

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 4th February 2018 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Jill Swallow
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Jill Swallow

Sidesman: Julia Tum and Carol Harvey

Readings: Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 Pam Dimbleby Page 641
 Psalm 104: 24-end Congregation Page 607
 Colossians 1:15-20 Derek Davis Page 1182
 John 1: 1-14 Christine Wilson Page 1063

Prayers: Cherry Fancourt

Chalice: Allen Smith and Cherry Fancourt

Sunday 4th February : 2nd Sunday before Lent – Old & New – Organ - (Graham Rayner)

1. 46 Be thou my vision
2. 54 Breathe on me, Breath of God
3. 538 Thou, whose almighty Word
4. 344 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling (Verse 1 & Part 2 only)
5. 42 Be still and know
6. 149 God be in my head
7. 31 Angel voices ever singing

Prayers Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: David Coop, 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 Heath Mount Road, Knowles Road, Archbell Avenue, Glyndon Court. the staff and children in Highbury School and the Rastrick Firefighters and their families.

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 11th February 2018**Sunday next before Lent**

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

Sidesman: Gerald Savage and Oriel Kelly

Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Graham Readshaw Page 369
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Shirley Stow Page 1160
Mark 9: 2-9 Nina Nicholson Page 1012

Prayers: Soo Sykes

Chalice: David Marshall and Margaret 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)

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 :_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 10am to noon.

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK: St John's will continue to support Brighthouse Central Foodbank. 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.

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

LENT GROUPS Please would you be able to HOST a Lent Group this year? Groups would start week beginning Monday 19th February for 5 weeks, (26th Feb, March 5th, 12th, & 19th). Please can you offer to LEAD a Lent Group for weeks as above? Please choose a time and day suitable for yourself and importantly tell Barbara Rukin of your decision.

HOUSE GROUP: The Monday evening house group continues to meet at Shirley Stows house (50 Archbell Ave, HD6 3SU) at 7:45pm. Regulars and new starters are most welcome.

RUCKSACK CLUB AGM – Wednesday 7th February – 7.30 pm

The meeting will be held in the Sturrock Room followed by a Pie and Pea Supper. Please put your name on the list in Church to order your supper. If anyone would like to join the Rucksack Club Committee, please put your name on the appropriate list.

FULL DAY WALK: Saturday 10th February

Leader : Stephen and Jennifer Guy - 01484 712874

Walk 6 miles – Apperley Bridge and Leeds Liverpool Canal.

Leave church at 9-45 a.m.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Full Day walk: Saturday 17th March:

COFFEE MORNING On Saturday 24th February, I am having a Coffee Morning with Cake Stall, raffle etc. at 8, Healey Wood Gardens from 10.00am-12noon to raise funds for the Safe House in Mara Diocese. The Safe House has been set up to support girls as young as 13, who wish to avoid the FGM culture and its consequences. Female Genital Mutilation is illegal in Tanzania but is still practised by some tribes. The Safe House has had some success in returning girls to their families with a promise that they will be safe but some girls cannot return home. Then the Safe House provides a refuge as well as education and training. Julia has already started the fund raising, so please come along and lend your support. Thank you. Oriel Kelly.

ADVANCE NOTICE : The next Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 10th March from 9.00 am to mid-day in St John's Church Hall. If you would like to book a table (£9.00) please speak to Rosemary Lake, call 01484 710339 or text on 07811825471. We are running a Church Stall as usual so would welcome any donations (no electrical items please) and offers of help to run the Stall on the day. Thanks.

**Growing Allowed! Our Second Away Day
for the Churches of St Matthew's and St John's**

Saturday 12 May 2018: 9.00 – 9.30 for coffee finishing by 4.00pm latest!

Please save the date!

Remember the success and fun we had at our last Away Day held at St Peter's Church Centre, Gildersome? Well we are busy organising another Away Day at Gildersome again – the venue was just right for us and it provided a lovely worship and discussion space and gave us superb catering facilities and dining area. If the weather is bright and warm the grounds are really lovely to walk or sit in.

Many more details to come. Just watch this space and in your Church magazines!

COME AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH in St John's Community Hall Tuesday 6th February 12 noon till 1.15 pm. Chicken pie or shepherds pie will be served with potatoes and vegetables. Puddings will be served as well as coffee and tea. Donations appreciated.

THE HALIFAX WINTER SHELTER runs by Christians Together in Halifax is hugely grateful for all the immense support they received, However, they are making a plea for help from people who can commit to being part of a daily team to cook the evening meal, reheat, or act as a kitchen hand. If you are willing to commit to this for the next 8 weeks on a Thursday or Friday, or Saturday from about 6pm-8.30pm, please speak to Marion for more information or phone Rev Linda Maslen 07595949153

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

6th February	Noon till 1.15 pm Community Lunch in the hall
9th February	7.30 am Morning Prayer
10th February	9.45 am Rucksack Club Full Day Walk
12th February	12.30 pm M.U. Area Council Meeting at St Thomas's, Fixby
14th February	7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Benefice Service at St Matthew's
14th February	8.00 pm Wednesday Nighters Cheese and Wine
19th February	Beer and Banter @ The Globe - Over the hill with P and K
24th February	Coffee morning at Oriel Kelly's - 8 Healey Wood Gardens
10th March	Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning



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