

## 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 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:

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Old & New – Organ (*Philip Tordoff*)**

1. 14 All my hope on God is founded
2. 180 Hallelujah, my Father
3. 258 Jesus, good above all other
4. 286 Let us break bread together
5. 470 Take my life, and let it be
6. 34 As we are gathered
7. 313 Love Divine

**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 for the suffering, especially Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Kathleen Carline, Anne Milnes, Dorothy Taylor, 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 Thornhill Road, Thornhill Place, Ridge View Road and Field Lane 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 20th March 2016**

**Palm Sunday**

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell  
10.15 a.m. All Age Worship led by Rev. Marion Russell  
Communion Service will follow Worship Service.  
St John's Voices Rehearsal after coffee.

Sidesmen: Kathleen Fletcher and Julia Tum  
Readings: A Passion Reading  
Prayers: Soo Sykes  
Chalice: Barbara Rukin  
Brasses: Julia Tum and Hilary McCarthy

**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](mailto: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](mailto:davidjict@gmail.com) by N.B. 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and information to add to the website: [www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](http://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 LUNCHEAS** 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.

**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.

**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.

**SUNDAY 13TH MARCH** - we are hosting the Open Information Day for Rastrick Big Local from 11.30 - 12.30, while we have coffee. This is your chance to find out more about the different bids submitted to improve Rastrick and the local environment. It's also a wonderful opportunity to welcome local residents to our church community, so please do chat to people you're seeing for the first time.

**LAY PASTORAL MINISTERS:** The Diocese runs a three year part time course, based at Mirfield, for those with the skills, interest and aptitude to develop their pastoral ministry. If you feel the Lord may be calling you to consider this, please have an informal chat with Marion.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

It's that time of year again, when the Electoral Roll is revised.

Membership on the Electoral Roll entitles a person to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote there in the elections to the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") and to the Deanery Synod. A member aged 16 or more may stand for election to the PCC and a member aged 18 or more may stand for election to the Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod and the General Synod.

Please let me have any applications for inclusion not later than Sunday 3rd April 2016, to be included on the Roll that applies for the APCM.

This is to allow time to have PCC formally approve the revised Electoral Roll, and for it to be displayed for the required 14 days prior to the APCM on 17th April 2016.

**Trevor J Lewis                  Electoral Roll Officer                  St John The Divine Rastrick**

#### **DIARY 2016**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

7.30 pm PCC Meeting

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

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Lent Lunch – Noon

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 am Holy Communion

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

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 am Morning Prayer

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March Table Top Sale 9.00 to 12.00. Free Entry.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.15 Morning Worship

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.00 pm Meditation at St Matthew's

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

10.30 am Holy Communion

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

Maundy Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm Holy Communion and feet washing @ St. J's.

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