

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 7th January 2018

Epiphany

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Marion Russell
Sidesman: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 John Hearson Page 746
Psalm 72: 1-9, 10-15 Norman Lake Page 585
Matthew 2: 1-12 Doreen Davis Page 966
Prayers: Margaret Ellis
Chalice : Cherry Fancourt and David Marshall
Brasses :

Sunday 7th January : Epiphany Sunday – Old & New – Organ - (Graham Kennedy)

1. Brightest and Best – Words on a sheet in the newsletter.
2. 406 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
3. 130 For the healing of the nations
4. 231 In Christ there is no east or west.

Prayers Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: 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 Long Ridge, Toothill Lane, Toothill Bank, Toothill Avenue and the staff and children in our schools returning after their Christmas holiday.

We pray for those who have died recently especially F. Stanley Aspinall and Norman Yuile. 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 14th January 2018

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam and Alan Hoggard
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam and Alan Hoggard
Sidesman: Shirley Stow and Nina Nicholson
Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-20 Sue Smith Page 274
Revelation 5: 1-10 Allen Smith Page 1237
John 1: 43-end Roger Ellis Page 1064
Prayers: David Marshall
Chalice : Roger Ellis and Margaret Ellis
Brasses : 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.

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK Missions and Charities are sad that Bash Local has now closed but the good news is that the ongoing legacy will be that the 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 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.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS QUIZ NIGHT will be held in the hall on January 10th at 7.45 pm. Our resident quizmaster, Robert Beaumont, will be setting the questions. Nibbles will be provided but bring your own drinks and a glass. EVERYONE welcome.

SERVICE FOR WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY Come and join in the service at Upper Edge Baptist Church, at 6pm on Sunday 21st January.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped, in any way, with the Christmas Lunch on 12th December, and also to the people who helped at the 2 Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. Barbara Rukin

NOTIFICATION : there will be no lunches on Tuesday 9th January.

MOTHERS' UNION WAVE OF PRAYER Prayer and worship are vital to the Mothers' Union. Prayer makes a huge difference to both individuals and communities and is at the heart of what we are about.

Every day a **Wave of Prayer** goes around the world as members stop and pray for the work of Mothers' Union and international issues. This began in 1920 and has been happening ever since. **The Wave of Prayer** follows an annual pattern which means that every Mothers' Union region is prayed for at least once during the year.

Leeds Diocese is linked with five other dioceses around the world. As we pray for each other and learn more about others' situations, we understand more about each others' concerns and can pray better.

This year the **Wave of Prayer is at 10.00 am on Tuesday 9 January 2018** in The Lady Chapel at St John's Church. Everyone is welcome and we will be emphasising the importance of prayer and lighting candles to illustrate the receiving of Prayer from the Diocese of Norwich, for particular Dioceses across the world and for the Diocese of Winchester which will take over the **Wave of Prayer** from us on Thursday.

RUCKSACK CLUB: Full Day Walk - Saturday January 13th 2018

Leader: Rod France (Mobile: 07920238561)

Leaving Church: 9.45am for a 6 mile walk around New Mill or Scholes along village roads, farm and woodland tracks.

On completion of the walk, if anyone is interested Rod will organise a fish and chip meal at Blakeleys, Brighouse.

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

12th January	7.30 am Morning Prayer
10th January	7.45 pm Wednesday Nighters Quiz. All welcome.
13th January	9.45 am Rucksack Club Walk leaving from Church
15th January	8.00 pm Beer and Banter at the Globe. Pat Lee will outline the work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.
16th January	Mothers Union Annual General Meeting
17th January	7.30 pm PCC
10th March	Table Top Sale



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