

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 9th April 2017 Palm Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam
10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Gerald Savage and Oriel Kelly
Readings: Matthew 26:14-end of 27 Page 996

Prayers:
Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Allen Smith

Sunday 9th April : Palm Sunday – Old & New – Organ (*Philip Tordoff*)

1. 434 Ride on, ride on
2. 140 Give me joy in my heart
3. 578 When I survey
4. 277 Just as I am
5. 265 Jesus, name above all names
6. 566 Were you there
7. 337 My song is love unknown

Prayers for the week: Collect for today Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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. (March)

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Castle Avenue, Castle Terrace, Castle Hill, Castle Place and for all the staff and children in our neighbourhood schools on Easter holidays.

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 16th April 2017

Easter Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
10.15 Parish Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell / Alan Hoggard

Sidesmen: Jane Hearson and Carol Harvey
Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 Page 1104 Carol Harvey
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Page 616 The Congregation
Colossians 3:1-4 Page 1184 Allen Smith
Matthew 28:1-10 Page 1000 Gerald Savage
Prayers: David Marshall
Chalice : David Marshall and Cherry Fancourt
Brasses : Wednesday Nighters'

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.

HALIFAX LONG MARCH : The final stop of the 26 mile walk is at St Johns (after 18 miles) Volunteers are needed to steward from 3am to 10am on Easter Monday morning. Our main tasks will be to direct people from the end of Gooder Lane and to serve refreshments. Everything is provided we just required volunteers to offer a few hours of help.

There is a sign up on the sheet at the back of church which is split into 1 hour time slots. You don't have to stay all night, you can select a time slot which suites you. This year walkers are being able to raise funds for the charity of their choice although the registration fees and any surplus does go to Christian aid. If anyone is encouraged to walk all or part of the distance for St Johns then that would be great. More details from Alan Hoggard or www.longmarch.org.uk

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.

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.

RASTRICK ST JOHN'S OPEN GARDENS. Offers to open your gardens are urgently required if the event is to run this Summer '17. Provisional date **Saturday 1st July** (not fixed) please phone Anne Aspinall on 01484 718969 and leave a message. Thank you. AA

CHRISTIAN AID : After much discussion the PCC decided that we should continue with envelope distribution and collection for those people who feel that they are willing to take part. To help Christine Whitaker to put out the correct number of envelopes required, please will you sign the form at back of church, and state which street/s you are willing to do. Barbara Rukin

LENT GROUPS : A Sixth Joint Group to be held on Monday 10th April, at St Matthew's Parish Centre at 6.30 pm with a Bring & Share Meal.

PLEASE SEE TREVOR LEWIS about application forms for the ELECTORAL ROLL. They need to be completed by **TODAY**.

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 suggested donation of £5 is requested for each lily.

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES 2017/18 :The freewill offering envelopes for the new financial year are available at the back of Church and will commence **TODAY**.

Gift Aid users – please take the box set allocated to you by name.

Unnamed boxes are available for general (Non-Gift Aid) use, anyone wishing to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order should see Cherry Fancourt or Gerald Savage.

CHERRY FANCOURT AND JULIA TUM, were invited last week to the Safer Communities Fund Event led by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, West Yorkshire. They were there on behalf of St John's, along with 41 other projects all of whom were very fortunate to receive funding for different community projects. Our financial reward of £2500 will support the installation of extra security measures for the Hall. The other projects were inspirational and original in the work that is being done for their local communities.ranging from children's adventure programmes to creating low priced paints and the encouragement of employing disadvantaged people to The Basement Project which supports and turns round the lives of those addicted to drugs and alcohol. What an amazing spread of good will and love there is in West Yorkshire.

THE FORM INCLUDED WITH MARION'S RECENT LETTER is the latest issued by HMRC and is required to be completed before future claims can be made. The Church's claim covering the period July to December 2016 is ready to be submitted but requires completed forms to be returned before so doing. We would be grateful for a speedy return of forms to Church. Thank you.

SCOUTS GROUP QUIZ NIGHT :Friday 28th April at 7.30 pm. Pie and peas supper. Entry £2.50 per team member. Money raised will be going to new tents. Bring your own drinks.

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**

DIARY 2017

10th April	6.30pm Joint Lent Group Get-Together @ St Matthew's
12th April	10.30 am Holy Communion
12th April	8.00 pm Wednesday Nighters'
13th April	7.30 pm HC and Foot Washing @ St Matthews
14th April	7.30 am Morning Prayer
14th April	11.45 am Walk of Witness @ St John's 12.30 Good Friday Worship @ Central Methodist
14th April	2.00 pm to 3pm Meditation @ St. John's
15th April	7.30 pm Service of Light @ St John's
16th April	No Sunrise Service
17th/18th April	Halifax Long March
23rd April	APCM
13th May	Parish Away Day to Gildersome Parish Church