

## 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 28th February 2016**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

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

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Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Doreen Davis, Simon Davis and Margaret Rains

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:

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Old & New – Organ** (*Graham Rayner*)

1. 260 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it
2. 351 O for a closer walk with God
3. 277 Just as I am, without one plea
4. 286 Let us break bread together (1<sup>st</sup> version)
5. 470 Take my life and let it be
6. 522 Thine be the glory

**Prayers for the week: Collect for today:** Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in 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 Bramston Street, Bramston Gardens, Capel Street, Ash Grove Terrace, Bath Place and Rastrick High School.

We pray for the departed, 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 6th March 2016**

**4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)**

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell  
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Parade Sunday

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe  
Readings: **9.00 am only** 1 Samuel 1. 20 - end page 271  
Colossians 3. 12 -17 page 1184 Soo Sykes  
John 19. 25 b - 27 page 1088 Christine Wilson  
Prayers: Cherry Fancourt  
Chalice: Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis  
Brasses: Mothers Union

**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

**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.

### **RUCKSACK CLUB 500TH WALK CELEBRATION**

To celebrate the idea of a walking club between Michael Storey and Leslie Wilcox on a walk to Stoodley Pike in 1980, the Rucksack Club will be holding two walks to Stoodley Pike on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

‘A’ walk – leaders Alan and Eric (01484 716652) 11 mile walk, easy/moderate going. Leave Church at 9.15am. to drive to the White House pub above Littleborough and walk along the Pennine Way to meet up with the ‘B’ walk for lunch at Stoodley Pike at 1.00pm. Then return to the White House.

‘B’ walk – leaders Graham and Robert (01484 716871) 4/5 mile walk, short uphill section then easy going. Leave Church at 10.00am. to park at Withins Clough car park Cragg Vale and walk along the Calderdale Way and the Pennine Way to Stoodley Pike for a joint lunch.

Please put your names on the list in church or let the leaders know if you are walking. All are welcome to join us on either walk

**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.

**BACON BUTTIES WILL BE ON SALE IN THE CHURCH HALL** on Mothering Sunday. Yorkshire Tykes Explorers are the new Rastrick St John's Explorer Unit and we are currently working with a local Homeless Charity called BASH. You may have seen us in the Brighouse Echo recently when we did a Cardboard Box Camp and raised £440 for BASH. Sales from Bacon Butties will be donated towards both the BASH Charity and the Yorkshire Tykes Unit. We are currently working towards our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and we are looking to raise funds for our Expedition Equipment.

Thank you Emily Eve, Brighouse Yorkshire Tykes Explorer.

**TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING** - Saturday 19 March 9.00 to 12.00. Free Entry. Please support this popular event. Find some bargains, buy crafts and cards and enjoy excellent bacon butties and homemade cakes. If you want to book a table or donate any items for sale on the Church Stall please ring 01484 710339.

**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.

**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, 2.30-5.45 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.

**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**

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.