

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2105

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell  
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell and baptism  
Mothers' Union Goodies stall and raffle in the hall after the service  
Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Simon Davis, Dorren Davis, Margaret Raine  
Readings: Philippians 1: 3-11 page 1178 Audrey Belcher  
Luke 3: 1-6 page 1029 Nina Nicholson  
Prayers: Margaret Ellis  
Chalice: David Marshall and Cherry Fancourt  
Hymns: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**Old & New & The Source**– Organ (*Gordon Normanton*)  
1. 92 Come thou long expected Jesus  
2. 179 Hail to the Lord's anointed  
3. 370 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
4. 18 **Amazing grace (in The Source)**  
5. 465 **Such Love (in The Source)**  
6. 47 **Be still for the presence of the Lord (in The Source)**  
7. 154 God is working his purpose out



**Prayers for the week: Collect for today:** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

We pray for the suffering, especially Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Linda Khourey, Kathleen Carline, Derek Brown, Anne Milnes, Dorothy Taylor, Geoffrey Nicholson, 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 welcome and pray for Gregor Atticus Giles Hirst as he is baptised today and his parents Helen and Matt and brothers Job and Sebastian

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Slade Lane, Lower Fold, Fletcher Crescent and Field Lane School

We pray for those who have died, especially Margaret (Molly) Brook. 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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2105

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell/Rev. Stephen Hannam  
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell/ Rev. Stephen Hannam  
Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe  
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-end page 947 Shirley Stow  
Philippians 4: 4-7 page 1181 Ella Campbell  
Luke 3: 7-18 page 1029 Roger Ellis  
Prayers: David Marshall  
Chalice: Barbara Rukin and Allen Smith  
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 e mail Alan Hoggard [alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk) to promote events or information for the website.

Please send newsletter items to Margaret Ellis (718013) or email [ellis700@btinternet.com](mailto:ellis700@btinternet.com) by **N.B. 5 p.m.** on Wednesdays

*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.*

**PRAYER GROUP AT VICARAGE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month at 6.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME

**TRAIDCRAFT:** Show your care at Christmas. What better time to show your care about fighting poverty? Buy some of your Christmas items from Traidcraft. See brochures on the stall and give your orders to Rosemary Lake

**FLOWERS FOR CHURCH:** If you able to provide flowers in Church for someone dear to you or to celebrate a special occasion please put your name on the rota on the notice board or see Christine or Barbara. A basket is provided at the back of church for donations towards decorating our church for Christmas.

**CAROLS:** through the Ages by The Accord Singers, a lovely theme for our centenary year. Entry free but there may be a bucket collection. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the interval. Please come along on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able to donate home made mince pies (or others) please see Ann J or Barbara

**RESOURCES FOR NYAKISWA SCHOOLS:** Many thanks to everyone who has so generously supported our fund raising. Currently, the total is £685. This will be divided between the three schools in Nyakiswa – 2 Primary and 1 Secondary. In November, we sent £353.96 out to buy mosquito nets for schoolchildren. Alan, Mary and I hope to visit all three schools during our visit in February. *Oriel*

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH PEOPLE:** The display board for Christmas cards is available at the back of Church. Any donations in lieu of cards will go to BASH – Brighouse and Surrounding Homeless. Thank you, from the Missions and Charities group

**NEW CHURCH CARDS:** Suitable for any occasion. New designs all taken from the centenary flower festival. No price increase, still excellent value at £3 for 6 cards or 50p each. Two different packs are available and are on sale from the table next to the church door. *Pat Lee*

**CENTENARY CDS:** Due to popular demand the two history slideshows shown during the centenary weekend are now available on CD that will run on any Windows computer. They can be found at the back of church. The CD also contains all the photos in the presentations and a very large quantity of unseen photographs. The CD can be purchased at £3.00, the same price as the centenary booklet which would make a lovely Christmas present for friends who might have moved away. *David James*

**NEW ROAD:** Carol Singing at Lands House on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

**PANTOMIME:** Please contact Graham Readshaw (713699) if you have anything that would be suitable for use in the pantomime raffle. Contact Sharon Berry (719143) Tickets are £5 full and £3 concessions and two full for the price of one on Monday night only. All profits raised go to church

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** in the Church Hall. 12.30p.m. for 1 p.m. Five courses including wine for £13.50 Tickets available form Cherry (385080)

**CENTENARY ITEMS FOR SALE:** See Carol Harvey to purchase any available items and order beakers with coasters for £12 each set or £20 for two **CENTENARY BOOKLET and centenary C.Ds** : On table at the back of church for purchase @ £3 each. A box is provided for monies.

**RUCKSACK CLUB WALK AND LUNCH:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December Leaders: Eric and Robert (01484 716871) Park at Bradley Park Golf Club ready for walking at 11.00am. An easy 4.5 mile / 2 1/2hour walk from the Golf Club. Walking down Shepherds Thorn Lane, through Bradley Woods and down to Woodhouse Lane. Along the canal bank towards Bradley Hall, over the unmanned railway crossing (taking great care), then uphill to join the Kirklees Way, skirting round the golf course back to the club house ready to enjoy a hot beef sandwich, chips and gravy at 2.00pm. The cost of the meal is £5.00 per head. Please put your names on the list in Church and pay Anne or Robert for the meal on or before by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. A family walk open to all.

Dates for your 2016 diary: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Full Day Walk Leaders: Roger and Margaret

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: AGM in the Sturrock Room at 7.15 pm.

**500<sup>th</sup> Walk Celebration Weekend: March 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 2016 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Walk Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Lunch - Berties @Number One, Elland. The cost of the 3 course lunch including coffee is £24.50 per person. The balance is to be paid at the AGM on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016. Come and join the Rucksack Club for all or part of this special weekend.**

## **DIARY 2015**

PANTOMIME-CINDERELLA	7-12 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Parents and Toddlers Group Nativity in Church
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	7 p.m. Advent Reflection at St. Matthew's
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Christmas Dinner (see above)
7 p.m. Charles Wood Memorial Service	8 p.m. Wednesday Nighters Christmas Party
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Woodhouse School Nativity 9-11.30 a.m.
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Accord Singers concert (see above)
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	8 p.m. Beer and Banter at the Globe 'Christmas cheer'
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. John's walk and lunch (see above)
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Blood Doning sessions

## **DIARY 2016**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016** 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. meeting

