

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 31st January 2016 **Presentation of Christ in the Temple** **Wednesday Nighters' Corporate Communion**

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

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Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly and Gerald Savage

Readings: Hebrews 1. 14 - end page 1202 Dianne Knowles
 Psalm 24 page 555 Pat Lee
 Luke 2. 22-40 page 1029 Christine Wilson

Prayers: Barbara Rukin

Chalice: Roger Ellis and Allen Smith

Brasses:

Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Old & New – Organ (*Graham Kennedy*)

1. 406 O worship the Lord
2. 324 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
3. . Christ be our light. (*Words on a sheet in the newsletter*)
4. 389 O Praise ye the Lord
5. 525 This is my body
6. 395 Oh the love of my Lord is the essence
7. 285 Let there be peace on earth

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life 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, 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 Heath Mount Road, Knowles Road, Archbell Avenue, Glyndon Court and Highbury 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 7th February 2016**Sunday next before Lent**

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell/Rev. Stephen Hannan
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Sidesmen: Julia Tum and Diane Knowles

Readings: Exodus 34. 29-end page 904 Sue Smith
2 Corinthians 3. 12 - 4. 2 page 1160 Allen Smith
Luke 9. 28-43a page 1040 Gerald Savage

Prayers: Margaret Ellis

Chalice: Janine Morrisroe and David Marshall

Brasses: Julia Tum and Hilary McCarthy

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.

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.

LENT STARTS EARLY THIS YEAR : Rastrick Group of Churches will be holding midweek Lent housegroups as usual, starting in **week beginning Sunday 14th February** and running for the five weeks up to Palm Sunday. Details are now available at the back of church and there is a choice of groups running at times and in places to suit everyone. This year we will be using York Courses "The Psalms – Prayers for Today's Church". Please sign up for a group that's convenient for you, telephoning the host to book a place.

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.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST : Come and join fellow Christians for Breakfast, here at St John's, on Saturday 13th February, at 9am in the Sturrock Room. We are giving you the choice of either a cold breakfast with cereals and jam, or a bacon or egg buttie. We enjoy the food, swap news from each of the Rastrick Churches, and pray for the needs of the day for the last 10minutes, finishing at around 10am.. Barbara Rukin & Doreen Davis

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.

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. This month, and 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 box at the back of church for any donations. Thank you.

DIARY 2016

Wednesday 3rd February Rucksack Club AGM: Sturrock Room at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 7th February 2016 Sunday next before Lent 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.15 am. Parish Communion

Tuesday 9th February PCC Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 10th February Benefice Service at St. John's 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 14th February 2016 1st Sunday of Lent 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.15 am. Parish Communion

Saturday 20th February Rucksack Club - full day walk: leave Church at 10.00 am..

Sunday 21st February 2016 2nd Sunday of Lent 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.15 am. All Age Worship

Sunday 28th February 2016 3rd Sunday of Lent 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.15 am. Parish Communion

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