

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 30th April 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell / Canon Michael Storey
10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell / Canon Michael Storey

Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Doreen Davis., Simon Davis and Pat Hobson

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Margaret Ellis Page 1089
1 Peter 1:17-23 Norman Lake Page 1217
Luke 24: 13-35 Doreen Davis Page 1061

Prayers: Allen Smith

Chalice : Janine Morrisroe and Barbara Rukin

Sunday 30th April: 3rd Sunday of Easter - Old & New – Organ - (Gordon Balmforth)

1. 266 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
2. 267 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives.
3. 543 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
4. 268 Jesus, stand among us in thy risen power
5. 47 Bind us together, Lord
6. 52 Bread off heaven, on thee we feed
7. 14 All my hope on God is founded

Prayers for the week: Collect for today Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **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, 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. (April)

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live Castlefields Crescent, Castlefields Drive, Castlefields Road, and for all the staff and children in Carr Green School.

We pray for those who have 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 7th May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Margaret Raine

Readings: Acts 2: 42-end Nina Nicholson Page 1094

1 Peter 2: 19-end Cherry Fancourt Page 1218

John 10: 1-10 Pam Dimpleby Page 1076

Prayers: Julia Tum

Chalice : Allen Smith and David Marshall

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.

BACON BUTTIES The Missions and Charities group will be serving bacon butties between 9.30 – 10 and after the 10.15 service on **Sunday 14th May** and Sunday 21st May. No charge but donations to Christian Aid will be welcome.

COFFEE DAY AT JANE SENIOR'S HOME TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2pm – 6pm
171 Laund Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield HD3 3TZ. Tickets: £1 from Cherry. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be served. (The committee will provide the raffle prize but could members please bring some goodies for the cake stall).

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 for 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.

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

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.

HALF DAY WALK: SUNDAY 7TH MAY

Leaders: Anne and Robert 01484 716871

Leaving Church at 1 pm.

Distance: 5 miles

Parking in Cleckheaton on Northgate.

Walking along the Spen Valley Heritage Trail to Drub, Little Gomersal and Littletown. Returning to Cleckheaton on Route 66 (watch out for the sheep).

An easy walk with some road walking involved.

GRAND SATURDAY CONCERT : New Road Independent Family Church.
6th May at 7pm when Elland Male Voice Choir will be singing. Admission £5 including supper. Collect tickets from members or Tel. 713029.

RASTRICK OPEN GARDENS Although we have just four gardens offered : Hearsons, Frances, Ellis' & Aspinalls, we have decided to "give it a go"- Hoping that there will still be some enthusiasm for the idea. The date to be **Sat. 1st July '17** so as to include the most gardens available. PLEASE THINK ABOUT OFFERING TO HELP AT ONE OF THE VENUES ON THE DAY...also PLEASE START DIVIDING OR RAISING PLANTS FOR THE PLANT STALL and collecting garden bric-a-brac Thanks. AA 01484 718969
(deadline for offers to open your garden is May 1st)

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**

WEDNESDAY (3RD MAY) - CICS (Christians In Calderdale Schools) Annual Open Meeting and Celebration Night for the Inspire Award Win - 7pm at St Michael's Church Hall, Mytholmroyd. Come and hear more about the exciting work in schools across Calderdale.

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY - The 95 Tour with Tim Hastie-Smith, National Director of Scripture Union. Free breakfast followed by an inspirational presentation on reaching the 95% of children and young people not connected with church. 8.30am - 10am at The King's Centre, Park Road, Halifax - please book for the breakfast see www.cicscalderdale.org.uk/events

DIARY 2017

3rd May	10.30 am Holy Communion
5th May	7.30 am Morning Prayer
7th May	Half day Rucksack Club walk
13th May	Parish Away Day to Gildersome Parish Church
20th May	Full day walk Rucksack Club



Web site : www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk



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



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IN TODAY'S WORLD WE FACE MANY CHALLENGES, from global warming to the prospect of increasing automation putting huge numbers of people out of work. These issues raise profound questions about the way in which humans work in all its forms and impacts on both the natural world and the human community. This lecture will seek to explore some of these questions from the perspective of the Christian faith and ask what resources it might bring to the discussion about our shared future on this earth. The event is being held at the Bronte Lecture theatre on the University of Huddersfield campus (Ground Floor, Lecture Theatre 10). This is a free event but please note that places are limited so please register for your place on the Eventbrite link :

<https://whatonearthareweherefor.eventbrite.co.uk>

Thursday 18 May 18:30 – 19:30