

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 31st December 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Storey
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Canon Michael Storey

Sidesman: TBA

Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Derek Davis Page 748
Galatians 4:4-7 Holly Mason Page 1170
Luke 2: 15-21 Gerald Savage Page 1028

Prayers: Julia Tum

Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Allen Smith

Brasses : Mothers Union

Sunday 31st December: 1st Sunday of Christmas – Old & New – Organ (Gordon Balmforth)

1. 287 Let us praise God together
2. 258 Jesus, good above all other
3. 580 While shepherds watched
4. 237 In the bleak midwinter
5. 265 Jesus, name above all names
6. 1 Abba, Father
7. 421 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him

Prayers God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: 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 Healey Wood Road, Healey Wood Crescent, Healey Wood Gardens, Healey Wood Grove and the staff and children in our schools returning after their Christmas holiday.

We pray for those who have recently died especially F. Stanley Aspinall and Norman Yuile. 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 January 2018

Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
Sidesman: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morisroe
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Dianne Knowles Page 746
Psalm 72: 1-9, 10-15 Norman Lake Page 585
Matthew 2: 1-12 Doreen Davis Page 966
Prayers: Margaret Ellis
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. Needles will start clicking again on Wednesday January 3rd at Ella's home 11, Ashlea Avenue from 10am to 12 noon.

Every good wish for 2018 from all those in the Knit and Natter Group.

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK Missions and Charities are sad that Bash Local has now closed but the good news is that the ongoing legacy will be that the Central Methodist Church volunteers are going to keep the Foodbank going which we at St John's will continue to support. Only food or toiletries can be accepted for the foodbank. These gifts will make a big difference to local people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

Thank you for your support Missions and Charities Committee

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR RECEIVING LETTERS AND CARDS. Please can you save the stamps and put them in the magazine box. Thank you.

THE FIGURES ARE IN FOR THE UKELELE CONCERT last October. For the hire of the Church, sale of raffle tickets and the bar takings we made the fantastic sum of **£583**. It was very hard work for a few people but with their efforts this magnificent sum was achieved. Thank you very much to all who helped.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS QUIZ NIGHT will be held in the hall on January 10th at 7.45 pm. Our resident quizmaster, Robert Beaumont, will be setting the questions. Nibbles will be provided but bring your own drinks and a glass. EVERYONE welcome.

THE ACCORD SINGERS : Thanks to all those who donated mince pies or helped in any way. **£170** was raised for church funds and a further **£84** donated to the Accord Singers from the split retiring collection.

RUCKSACK CLUB: Full Day Walk - Saturday January 13th 2018

Leader: Rod France (Mobile: 07920238561)

Leaving Church: 9.45am for a 6 mile walk around New Mill or Scholes along village roads, farm and woodland tracks.

On completion of the walk, if anyone is interested Rod will organise a fish and chip meal at Blakeleys, Brighthouse.

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

5th January	7.30 am Morning Prayer
10th January	7.30 pm PCC
10th January	7.45 pm Wednesday Nighters Quiz
13th January	9.45 am Rucksack Club Walk leaving from Church



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



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