofia Hageen, Douglas Hartley, Marion Walton, Paul Whitaker, David Coop, Keith Redfearn, Jean Hannam, Marjorie Moorhouse, Pat Wilcock, Helen Hearson, Glynice Lord, David Williams, Jane, James, Anne and John Milnes, and those in local residential provision.

**WE PRAY FOR** the parishes of St John and St Matthew, for all who live and work in Rastrick, and those who travel through. This week we particularly ask your blessing on Badger Hill, Dewsbury Road, Clough Lane, Fixby View, Fixby View Yard and the staff and children at Carr Green School.

**WE PRAY FOR** the recently departed, and for all who mourn that they will know your love through those who grieve with them.

## **Sunday 9th December 2018 2nd Sunday of Advent**

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam  
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam  
Sidesman : Janet Thain , Audrey Belcher and Barry Belcher  
Readings : Malachi 3: 1-4 Derek Davis Page 961  
Philippians 1: 3-11 Holly Mason Page 1178  
Luke 3: 1-6 Gerald Savage Page 1029  
Prayers : Glenn Tatton  
Chalice : Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis  
Brasses: Mothers' Union

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)

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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)

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 10 am to noon.

**BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK.** This month we are collecting tins of meat, fish, potatoes, vegetables, anything to make a warm meal now winter is well on its way. Any tins and toiletries are always welcome. Any donations can be placed in the basket at the back of church. Thank you for your continuing support. Missions and Charities Committee.

**TRAIDCRAFT STALL** There are two Christmas brochures on the Traidcraft stall (all I have been able to get). Please browse through one of these and choose some Christmas cards or paper then let me have your order. Thank you for supporting Traidcraft! Rosemary

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

**HEALING - BENEFICE EVENING SERVICES.** Our final benefice evening serie in this autumn healing series is 16th December, 7.00 pm at St John's: Nine Lessons and Carols - The Incarnation, God with us.

**BEER FESTIVAL** - The committee are pleased to announce that the Festival made a profit of just over £5,000 and with gift aid £6,000 was distributed at the presentation evening. £1,000 was given the Turning Point and £1,000 to the Yorkshire Children's Trust. £4,000 was given to the church.

**THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH IS NOW FULL .**

**MOTHERS UNION CHRISTMAS GOODIES STALL IS TODAY**– Raffle, Cakes, Christmas Puddings. Mince Pies and all things delicious.

**TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S PANTOMIME** are now on sale priced at only £6 and £4 for concessions. To make sure you do not miss out contact Felicity Helliwell on 07849 726354.

There will be a raffle at each performance, so, if you have anything you think could be used as a prize please contact Graham on 01484 713699 or give it to him after a morning service. Thank you.

**UNIFORMED ORGANISATION'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** at St John the Divine on Monday 10th December 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm with refreshments afterwards. Come to enjoy singing carols with the young people and their families, getting to know them and share the affirmation in awards being given.

**THE REX CINEMA ELLAND WROTE TO SAY THEY WILL BE SHOWING** the inspiring Christian film "I Can Only Imagine" (PG) for one performance only on: Thursday 6th December at 7.45pm. See [www.icanonlyimagine.co.uk](http://www.icanonlyimagine.co.uk) for details.

Do encourage your congregation to attend. They will thoroughly enjoy it. With this historic cinema's large capacity, it would be lovely if the churches together in the area use this opportunity for a big celebratory united event. Hopefully some can bring their friends too.

An inspiring interview about the film can be found at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=oordjyYIN9A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oordjyYIN9A)

**RASTRICK GROWING TOGETHER INVITE YOU TO** "Be Still, Be Still, b4 Xmas" Saturdays 9.30 - 10.30 am , 8th and 15th December 2018. At St Matthew's Church, Rastrick. A time to make friends, a guided time of stillness, followed by coffee/tea and cake. EVERYONE WELCOME. Contact Revd Marion for more details 01484 713386.

### **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

**THE CONFERENCE SUITE** is getting busier and busier which is good. If you want to book the suite contact Rod Dimbleby on 717593. If you want to just check if the room is available go <http://tinyurl.com/jcjrehp> and you will see the community hall calendar which is very simple to use. (Once you have found the calendar just add the link to your Favourites so you easily access it again). You may have noticed in the Sturrock Room that HIC have installed a projection screen which take some pressure from the conference suite when there is a need for double booking or a small group meeting.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** - a single item agenda to approve the accounts. This will be held after the morning service at 12 noon on 16th December.

**THE MONDAY EVENING GROUP AT SHIRLEY'S WILL NOT BE MEETING FOR TWO WEEKS**, on Monday, 3rd or 10th December. Next meeting Monday, 17th December

**SESSIONS FOR ALL THOSE WHO SHARE INTERCESSIONS AND READ FROM THE BIBLE IN OUR WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S.** Sunday 7th January and Sunday 14th January 2019, after the 10.15 Service, we will meet for half an hour to hone our skills in reading from The Word of God. I hope that these dates and time will be good for you. With many blessings to you all, and thank you so much for serving God in this way and the massive contribution you make to our Church. Everyone is welcome!

#### **DIARY**

2nd December	Mothers' Union Christmas Goodies Stall
3rd - 8th December	Panto week - Jack and the Beanstalk
5th November	9.30 am Benefice Communion at St Matthew's
6th December	7.45 Rex Cinema 'I can only Imagine'
7th December	7.30 pm Morning Prayers
10th December	7.00 pm Uniformed Organisation's Carol Service
11th December	12 noon Annual Christmas Dinner
12th December	8.00 pm Wednesday Nighters' Christmas Party
16th December	12 noon Special Annual Church Meeting
16th December	7.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols
24th December	3 pm and 5 pm Christingle
27 <sup>th</sup> December	11 am St John's Day Walk from Bradley Park Golf Club
7th January	12 noon Skills in reading from The Word of God.
8th January	12 noon Community Lunch
14th January	12 noon Skills in reading from The Word of God.



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