

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 3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Doreen Davis, Simon Davis and Margaret Raine
Readings: Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20 **9.am only** Page 592
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Margaret Ellis Page 1144
Mark 13:24 -end Gerald Savage Page 1019
Prayers: Glenn Tatton
Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Margaret Ellis

Sunday 3rd December: Advent Sunday Music Corporate – Both books – Organ (Gordon Balmforth) & Group

Hymn Book: Old & New

1. 349 O come, O come Immanuel (first verse SJV unaccompanied - please join in at verse 2)
2. 283 Let all the world in every corner sing
3. 296 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Hymn Book: The Source

4. Music Group on their own, "What kind of greatness".
5. 47 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
6. 118 Give thanks with a grateful heart
7. 189 How lovely on the mountains (Our God reigns)

Prayers 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 by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: Andrew Taylor, Margaret Yuile, Norman Yuile, 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 living in Badger Hill, Dewsbury Road, Clough Lane, Fixby View, Fixby View Yard and the staff and children at Carr Green School.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Susan Lily Cox. 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 10th December 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam / Rev Marion Russell

Sidesmen: Julia Tum and Carol Harvey

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 Shirley Stow Page 723
2 Peter 3: 8-15a Soo Sykes Page 1224
Mark 1:1-8 David Marshall Page 1002

Prayers: Allen Smith
Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Roger Ellis
Brassess : Julia Tum and Hilary Cartwright

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 As the days become colder the need for children's jumpers, cardigans, hats, scarves and mittens become more important. Extra knitters (natterer's) are always welcome at Ella's home 11, Ashlea Avenue every Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon. If you prefer to knit at home you can place your garments in the BASH basket at the back of Church. Happy knitting. Many thanks.

BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 12th December 12.30pm for 1.00pm - £15 (5 courses) contact Cherry 01484 385080 or text 07816757334 to book.

BASH LOCAL Missions and Charities are sad to hear that Bash Local is to close on the 30th November due to lack of funding. 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. Thank you. Missions and Charities Committee.

MINCE PIES NEEDED FOR THE 17TH DECEMBER ACCORD SINGERS

CONCERT. Please can we have some home baked mince pies. All profits from refreshments will go into Church funds. Please let Barbara know how many you can bake. There will be a retiring collection to be split between the Accord Singers and Church.

TICKET SALES FOR MOTHER GOOSE Tickets are now on sale for this year's pantomime, Mother Goose. Prices are 2 tickets for £6 on Monday, £6 (full) and £3 (concession) for Tuesday to Saturday Matinee and all tickets £6 on Saturday night. This is the cheapest, and best value you will get in Calderdale. Contact Felicity Helliwell on 07849 726354 to make your bookings, BUT HURRY!

Finally, are you able to provide a raffle prize for the nightly raffles at the shows? If so please contact Graham Readshaw on 01484 713699 or 07949 082402.

BEER AND BANTER CHRISTMAS MEAL THE GLOBE 11TH

DECEMBER 7PM Anyone wishing to book a meal (£12.95 for 3 courses) can you please contact Alan (07756035591 or email: alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk) by 1st December – All Men welcome.

A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT Can you make time this December to come together with others and explore this wonderful season of Waiting, Preparation, Expectation and Hope?

Groups will be meeting at the following times and dates:

Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th - 50 Archbell Ave, HD6 3SU (Shirley Tel 714209)

7:30pm – 9:15pm

Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th - 163 Halifax Road, HD6 2EQ (Alan 719631)

7:45pm – 9:15pm

Wednesdays 6th, 13th 20th - 144 Huddersfield Road, HD6 3RT (Pearl Tel 713961)

2:15pm-4.00pm

Thursdays 14th & 21st - 27 Daisy Road, HD6 3SY (Judith Tel 716399)

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Further details from Alan (01484-719631) or Julia (01484 – 400227

TRAIIDCRAFT We have some Real Advent Calendars on sale at the Traidcraft stall so if you want to prepare for Christmas with something more meaningful than most of the Advent Calendars out there (Greggs advent calendar anyone?) then get one now. Remember to pick up a Traidcraft Christmas catalogue as well. Even if you just buy a pack of Christmas cards or a roll of wrapping paper from Traidcraft this year you are helping others to have a better life. Hand orders to Rosemary Lake or just leave them on the Traidcraft stall and I will make sure you have them in plenty of time.

ELLAND MALE VOICE CHOIR WILL BE IN CONCERT IN ST

MATTHEW'S CHURCH on Saturday 9 December at 7.30 pm Tickets - £8.00 are available from Brian Spence (716264) and Iain Bedson (718825) Wine and Mince pies will be available on the night.

HUDDERSFIELD AREA MOTHERS UNION (which we in Rastrick are part of) are having an Advent Service at Halifax Minster on Wednesday 6th. Dec. @ 1-30pm. As many members as possible encouraged to attend, as this will be a lovely Service in preparation for Christmas. Doreen Davis.

RUCKSACK CLUB ST JOHN'S DAY WALK AND LUNCH WEDNESDAY

27TH DECEMBER. There will be a Communion Service at Church at 9.30am to celebrate St John the Divine Saints Day. Meet at Bradley Park Golf Club at 10.45am ready for walking at 11.00am.

Walk leaders: Eric and Judith (01484 716652)

An easy 4 mile / 2 1/2hour family walk from the Golf Club.

The cost of the meal is £6.00 per head. Please put your names on the list and pay Anne or Robert for the meal by Sunday 17th December.

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

3rd December (**TODAY**) Mothers Union Christmas stall

4th to 9th December Pantomime Week

6th December 10.30 am Holy Communion

8th December 7.30 am Morning Prayer

6th December 1.30 pm Mothers Union Advent Service at Halifax Minster

9th December 7.30 pm Elland Male Voice Choir at St Matthew's

11th December 7 pm Beer and Banter Dinner @ The Globe

12th December Christmas Lunch

17th December Accord Singers Concert in Church

27th December 9.30 am St John's Service, Walk and Lunch



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