

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 May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Margaret Raine

Readings: Acts 2: 42-end Nina Nicholson Page 1094

1 Peter 2: 19-end Cherry Fancourt Page 1218

John 10: 1-10 Pam Dimpleby Page 1076

Prayers: Julia Tum

Chalice : Allen Smith and David Marshall

Sunday 7th May: 4th Sunday of Easter - Old & New – Organ - (Graham Rayner)

1. 497 The King of love my Shepherd is
2. 503 The Lord's my shepherd
3. 48 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
4. 525 This is my body, broken for you
5. 509 There's a quiet understanding
6. 154 God is working his purpose out
7. 97 Crown him with many crowns

Prayers for the week: Collect for today Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.**Amen.**

We pray by name for those known to us who have asked for our prayers: Pam McNulty, Majorie Moorhouse, Pat Wilcock, Roger Broadbent, Beryl Hearson, Helen Hearson, Philip Brough, Glynice Lord, Margaret Yuile, James Cherry, David Williams, Anne and John Milnes, Mandy Rochell, and Kathleen Karline. May your healing power be at work within each one in body, mind and spirit and we ask you to be with their loved ones and those who care for them. We pray also for your healing love to flow through all those who live and work in residential provision in Rastrick. (April)

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live Lords Lane, Lower Newlands, Newlands Close, Crossley Street and for all the staff and children in Rastrick High School.

We pray for those who have died 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 14th May 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
PCC Corporate Communion

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe
Readings: Acts 7: 55-end Hilary McCarthy Page 1100
1 Peter 2: 2-10 Anne Johnson Page 1218
John 14: 1-14 David Marshall Page 1082
Prayers: Soo Sykes
Chalice : Cherry Fancourt and Margaret Ellis

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.

GROWING ALOUD is our Away Day for St John's and St Matthew's on Saturday 13 May. It is being held in the lovely setting of St Peter's Parish Church, Gildersome. Easy directions will be provided and shared transport arranged. Arrive for a cuppa from **9.00 am** to enable a prompt start at **9.30am!** We'll be away by 4.00pm.

Lunch will be in the form of a jacket potato with a tasty casserole (provided by 'The Team') and we would welcome anyone who feels that they could bring a pudding, of any sort which can be shared amongst others, to bring it along. The usual coffee and tea and a 'more-ish' tray bake will be provided at regular intervals!

The day will be an opportunity to be together and to share experiences and ideas and to realise that there are no 'right answers' in how to grow our church. It will be a good positive time together with gentle fun! This is for everyone, and the more people we have the more we will see what a wonderful church community we are, with so much to share.

So that we know you are planning to come please complete the tear off slip in the Church magazine and give it to either John Mothersdale; Barbara Rainford, Cherry Fancourt or Julia Tum or sign the list in the Church or telephone Julia on 07773334771.

We all look forward to being together on this day.

BACON BUTTIES The Missions and Charities group will be serving bacon butties between 9.30 – 10 and after the 10.15 service on Sunday 14th May and Sunday 21st May. No charge but donations to Christian Aid will be welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 14TH TO 20TH Just hoping that if you have had a change of heart about helping during Christian Aid week there are a few rounds of envelopes on the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

COFFEE DAY AT JANE SENIOR'S HOME TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2pm – 6pm
171 Laund Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield HD3 3TZ. Tickets: £1 from Cherry. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be served. (The committee will provide the raffle prize but could members please bring some goodies for the cake stall).

KNIT AND NATTER This is proving very successful and will continue. All hats, mitts and scarves will be kept until needed next Autumn. Cardigans and jumpers will still be taken to BASH. Some people are knitting for other charities - Oxfam, jumpers for Mara and twiddle muffs for people with Alzheimer's. Knit and Natter continues on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon at Ella's Home, 11 Ashlea Avenue. Many thanks. Missions and Charities.

AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK: (Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless). This is a long term commitment. Donations can be placed in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

HALF DAY WALK: SUNDAY 7TH MAY TODAY

Leaders: Anne and Robert 01484 716871

Leaving Church at 1 pm.

Distance: 5 miles

Parking in Cleckheaton on Northgate.

Walking along the Spen Valley Heritage Trail to Drub, Little Gomersal and Littletown. Returning to Cleckheaton on Route 66 (watch out for the sheep).

An easy walk with some road walking involved.

RASTRICK OPEN GARDENS Although we have just four gardens offered : Hearsons, Frances, Ellis' & Aspinalls, we have decided to "give it a go"- Hoping that there will still be some enthusiasm for the idea. The date to be **Sat. 1st July '17** so as to include the most gardens available. **PLEASE THINK ABOUT OFFERING TO HELP AT ONE OF THE VENUES ON THE DAY...also PLEASE START DIVIDING OR RAISING PLANTS FOR THE PLANT STALL** and collecting garden bric-a-brac Thanks. AA 01484 718969

A 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**

NEW OUTREACH : COME AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH. Quiche or Pork Pie with Salad and New Potatoes in the Community Hall. 12 noon to 13.30 Tuesday 6th June. **NO CHARGE.**

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY - The 95 Tour with Tim Hastie-Smith, National Director of Scripture Union. Free breakfast followed by an inspirational presentation on reaching the 95% of children and young people not connected with church. 8.30am - 10am at The King's Centre, Park Road, Halifax - please book for the breakfast see www.cicscalderdale.org.uk/events

IN TODAY'S WORLD WE FACE MANY CHALLENGES, from global warming to the prospect of increasing automation putting huge numbers of people out of work. These issues raise profound questions about the way in which humans work in all its forms and impacts on both the natural world and the human community. This lecture will seek to explore some of these questions from the perspective of the Christian faith and ask what resources it might bring to the discussion about our shared future on this earth. The event is being held at the Bronte Lecture theatre on the University of Huddersfield campus (Ground Floor, Lecture Theatre 10). This is a free event but please note that places are limited so please register for your place on the Eventbrite link :

<https://whatonearthareweherefor.eventbrite.co.uk>

Thursday 18 May 18:30 – 19:30

BRIGHOUSE ACTION GROUP OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY invites you to a Strawberry Cream Tea at 17, Garlick St, Rastrick. 2 to 4.00 pm, Saturday 15th July, 2017. Garden visit, plants, cards etc. for sale.

Tickets, £2.50 pay on entry. raising funds for bibles for churches around the world.

DIARY 2017

3rd May	10.30 am Holy Communion
5th May	7.30 am Morning Prayer
7th May	Half day Rucksack Club walk
13th May	Parish Away Day to Gildersome Parish Church
20th May	Full day walk Rucksack Club
23rd May	7.30 pm PCC Meeting
1st July	Open Gradens
15h July	2 till 4pm Strawberry Tea @ 17 Garlick Street



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Parish Calendar : <http://tinyurl.com/jcjrehp>



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