

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 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
A short Communion Service will follow the Worship Service for those who wish to remain.
St John's Voices Rehearsal after coffee.

Sidesmen: Dianne Knowles and Julia Tum
Readings: A reading of the Passion Gospel narrative
Prayers: Soo Sykes
Chalice: Barbara Rukin
Brasses: Julia Tum and Hilary McCarthy

Sunday 20th March:

Palm Sunday – Old & New – Organ (*Gordon Balmforth*)

1. Wave your palms (on a separate sheet)
2. 12 All glory laud and honour & 434 Ride on ride on in majesty, possibly outside depending on weather (on separate sheets)
3. 314. Love is his word
4. 337. My song is love unknown

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.
Amen.

We pray for the suffering, especially Barbara Siswick, 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 27th March 2016

Easter Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam
10.15 a.m. Parish Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Janet Thain, Audrey Belcher and Barry Belcher
Readings: Psalm 118 Ella Campbell Page 616
Acts 10. 34-43 Dianne Knowles Page 1104
Luke 24. 1-12, 14-24 Christine Wilson Page 1061

Prayers: Margaret Ellis
Chalice: Margaret Ellis and Allen Smith
Brasses:

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.

PRAYER GROUP AT VICARAGE: 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month at 6.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME. NB There will be no prayer group meeting on Easter Day (27th March)

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Please save used postage stamps for Overgate Hospice and put them in the magazine box.

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: (Brighthouse 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.

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, for which we thank her.

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 has reported to the PCC. In the mean time please try to avoid the areas, especially at night.

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

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES 2016/17 : The freewill offering envelopes for the new financial year will be available at the back of Church from Sunday, 20 March 2016 and will commence on Sunday, 10 April 2016.

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.

DIARY 2016

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

10.30 am Holy Communion

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

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

Good Friday 25th March 11.30 am Walk of Witness (11.45am from St John's)

12.30 pm Worship at Central Methodist

2.00 pm Meditation at St. Matthew's

7.30 pm Meditation at Upper Edge

Saturday 26th March 7.30 pm Service of Light at St. Matthew's

Easter Day 6.15 am Sunrise Service at Clifton School Field

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.15 am Parish Communion

Midnight – Long March

Wednesday 30th March 10.30 am Holy Communion

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