

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 29th November 2105

First Of Advent

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion and United Benefice Centenary Celebration with Bishop Nick followed by Faith Lunch
Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson, Pat Hobson
Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 page 795 Pam Dimpleby
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end page 1187 Graham Readshaw
Luke 21: 25-36 page 1057 Doreen Davis
Chalice: Roger and Margaret Ellis
Brasses: Wednesday Nighters



Prayers for the week: Collect for today: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 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.

A PRAYER FOR PARIS: Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified. Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace – peace that surpasses all understanding but changes lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Badger Hill, Dewsbury Road, Clough Lane, Fixby View, Fixby View Yard and William Henry Smith School

We pray for those who have died, especially those killed tragically in the terrorist attacks in Paris. 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 December 2105

2nd Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
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Mothers' Union Goodies stall and raffle in the hall after the service
Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Simon Davis, Dorren Davis, Margaret Raine
Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4 page 961 Soo Sykes
Philippians 1: 3-11 page 1178 Audrey Belcher
Luke 3: 1-6 page 1029 Nina Nicholson
Prayers: Margaret Ellis

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 Margaret Ellis (718013) or e mail ellis700@btinternet.com by **N.B. 5 p.m.** on Wednesdays

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. New 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

TRAIDCRAFT: Show you care at Christmas. What better time to show you care about fighting poverty? Buy some of your Christmas items from Traidcraft. See brochures on the stall and give your orders to Rosemary Lake

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. A basket is provided at the back of church for donations towards decorating our church for Christmas.

MOTHERS UNION GOODIES STALL AND RAFFLE: Sunday 6th December in the Hall after the 10.15 a.m. service

SHOE BOXES: A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Shoe Box Appeal. We sent 36 shoe boxes to children around the world, who, with our help, will have a little joy in their lives this Christmas. Thank you. *Gill Mills*

PANTOMIME RAFFLE: Please contact Graham Readshaw (713699) if you have anything that would be suitable for use in the pantomime raffle. Thank you for your support.

PANTOMIME SOCIETY: Tickets for Cinderella are now on sale. Contact Sharon Berry (719143) Tickets are £5 full and £3 concessions and two full for the price of one on Monday night only. All profits raised go to church

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Wednesday 16th December in the Church Hall. 12.30p.m. for 1 p.m. Five courses including wine for £13.50 Tickets available form Cherry (385080)

NEWSLETTER: From **Sunday 27th December**, I am relinquishing preparing the weekly newsletter. Please see me or Hilary if you able to take on this role. *Margaret*

CENTENARY ITEMS FOR SALE: See Carole Harvey to purchase any available items and order beakers with coasters for £12 each set or £20 for two

CENTENARY BEER GLASSES: On table at back of church @ £1 each. Please put money in the tin. *Margaret Ellis*

CENTENARY BOOKLET: On table at the back of church for purchase @ £3 per copy. A box is provided for monies.

RUCKSACK CLUB: St. John's Day walk and lunch: Monday 28th December Hot Beef Sandwich and chips at Bradley Park Golf Club at 2 p.m.

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. A deposit of £14 per person is to be paid 4 months in advance. Cheques made payable to St John's Rucksack Club. 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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Please bring your home boxes to Church for the annual counting. Anyone wishing to have a home box for the collection of loose change please see Christine Whitaker

DIARY 2015

Wednesday 2nd December

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday 4th December

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Blood doning sessions 2-4 p.m. and 5-7.30 p.m.

PANTOMIME-CINDERELLA

7-12th DECEMBER

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Dinner (see above)

Sunday 20th December

Accord Singers concert

Monday 21st December

8 p.m. Beer and Banter at the Globe 'Christmas cheer'

Monday 28th December

St. John's walk and lunch (see above)

Monday 11th January 2016

7.30 p.m. P.C.C. meeting

