

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.

Sunday 4th January 2015

Epiphany



9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam
6.30 p.m. Informal Evening Service
Sidesmen: Janet Thain, Barrie Belcher and Audrey Belcher
Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 page 746 Norman Lake
Ephesians 3:1-12 page 1174 Margaret Ellis
Matthew 2: 1-12 page 966 Doreen Davis

Prayers: David Marshall

Chalice: Roger Ellis and Janine Morrisroe

Hymns: **Old & New – Organ** (*Gordon Normanton*)

1. Brightest and best (*on back of newsletter*)
2. 570 We three kings
3. 406 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
4. 525 This is my body, broken for you
5. 509 There's a quiet understanding
6. 35 As with gladness men of old
7. Lord, the light of your love is shining (*on back of newsletter*)

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We pray for the suffering, especially Stan Brown, Dorothy Taylor, Holly Ferguson, Geoffrey Nicholson, Neil Shaw, Joan Smith, the patients at our local hospices and those who live in Cygnet Lodge. Ease their pain, and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present to them through the support of family and friends and in the care of doctors and nurses and fill them with the warmth of your love.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, particularly those who live in Long Ridge, Toothill Lane, Toothill Bank and Toothill Avenue

We pray for the departed. Surround all who mourn with your love. Give courage and companionship as they adjust to their loss and be with them as they grieve.

Sunday 11th January 2015

1st Sunday of Epiphany

Baptism of Christ

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Pat Hobson
Readings: Genesis 1: 1-5 page 3 Pat Hobson
Acts 19: 1-7 page 1115 Derek Davis
Mark 1:4-11 page 1002 Nina Nicholson
Prayers: Glenn Tatton
Chalice: David Marshall and Cherry fancourt
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 McCarthy (537399) Website: www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk e mail Alan Hoggard alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk to promote events or information for the website.

If you wish to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order see Cherry or Gerald.

Please send newsletter items to Margaret Ellis (718013) or e mail ellis700@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Wednesdays

The Pastoral Care Team is Alan Hoggard, Margaret Ellis, Judith Readshaw, Jo Lewis, Freda Broadbent, Doreen Davis, Anne Aspinall, Cherry Fancourt, Christine James and Dianne Bates

For young children and carers we have a crèche in the Lady Chapel. There is a children's area with books, toys and service-relevant materials where they can sit and colour. New bible toys may be taken to 'pews' during the service, then returned to the Children's area

PRAYER GROUP AT THE VICARAGE: Next meeting: 11th January, for an hour from 6.30 pm and continuing 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. We continue to pray for peace, for the Middle- East and other matters close to our hearts. This is an informal group, and anyone is welcome to come regularly or occasionally.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: December 2014-November 2015. Would you like to organise or help with an event during this important year in the life of our Church? Contact a member of the co-ordinating group: Rev. Marion Russell, Ann Johnson (769297) annjohnson@hotmail.co.uk, David Marshall (718182) or Stephen Hannam (716053)

Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning by Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

1. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the east the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2. Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall:
angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,
maker and monarch, and Saviour of all.

3. Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion
odours of Edom, and offerings divine;
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
vainly with gifts would His favour secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration;
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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Lord, the light of your love is shining (*Shine, Jesus, shine*)

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word

Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me. *Graham Kendrick Copyright © 1987 Make Way Music*

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MOTHERS' UNION: WAVE OF PRAYER Friday 9th January at 9 a.m. Meet in the Lady Chapel

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES: Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christingles and to those who stewarded

FLOWER ROTA: Add your name to the rota if you wish to provide flowers for a special memory. Christine and Barbara

QUIZ NIGHT: Please join us for the church Quiz at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday 7th January in the Church Hall. Bring your own drinks and glasses, nibbles provided. EVERYONE WELCOME. Barbara

BEER AND BANTER-MEN ONLY: 8 p.m. Mondays at 'The Globe' 26th January: Norman Lake: 'Educating Honley.'

WELCOME CENTRE: We are collecting **tinned and dried potatoes in January**. Many thanks for your support

RUCKSACK CLUB WALK: Saturday 17th January: Leaving Church: 9.30 a.m. Leader: David Wilson: (713549) 9 mile walk in the Thurstonland area. Please put your name on the list in Church or contact David.

AGM: Wednesday 4th February at 7.30 pm in the Sturrock Room followed by a Pie and Peas Supper. Names on the list in Church please to order. If you would like to join the Committee, please put your name on the appropriate list.

Full Day Walk – Saturday 14th February Leader – Stephen Guy: (712874)

DIARY

Monday 5th January: 6.30 p.m. Powerhouse Prayers in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 7th January: 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion 7.45 p.m. Quiz Night

Friday 9th January: 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9 a.m. MU Wave of Prayer (see above)

Friday 23rd January: Blood donor sessions in Church Hall

