

## 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 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: David Marshall  
Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Allen Smith  
Brasses:

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March:

#### Easter Sunday - Old & New – Organ (*Sally Cook*)

*Including the anthem, "Love is come again"*

1. 256 Jesus Christ is risen today.
2. 317 Low in the grave he lay (*Christ arose*)
3. . I serve a risen Saviour (*Words on sheet*)
4. 97 Crown him with many crowns
5. . Come and see (*Words on sheet*)
6. . All heaven declares (*Words on sheet*)
7. . Be still, for the presence... (*Words on sheet*)
8. 522 Thine be the glory

**Prayers for the week: Collect for today:** God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 pray for those affected by the terrorism in Brussels.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Birds Royd Lane, Woodlands Square, River Street and Vulcan Street

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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell  
10.15 a.m. Parish Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Pat Hobson

Readings: Acts 5. 27-32 Sue Smith Page 1097  
Revelation 1. 4-8 Allen Smith Page 1233  
John 20. 19-end Gerald Savage Page 1089

Prayers: Margaret Ellis

Chalice: Roger Ellis and Margaret Ellis

Brasses: Wednesday Nighters

**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. NB There will be no prayer group meeting on Easter Day (27<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.

**Easter lilies have been provided in memory of the following loved ones:**

Eileen Hallewell, Leonard and Freda Davis, Harry and Blodwen Humphreys, Patrick Thomas Breen, Harold and Elsie Pawson, Maurice and Winnie Rukin, Richard Kunc, Thomas Whitaker, Stuart Whitaker, Eva and Wilfred Moorhouse, Dorothy and Stanley James, James and Joyce Sturrock, James Moore, Ray and Kay Tyson, Eileen Martin, David Fletcher, Alec Perkin, Ian Perkins, Shelley Marshall, William Bennett Storey, Alice Storey and Peter Storey, Reginald Redfearn, Jonathon McCarthy, Andrea Elliot, Stuart Philip Wilson, Leonard and Vera Wilson, Herbert and Annie Barraclough and Glenys Lord.

**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.

**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.

**WE WANT TO BE CONFIDENT CHRISTIANS, GROW OUR CHURCH AND CHANGE THE COMMUNITY.** This is an early notice and invitation for us all to meet together for a great 3 week course run along the lines of the Lent Groups – i.e. with a host and a leader at each venue. Would you like to meet during the afternoon or evening? Watch out for details next week for the final details of dates, times and venues. The sessions will start **week commencing Monday 11 April.**

### **DIARY 2016**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 am. Holy Communion

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April Sundown Swing Band 7.30 pm. Doors and bar open 6.45 pm.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday Nighters outing to see Little Shop of Horrors.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April Full day Rucksack Club walk.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April APCM

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April Messy Church - Dragon themed activities. 3pm.

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