

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 3rd January 2116

Epiphany

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell
6.30 p.m. Epiphany reflection : benefice service led by Alan Hoggard

Sidesmen: Janet Thain, Audrey Belcher and Barry Belcher

Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6 page 746 Pat Hobson
Ephesians 3. 1-12 page 1174 Derek Davies
Matthew 2. 1-12 page 966 David Marshall

Prayers: Glenn Tatton

Chalice: Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis

Sunday 3rd January:

Epiphany – Old & New – Organ (*Gordon Normanton*)

1. Brightest and best (*words on newsletter*)
2. 35 As with gladness men of old
3. 196 Hills of the north rejoice
4. Christ be our light (*words on newsletter*)
5. 406 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
6. 570 We three kings of orient are

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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 pray for all the people affected by the floods and trust that you will give them the strength and fortitude at this difficult time.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Slade Lane, Lower Fold, Fletcher Crescent and Field Lane School

We pray for those who have died, especially those who have recently passed away. 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 10th January 2016**Baptism of Christ**

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

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

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Pat Hobson

Readings: Isaiah 43. 1-7 page 728 Cherry Fancourt

Acts 8. 14-17 page 1101 Pam Dimpleby

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22 page 1029 Christine Wilson

Prayers: Barbara Rukin

Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Janine Morrisroe

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 to promote events or information for the website.

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

CENTENARY YEAR REFLECTIONS AND THANKSGIVING:

Saturday 16th January 11am - 2pm in church, lunch provided. A gently interactive time to pause and reflect and joyfully give thanks to everyone involved in our centenary year. An hour of sharing stories. An hour for lunch (provided). An hour to draw things together with thanksgiving and prayer. And in case you might think this will be all sitting and a talking shop.....? Let's just say the experience will be different, fun and involving everyone – in a gentle way. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church by the 10th January so arrangements can be made or phone/email Marion directly. (01484 713386/revd.marion@gmail.com)

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

THANK YOU A very big thank you for all who gave mince pies and their time towards a very successful accord singers Carols Through The Ages Concert. Another successful team effort. Many thanks again. Love and blessings Ann Johnson

MOTHERS UNION – WAVE OF PRAYER Please meet on Friday 8th January at 2pm in the Lady (Nativity) Chapel for about ¾ hr.. Hope as many as possible of you can come. If you need a lift please phone Cherry. This is a very special time of prayer when we link with others around the world – Happy New Year to you all - Cherry Fan-court

ST. JOHN'S QUIZ NIGHT : Wednesday 13th January in the Church Hall at 7.45 p.m.. Bring your own drinks and glasses - nibbles will be provided. £2.50 p/p)

BASH: Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless supports vulnerable members of our society. It would be lovely if we could provide some extra special items for the New Year. If you know anyone who might appreciate a small gift of a food parcel, please contact Judith Kay (713929)

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 CDS: Due to popular demand the two history slideshows shown during the centenary weekend are now available on CD that will run on any Windows computer. They can be found at the back of church. The CD also contains all the photos in the presentations and a very large quantity of unseen photographs. The CD can be purchased at £3.00, the same price as the centenary booklet.

SPECIAL OFFER : If you buy the centenary booklet and the CD together the price is only £5.00. If you have already bought the booklet the price of the CD is £2.00.

David James

CENTENARY ITEMS FOR SALE: These are on a table at the back of church with boxes for your money. Thank you.

RUCKSACK CLUB WALK

Dates for your 2016 diary: Saturday 16th January: Full Day Walk Leaders: Roger and Margaret Ellis (Mobile: 07799868777)

Leave church: 9.30 a.m.

Distance: 6 and half miles

Parking in Farnley Tyas village centre

Start of walk: Centre of Farnley Tyas at the war memorial

Terrain: Farm and woodland tracks taking in Castle Hill

OS Explorer Map 288 Bradford and Huddersfield

RUCKSACK CLUB AGM Wednesday 3rd February in the Sturrock Room at 7.15 pm.

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.

NEWSLETTER From Jan 2016 I have agreed to produce the church's weekly newsletter as Margaret Ellis is standing down after doing a sterling job for many years. I ask that you are patient with me while I get to grip with the job. I am sure to make some mistakes on the way. I would like news items to be sent, in the first instance, to davidjict@gmail.com or tel. 01484 715197 by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. If you wish to notify me about someone who is ill then the phone is a more personal method.

David James

DIARY 2016

Wednesday 6th January 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday 8th January 7.30 Morning Prayer

Friday 8th January 2.00 p.m. M.U. Wave of Prayer in church

Sunday 10th January Baptism of Christ 9.00 Holy Communion

10.15 Parish Communion

Monday 11th January 2016 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. meeting

Wednesday 13th January Holy Communion

Wednesday 13th January St. John's Quiz Night in the Church Hall at 7.45 p.m..

Friday 15th January 7.30 Morning Prayer

Saturday 16th January Rucksack Walk

Sunday 17th January Epiphany 2 9.00 Holy Communion

10.15 Morning Worship and Parade

Tuesday 19th January 7.30 p.m. Mothers Union AGM

Wednesday 20th January Holy Communion

Friday 22nd January 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th January Epiphany 3 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 am. Parish Communion

Wednesday 27th January Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th January Wednesday Nighters Christmas Dinner

Friday 29th January 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st Presentation of Christ in the Temple 3 9.00a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 am. Parish Communion

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