

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 24th January 2016

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion with Baptism led by Rev. Marion Russell
6.00 p.m. Christian Unity Service at Central Methodist.

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe
Readings: Luke 4. 14-21 page 1031 Julia Tum
Prayers: Soo Sykes
Chalice: Barbara Rukin and Cherry Fancourt
Brasses: Mothers Union

Sunday 24th January: (with Baptism)

3rd Sunday of Epiphany - Old & New – Organ (*Gordon Normanton*)

1. 37 At the name of Jesus. (*2nd tune: Camberwell*)
2. 585 Wide wide as the ocean
3. 140 Give me joy in my heart
4. 110 Father, I place into your hands
5. 114 Father, we adore you
6. 153 God is love; let heav'n adore him

We welcome and pray for Aurora Grace Cooper as she is baptised today, and her mother Kirsty and her father Simon.

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for the suffering, especially Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Linda Khourey, Kathleen Carline, Derek Brown, Anne Milnes, Dorothy Taylor, Geoffrey Nicholson, 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 Robertson Avenue, Scholey Road, Scholey Avenue and Longroyd School.

We pray for those who have died, especially Carolyn Sharp, Jeffrey (Jeff) Bottomley and George Divine 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 31st January 2016

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannan

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannan
Wednesday Nighters' Corporate Communion

Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly and Gerald Savage

Readings: Hebrews 2. 14 - end page 1202 Ella Campbell
Psalm 24 page 555 Dianne Knowles
Luke 2. 22-40 page 1029 Doreen Davis

Prayers: Barbara Rukin

Chalice: Roger 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. Please note there is no prayer group today (24th January).

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

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH: If you able to provide flowers in Church for someone dear to you or to celebrate a special occasion please put your name on the rota on the notice board or see Christine or Barbara.

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

CENTENARY ITEMS FOR SALE: These are on a table at the back of church with boxes for your money. Thank you.

LOST - One gents gold wedding/signet ring. Believed to have been lost in the church or its environs. If anyone should come across such an item please contact David Marshall on 01484718182. Thank you.

MISSIONS AND CHARITIES GROUP A total of £121 has been raised for Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless(BASH) over the Advent/Christmas period. Many thanks to everyone for continuing support. Oriel Kelly.

The cheque was given to Rebecca from BASH who came to speak at the Beer and Banter at the Globe last Monday. The money was gratefully received by an excellent local charity which deserves our support. (DJ)

LENT GROUPS : Lent is early this year and we are arranging the usual joint Lent Groups. Are you willing to offer your home to HOST a group? Are you willing to LEAD a group? Please contact Barbara if you are able to do either of these. 01484 718993

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.

CENTENARY PHOTO ALBUM : If you have a favourite photo (or more) from any part of our centenary year, please bring a copy any time between now and the end of May to put in our album. Please make sure the photo has clear information identifying the event, date and names of people in the photo, and any information of interest or amusement. Thank you.

RUCKSACK CLUB WALK

Dates for your 2016 diary:

500th Walk Celebration Weekend: March 12th/13th 2016

Saturday 12th March: **Walk**

Sunday 13th March: **Lunch** - 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.

CANDLEMAS CONCERT: Talented and accomplished Musical Director, Paul Dewhurst and his Epiphany Singers will perform a Candlemas Concert in the great acoustic of the church of the Community of the Resurrection, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield on SATURDAY 6th FEBRUARY at 7.30pm. This Pontefract-based chamber choir are regular visitors to Wakefield Cathedral and have also sung in York Minster and Ripon Cathedral. For tickets, priced at £7.50, please contact Jenny Ashmore on 01924 483308 or email jashmore@mirfield.org.uk.

NEWSLETTER From Jan 2016 I have agreed to produce the church's weekly newsletter as Margaret Ellis is standing down after doing a sterling job for many years. I ask that you are patient with me while I get to grips with the job. I am sure to make some mistakes on the way. I would like news items to be sent, in the first instance, to davidjict@gmail.com or tel. 01484 715197 by 5.00 p.m. by Wednesday evening. If you wish to notify me about someone who is ill then the phone is a more personal method.

David James

DIARY 2016

Sunday 24th January Epiphany 3 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.15 am. Parish Communion with Baptism

Wednesday 27th January Holy Communion

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Friday 29th January 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st Presentation of Christ in the Temple 9.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.15 am. Parish Communion

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