

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 25th January 2015

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Conversion of Paul

9 a.m.	Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam		
10.15 a.m.	Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam Wednesday Nighters Corporate Communion		
Sidesmen:	Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe		
Readings:	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	page 755	Shirley Stow
	Acts 9: 1-22	page 1102	Dianne Knowles
	Matthew 19: 27-end	page 987	Christine Wilson
Prayers:	Barbara Rukin		
Chalice:	Freda Broadbent and Barbara Rukin		
Hymns:	Old & New – Organ (<i>Gordon Balmforth</i>)		
1. 71	Christ, whose glory fills the skies		
2. 156	God of mercy, God of grace		
3. 184	Hark, my soul, it is the Lord		
4. 386	Open our eyes, Lord		
5. 395	Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence (<i>As gentle as silence</i>)		
6. 149	God be in my head		
7. 299	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour		



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Prayers for the week: Collect for today: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We pray for the suffering, especially Anne Milnes, Stan Brown, Dorothy Taylor, Holly Ferguson, Geoffrey Nicholson, Neil Shaw, Joan Smith, 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, particularly those who live on Robertson Avenue, Scholey Road, Scholey Avenue and Longroyde School

We pray for the departed especially Clifford Ainley. Surround all who mourn with your love. Give courage and companionship as they adjust to their loss and be with them as they grieve.

Sunday 1st February 2015

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9 a.m.	Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell		
10.15 a.m.	Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell		
Sidesmen:	Oriell Kelly and Gerald Savage		
Readings:	Malachi 3: 1-5	page 961	Pam Dimpleby
	Hebrews 2: 14-end	page 1202	Dianne Bates
	Luke 2:22-40	page 1208	Roger Ellis
Prayers:	Dianne Bates		
Chalice:	Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis		

Voices Rehearsal at 12 noon

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: www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk e mail Alan Hoggard alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk to promote events or information for the website.

If you wish to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order see Cherry or Gerald.

Please send newsletter items to Margaret Ellis (718013) or e mail ellis700@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Wednesdays

The Pastoral Care Team is Alan Hoggard, Margaret Ellis, Judith Readshaw, Jo Lewis, Freda Broadbent, Doreen Davis, Anne Aspinall, Cherry Fancourt, Christine James and Dianne Bates

For young children and carers we have a crèche in the Lady Chapel. There is a children's area with books, toys and service-relevant materials where they can sit and colour. New bible toys may be taken to 'pews' during the service, then returned to the Children's area

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS, REFLECTIONS AND THANKSGIVING: up to November 2015. If you are willing to organise or help with an event during this important year in the life of our Church please contact a member of the co-ordinating group: Rev. Marion, Ann Johnson (769297), David Marshall (718182) or Stephen Hannam (716053)

The book of ESTHER!: Thursdays 5th and 12th February in The Sturrock Room to watch, chat and discuss over a cup of tea or coffee the book of Esther! We have it as a film - so let's meet at 7.30; watch until 8.20; then have a warming drink and chat until 9.15 or 9.30 at the latest! The film can be neatly split into 2 parts. If you cannot come to both sessions, then that will not be a problem. The book of Esther gives us a story full of tears and sorrow; good conquering evil; a tale of a jump from rags to riches; there are great joys and celebration; fasting and feasting; and it spotlights on a king who is happy to let others pick up responsibility. The message from all of this for us is to have faith in God who is always present, but not necessarily within our sight, and who may just solve our problems in an unexpected way. *Julia*
MESSY CHURCH: 1st March at 3 p.m. Activities on Family Carers theme for all the family. Refreshments provided.

PRAYER GROUP AT THE VICARAGE: Next meeting: 25th January, for an hour from 6.30 pm and continuing 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. We continue to pray for peace, for the Middle- East and other matters close to our hearts. This is an informal group, and anyone is welcome to come regularly or occasionally.

MOBILE PHONES: Do you have any mobile phones that could go to Mara? Time is short as Stephen Spencer and the group of teachers leave on 5th February. Mara don't need chargers only the phone. Please contact Oriel if you have any.

PANTOMIME: AGM Monday, 9th February at 8 pm in the Back Room of the Church Hall. ALL WELCOME

PRAYER BREAKFAST: Saturday 7th February. This is a lovely opportunity to eat and chat with like minded people, the meeting ending with 10 minutes of prayer on local and world wide needs. *Barbara*

FLOWER ROTA: Add your name to the rota (on the Church notice board) if you wish to provide flowers for a special memory. Please see Christine Wilson and Barbara Rukin for details.

BEER AND BANTER-MEN ONLY: 8 p.m. Mondays at 'The Globe' 26th January: Norman Lake: 'Educating Honley.'

WELCOME CENTRE: We are collecting **tinned and dried potatoes** in January. Many thanks for your support

RUCKSACK CLUB: AGM on Wednesday 4th February at 7.30 pm in the Sturrock Room followed by a Pie and Peas Supper. Cost is £4 each, including the first drink. Please put names on the list in Church for catering purposes. If you would like to join the Committee, please put your name on the appropriate list.

Full Day Walk: Saturday 14th February Leader: Stephen and Jennifer Guy (712874) mobile 07590 712877

Leaving Church: 9.30 a.m. An easy 8 miles from Gargrave along the Pennine Way to East Marton and back along the Leeds - Liverpool Canal. Please put your name on the list in Church or let Stephen and Jennifer know if you are walking.

Date for your diary: Full Day Walk: Saturday 21st March

ASH WEDNESDAY: Senior Church Leaders invite Christians from around the region to join in a procession through Leeds City Centre on 18th February (Ash Wednesday). Convene at 1 pm at St John, New Briggate .Process along Briggate to the Trinity Shopping Centre. Finish at 2pm after prayers in Holy Trinity Boar Lane. Bring a variety of banners, national flags, processional crosses – whatever your tradition and background. See Marion if you intend to go

Sharing ideas for leading small groups: There is a notice on the board at the back of church with details of sessions taking place which are being organised by the diocese. A group from St. John's are going to the Mirfield Centre on Tuesday 3rd February. Come and join us. See Alan for more information.

OPEN GARDENS: Anne Aspinall is co-ordinating another event so please could you open your garden this summer to make another fantastic event possible? No details or dates yet. First we need gardens of ANY SIZE. Contact Anne 718969 as soon as possible.

DIARY

Sunday 25th January

Prayer Group at the Vicarage (see above)

Monday 26th January

8 p.m. Beer and Banter at the Globe (see above)

Wednesday 28th January

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday 30th January

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Monday 9th February

8 p.m. Pantomime AGM

Thursdays 5th and 12th February

7.30 p.m. The book of Esther (see above)

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday service at 7.30 p.m. at St. Matthew's

