

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 December 2018 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam
10.15 am Parish Communion led by Rev Stephen Hannam
Sidesman : Janet Thain , Audrey Belcher and Barry Belcher
Readings : Malachi 3: 1-4 Derek Davis Page 961
 Philippians 1: 3-11 Holly Mason Page 1178
 Luke 3: 1-6 Gerald Savage Page 1029
Prayers : Glenn Tatton
Chalice : Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis
Brasses: Mothers' Union

Sunday 9th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent – Old & New - Piano (Jane Hearson)

1. 185 Hark, the glad sound!
2. 74 Colours of day
3. 42 Be still and know that I am God
4. 48 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
5. *A time of quiet, then...*
6. 460 Spirit of the living God
7. 172 Great is thy faithfulness

Collect 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 YOUR HEALING LOVE be at work in each one of these we name, according to their need: Jeremy Aske, Sofia Hageen, Douglas Hartley, Marion Walton, Paul Whitaker, David Coop, Keith Redfearn, Jean Hannam, Marjorie Moorhouse, Pat Wilcock, Helen Hearson, Glynice Lord, David Williams, Jane, James, Anne and John Milnes, and those in local residential provision.

WE PRAY FOR the parishes of St John and St Matthew, for all who live and work in Rastrick, and those who travel through. This week we particularly ask your blessing for the residents on Slade Lane, Lower Fold, Fletcher Crescent, the staff and children at Rastrick High School and the Rastrick Firefighters and their families.

WE PRAY FOR the recently departed, especially Morrie Mitchell and Margaret Thompson and for all who mourn that they will know your love through those who grieve with them.

Sunday 16th December 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Marion Russell

10.15 am All Age Worship led by Alan Hoggard

7.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Sidesman : Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe

Readings : Zephaniah 3:14-end Dianne Knowles Page 947

Philippians 4: 4-7 Norman Lake Page 1178

Luke 3: 7-18 **(9.00 am)** Doreen Davis Page 1029

Prayers : Soo Sykes

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 by email only - 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 : Would you like to come and join the knit and natter group? You would be made very welcome at Ella's home 11, Ashlea Avenue; we meet every Wednesday from 10 am to noon.

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK. This month we are collecting tins of meat, fish, potatoes, vegetables, anything to make a warm meal now winter is well on its way. Any tins and toiletries are always welcome. Any donations can be placed in the basket at the back of church. Thank you for your continuing support.

Missions and Charities Committee.

In addition to our usual giving, please consider contributing Christmas treats as well, and if you've indicated your willingness to help longer term with the Rastrick outreach please contact Brighthouse Central Foodbank and ask to be considered as a volunteer for this project.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL There are two Christmas brochures on the Traidcraft stall (all I have been able to get). Please browse through one of these and choose some Christmas cards or paper then let me have your order. Thank you for supporting Traidcraft! Rosemary

STAMPS FROM LETTERS AND CARDS. Please can you continue to save your stamps and put them in the magazine box. Thank you.

THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH IS NOW FULL .

HEALING - BENEFICE EVENING SERVICES. Our final benefice evening service in this autumn healing series is 16th December, 7.00 pm at St John's: Nine Lessons and Carols - The Incarnation, God with us.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATION'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at St John the Divine on Monday 10th December 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm with refreshments afterwards. Come to enjoy singing carols with the young people and their families, getting to know them and share the affirmation in awards being given.

RASTRICK GROWING TOGETHER INVITE YOU TO "Be Still, Be Still, b4 Xmas" Saturday 9.30 - 10.30 am, 15th December 2018. At St Matthew's Church, Rastrick. A time to make friends, a guided time of stillness, followed by coffee/tea and cake. EVERYONE WELCOME. Contact Revd Marion for more details 01484 713386.

THE CONFERENCE SUITE is getting busier and busier which is good. If you want to book the suite contact Rod Dimbleby on 717593. If you want to just check if the room is available go <http://tinyurl.com/jcjrehp> and you will see the community hall calendar which is very simple to use. (Once you have found the calendar just add the link to your Favourites so you easily access it again). You may have noticed in the Sturrock Room that HIC have installed a projection screen which will take some pressure from the conference suite when there is a need for a double booking or a small group meeting.

A SPECIAL APCM - a single item agenda to approve the accounts. This will be held after the morning service on 16th December.

THE MONDAY EVENING GROUP AT SHIRLEY'S WILL NOT BE MEETING ON 10TH DECEMBER. Next meeting Monday, 17th December

SESSIONS FOR ALL THOSE WHO SHARE INTERCESSIONS AND READ FROM THE BIBLE IN OUR WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S. Sunday 6th January and Sunday 13th January 2019, after the 10.15 Service, we will meet for half an hour to hone our skills in reading from The Word of God. I hope that these dates and time will be good for you.

With many blessings to you all, and thank you so much for serving God in this way and the massive contribution you make to our Church. Everyone is welcome!

REQUEST FROM NYAKISWA CHOIR. I have received a request for support for the choir at Nyakiswa church. In Mara, the choir is an important part of worship and it will sing and dance at various times in the service. Most choirs have a uniform but Nyakiswa choir hasn't got one and the members are asking for help in providing uniforms. There are many young people and adults in the choir - remember the video of Margaret and Julia dancing with them when they visited Nyakiswa in July. If anyone would like to support this request, then I am happy to collect any contributions. Thank you. Oriel Kelly.

TRADITIONALLY AT ST JOHN'S, THE CONGREGATION PROVIDE FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS. There is a basket at the back of church for the collection of donations. Thank you.

CAROLS AT ST WINIFRED'S NURSING HOME 2pm, Tuesday 18th December. Please let Marion know (713386) if you can join in singing and giving the residents the pleasure of additional visitors -they love to see us!

THE RASTRICK GROUP OF CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available for distribution. The bundles are at the back of church and if you could help by taking some out, this would be very much appreciated.

TURNING POINT COFFEE MORNING AT CENTRAL ON SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER from 10.am to 12.00noon. Two pounds entry for drink and cake. Carols etc.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING AT TESCO ON SATURDAY 15TH from 11.00 till 12 noon.

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

10th December	7.00 pm Uniformed Organisation's Carol Service
11th December	12 .30 pm for 1.00 pm Annual Christmas Dinner
12th December	9.30 am Benefice Communion at St Matthew's
12th December	8.00 pm Wednesday Nighters' Christmas Party
14th December	7.30 pm Morning Prayers
16th December	Special APCM after the morning service
16th December	7.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols
17th December	12.00 for 12.30 Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch
24th December	3 pm and 5 pm Christingle
27 th December	11 am St John's Day Walk from Bradley Park Golf Club
6th January	12 noon Skills in reading from The Word of God.
8th January	12 noon Community Lunch
13th January	12 noon Skills in reading from The Word of God.



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