

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 6th March 2016

4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
Parade Sunday with distribution of posies.
St John's Voices Rehearsal after coffee.
Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe
Readings: **9.00 am only** 1 Samuel 1. 20 - end page 271
Colossians 3. 12 -17 Page 1184 Readers from the
John 19. 25 b - 27 Page 1088 organisations.
Prayers: Cherry Fancourt
Chalice: Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis
Brasses: Mothers Union

Sunday 6th March:

Mothering Sunday (Parade) – Old & New – Organ (*Gordon Balmforth*)

1. 584 Who put the colours in the rainbow?
2. 483 The Church's one foundation
3. 365 O Jesus, I have promised
4. 56 Broken for me, broken for you
5. 42 Be still and know that I am God
6. 116 Father, we love you, we worship and adore you
7. Lord, the light of your love (*Shine Jesus Shine*) (*Words in Newsletter*)

The hymns, apart from communion hymns have been chosen by the organisations.

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Ashlea Avenue, Ashlea Close, Ashlea Drive, Atherton Lane, Firthhouse Lane, Stratton Road and Rastrick Independent School.

We pray for those who have died, especially 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 13th March 2016

5th Sunday of Lent

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannan
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannan

Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly and Gerald Savage

Readings: Isaiah 43. 16-21 Page 729 Audrey Belcher
Philippians 3. 4b-14 Page 1180 Shirley Stow
John 12. 1-8 Page 1079 David Marshall

Prayers: Barbara Rukin

Chalice: David Marshall and Barbara Rukin

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 McCarthy (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

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: 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month at 6.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Please save used postage stamps for Overgate Hospice and put them in the magazine box.

LENT LUNCHESES in the Church Hall 12 noon - 13.30. Every Tuesday until March 15th. Homemade soup, crusty rolls and tea/coffee available. Large £2.50 Small £1.75.

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

MESSY CHURCH require cardboard egg boxes for their next session. Please could you save any and give to Gill, Janine or Anne Aspinall before the 24th April. Gill Mills

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Traditionally the Congregation provides Flowers at this time. There is a basket at the back of Church for donations. Easter Lilies: If anyone

wishes to give an Easter lily in memory of loved ones, please place your donation in an envelope with the name(s) of loved one(s) and hand to Christine or Barbara. A donation of £5 is requested for each lily.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING GROUP : are looking for ideas for fundraising, fellowship and outreach. Is your group going to hold an event this coming year? Do you as an individual have ideas to put forward? Please tell Hilary, Ann Johnson, Roger or Barbara if you do.

RUCKSACK CLUB 500TH WALK CELEBRATION

To celebrate the idea of a walking club between Michael Storey and Leslie Wilcox on a walk to Stoodley Pike in 1980, the Rucksack Club will be holding two walks to Stoodley Pike on Saturday 12th March.

‘A’ walk – leaders Alan and Eric (01484 716652) 11 mile walk, easy/moderate going. Leave Church at 9.15am. to drive to the White House pub above Littleborough and walk along the Pennine Way to meet up with the ‘B’ walk for lunch at Stoodley Pike at 1.00pm. Then return to the White House.

‘B’ walk – leaders Graham and Robert (01484 716871) 4/5 mile walk, short uphill section then easy going. Leave Church at 10.00am. to park at Withins Clough car park Cragg Vale and walk along the Calderdale Way and the Pennine Way to Stoodley Pike for a joint lunch.

Please put your names on the list in church or let the leaders know if you are walking. All are welcome to join us on either walk

Lunch - Sunday 13th March: - 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 3rd 2016. Come and join the Rucksack Club for all or part of this special weekend.

AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK: (Brighouse and Surrounding Homeless). This is a long term commitment and each month different items will be listed as being needed. Besides collecting **tins** and **non-food** items during March we are collecting donations of **jars** of jam, cooking sauce and sandwich paste. **Non-food** items that would be suitable could be washing up liquid and washing powder. There is a basket at the back of church for any donations. Thank you.

BACON BUTTIES WILL BE ON SALE IN THE CHURCH HALL on Mothering Sunday. Yorkshire Tykes Explorers are the new Rastrick St John's Explorer Unit and we are currently working with a local Homeless Charity called BASH. You may have seen us in the Brighouse Echo recently when we did a Cardboard Box Camp and raised £440 for BASH. Sales from Bacon Butties will be donated towards both the BASH Charity and the Yorkshire Tykes Unit. We are currently working towards our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and we are looking to raise funds for our Expedition Equipment.

Thank you Emily Eve, Brighouse Yorkshire Tykes Explorer.

TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING - Saturday 19 March 9.00 to 12.00. Free Entry. Please support this popular event. Find some bargains, buy crafts and cards and enjoy excellent bacon butties and homemade cakes. If you want to book a table or donate any items for sale on the Church Stall please ring 01484 710339.

SAFEGUARDING : There are a number of safeguarding courses being held across the diocese for helpers/leaders of groups. These sessions are to give up to date information of State and C of E legislation, policies and practice guidance. These are 'one off sessions'. A number of us have already booked for an evening session at St Thomas Bradley in June (there are other times and venues available). If anyone is interested please contact Christine James for more information.

SONGS OF PRAISE will be recording hymns for future programmes at St Aiden's Leeds on Sunday, May 1st, 2.30-5.45 pm, with choir group rehearsals on afternoon or evening of 28th April. If you would like to be part of this as a choir member or a member of the congregation, see the leaflets with more information or Marion.

CAN YOU HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN prepare financial accounts for the PCC and produce a report for the APCM? Alan Hoggard has done these accounts for many years and he is now stepping down after doing an excellent job. Please contact Alan, the clergy or the church wardens if you think you may be able to fulfil this important vacancy, or would like to pass on the name of someone who is interested. NB this role is preparing the accounts for presentation. The work of the Treasurer is done by Cherry Fancourt.

CAR PARK : The PCC are aware that areas of the car park need attention and repair. A contractor has undertaken investigations into the cause of the uneven flags and will report to the PCC. In the mean time please try to avoid the areas, especially at night.

DIARY 2016

Tuesday 8th March

Noon - 1.30 - Lent Lunch

Wednesday 9th March

10.30 am Holy Communion

12 noon Bread and Cheese Lunch for Lent at Barbara Lydon's, 17 Garlic Street

Friday 11th March

7.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 12th March

Rucksack Club 500th Walk

Sunday 13th March

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 am. Parish Communion

Rucksack Club Lunch at Berties

Monday 14th March

7.30 pm PCC Meeting

8.00 pm Beer and Banter - Michael Storey in the footsteps of St Francis.

Saturday 19th March Table Top Sale 9.00 to 12.00. Free Entry.

Please send newsletter items to David James - davidjict@gmail.com - or 01484 715197 by 5 p.m. on Wednesday.