

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Brighouse 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 21st February 2016**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Rev. Marion Russell/Alan Hoggard  
10.15 a.m. All Age Worship led by Alan Hoggard  
**St John's Voices Rehearsal after coffee**

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Pat Hobson  
Readings: **9.00 am only** Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18 page 15  
Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1 page 1180 Derek Davis  
Luke 13. 31-end page 1047 Roger Ellis

Prayers: Allen Smith  
Chalice:  
Brasses: Wednesday Nighters

### **2nd Sunday of Lent – The Source – Piano (Pam)**

1. 566 What a friend we have in Jesus
2. 447 Seek ye first
3. 51 Bind us together, Lord
4. 97 Father, I place into your hands
5. 38 Be bold! Be strong!

**Prayers for the week: Collect for today:** Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for the suffering, especially Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Linda Khourey, Kathleen Carline, Derek Brown, 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 Shaftesbury Avenue, Long Fallas Crescent, Somerset Avenue, Armitage Avenue, Shepherds Thorn Lane and Carr Green School.

We pray for those who have died, especially Geoffrey Nicholson who has 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 28th February 2016**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam  
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Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Doreen Davis, Simon Davis and Margaret Raine  
Readings: Isaiah 55. 1-9 page 742 Pam Dimbleby  
Psalm 63: 1-9 page 579 Graham Readshaw  
Luke 13. 1-9 page 1046 Barbara Rukin  
Prayers: Glenn Tatton  
Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Janine Morrisroe  
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](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 LUNCHESES** 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

**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..

**LENT STARTS EARLY THIS YEAR :** Rastrick Group of Churches will be holding midweek Lent housegroups as usual, starting in **week beginning Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February** and running for the five weeks up to Palm Sunday. Details are now available at the back of church and there is a choice of groups running at times and in places to suit everyone. This year we will be using York Courses "The Psalms – Prayers for Today's Church". Please sign up for a group that's convenient for you, telephoning the host to book a place.

**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.

**RUCKSACK CLUB :** Dates for your 2016 diary:  
500th Walk Celebration Weekend: March 12th/13th 2016

**Walk** - Saturday 12th March:

**Lunch** - Sunday 13th March: - Berties @Number One, Elland. The cost of the 3 course lunch including coffee is £24.50 per person. The balance is to be paid at the AGM on February 3rd 2016. Come and join the Rucksack Club for all or part of this special weekend.

**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. During February we are collecting donations of **tins** : soups, meats, fish, veg or beans. **Non-food** items that would be suitable could be shampoo or toothpaste. There is a basket at the back of church for any donations. Thank you.

**THIS YEAR'S LENT APPEAL** is to support Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) who use light aircraft to provide help and relief to the world's poorest communities. Please look out for the display and information in church.

**THE NEXT TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING** will be held on Saturday 19 March from 9.00 am to mid-day in St John's Church Hall. The last event raised over £600, despite the dreadful weather. We are aiming to have a wider variety of stalls this time, but there will still be plenty of opportunity to pass on "pre-loved" items! Volunteers needed to supervise the Church Stall on the day. A table costs £9.00. Speak to Rosemary or Norman Lake ( 01484 710339) to book one.

**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.

**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

**THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER** will be held this year as in previous years at the Salvation Army Community Church, on Friday March 4th. 2016 @ 2.00pm.

The Service this year has been prepared by the Christian Women of Cuba, and it will last for approximately 1 hour. Refreshments are served after the Service, and ALL are very welcome". Doreen Davis

**SONGS OF PRAISE** will be recording hymns for future programmes at St Aiden's Leeds on Sunday, May 1st, 2.30-5.45pm, 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.

**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 will undertake investigations into the cause of the sunken/uneven flags this month. In the mean time please try to avoid the areas, especially at night.

## **DIARY 2016**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

8.00pm. @ The Globe - Beer and Banter – More Ramblings with Paul and Ken

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Noon - 1.30 - Lent Lunch

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 am Holy Communion

8.00 pm. Wednesday Nighters' AGM

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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

7.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 am. Parish Communion

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Noon - 1.30 - Lent Lunch

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

10.30 am Holy Communion

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

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