

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 everyone for fellowship and light refreshments in the Church hall after the service.



Sunday 7th December

Advent 2 and Baptism

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

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell and baptism of Daniel

We welcome Daniel Edwards and his parents Rob and Caroline and sister Chloe

11.45 a.m. MU Christmas Goodies in the Hall and opening and blessing of new kitchen

3 p.m. Messy Church Christmas Activities. Mince pies and mulled wine.

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

Readings:	Isaiah 40: 1-11	page	723	Cherry Fancourt
	2 Peter 3: 8-15a	page	1244	Richard Mason
	Mark 1: 1-8	page	1002	Christine Wilson

Prayers: Dianne Bates

Chalice: Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis

Hymns: **Old & New – Organ** (*Gordon Normanton*)

1. 260 Jesus is Lord!
2. 205 How lovely on the mountains (*Our God reigns*)
3. 110 Father, I place into your hands
4. 278 King of glory, King of peace
5. 314 Love is his word, love is his way
6. 324 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
7. 365 O Jesus, I have promised

Rastrick Voices Rehearsal TODAY

May God's blessing surround you each day

As you trust him and walk in his way.

May his presence within guard and keep you from sin.

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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Prayers for the week: Collect for today: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

We pray for the suffering, especially Stan Brown, Margaret Martingale, Dorothy Taylor, Holly Ferguson, Geoffrey Nicholson, Neil Shaw, Joan Smith, 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, particularly those who live on Slade Lane, Lower Fold and Fletcher Crescent

We pray for the departed, especially Summer Allen. Surround Summer's family and friends and all who mourn with your love. Give courage and companionship as they adjust to their loss and be with them as they grieve.

Sunday 14th December

Advent 3

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

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

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe

Readings:	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end	page	748	Dianne Bates
	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	page	1188	Pam Dimbleby
	John 1: 6-8, 19-28	page	1063	Gerald Savage

Prayers: Cherry Fancourt

Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Freda Broadbent

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: www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk e mail Alan Hoggard alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk to promote events or information for the website.

If you wish to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order see Cherry or Gerald.

Please send newsletter items to Margaret Ellis (718013) or e mail ellis700@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Wednesdays

The Pastoral Care Team is Alan Hoggard, Margaret Ellis, Judith Readshaw, Jo Lewis, Freda Broadbent, Doreen Davis, Anne Aspinall, Cherry Fancourt, Christine James and Dianne Bates

For young children and carers we have a crèche in the Lady Chapel. There is a children's area 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

CHRISTMAS POSTERS: I've now had a delivery of Christmas posters from Churches Together. A poster per household, free for folks to take on Sunday. *Marion*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There is a basket at the back of church for Christmas flowers donations. Traditionally the flowers are usually provided by the congregation at Christmas time. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: This is a quiet time amongst the busyness of Christmas preparations. Lasts 3/4 to 1 hour on Tuesday 9th December at Upper Edge Baptist Church at 7.30pm and Tuesday 16th December at St John's at 7.30pm

RASTRICK CHRISTMAS CARDS: Please can you deliver a pile of the cards which are on the table at back of church. If your street has been taken, please take another pile. This is an important part of our outreach to the people of our parish.

ADVENT APPEAL: The Coffee Morning and sale of cakes on Sunday morning raised an amazing £236-40 for the Ravenscliffe @Spring Hall Appeal. The Christmas card board is now in church ready to receive your card for the family at St. John's. Please display your card and give a donation in lieu of giving lots of cards. Thank you for your continued support. *Missions and Charities group*

FROM BISHOP TONY: We have invited the former Registrars of the Diocese of Wakefield at Dixon, Coles & Gill to a thanksgiving service during choral evensong on Thursday 11th December at 6.30 pm in Wakefield Cathedral. Dixon, Coles & Gill have served for the whole of the 126 years of the Diocese of Wakefield and you are very welcome to come and join in this service.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: December 2014-November 2015. Would you like to organise or help with an event during this important year in the life of our Church? Contact a member of the co-ordinating group: Marion Russell, Ann Johnson (769297) annjohnson@hotmail.co.uk, David Marshall (718182) or Stephen Hannam (716053)

BEER AND BANTER-MEN ONLY: 8 p.m. Mondays at 'The Globe' 22nd December: Christmas Beers & Banter. 26th January: Norman Lake: 'Educating Honley.' *Alan Hoggard*

WELCOME CENTRE: We are collecting **tinned meat in December**. Many thanks for your support. *M Ellis*

RUCKSACK CLUB: Saturday 27th December: St. John's Family Walk, 4 miles long. Parking at Bradley Park Golf Club at 11.15 a.m. Lunch-hot beef sandwich, chips and gravy at 2 p.m. Cost is £5 each. Please put names on the list in Church and pay Anne or Robert Beaumont by Sunday 21st December

Walk: Saturday 17th January: Leader David Wilson Length: 9 miles leaving Church at 9.30 a.m.

AGM: Wednesday 4th February in the Sturrock Room at 7.15 p.m.

PANTOMIME: Tickets on sale from Sharon Berry (719143) £5 for adults and £3 concessions. Monday night: 2 full price for £5. See Graham if you can offer a raffle prize to be used for Pantomime week.

NEW ROAD SUNDAY SCHOOL: Carol singing at Lands House. Any one interested in joining us would be made most welcome. Meet at Lands House either in the car park or inside at 3.40 p.m. on Sunday 14th December. *Allan Bottomley*

PANTOMIME BACON BUTTIES EVENT: This raised £87 for funds

DIARY

7.15 p.m. Monday 8th- Saturday 13th December

Pantomime-ROBINSON CRUSOE in Church Hall

Wednesday 10th December

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday 12th December

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17th December

12.30 p.m. for 1 p.m. Christmas Lunch in Sturrock room for those who have booked

Sunday 21st December

7 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols at St. John's

Wednesday 24th December

AT ST. JOHN'S 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christingles and 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion

AT ST. MATTHEW'S 7 p.m. Candlelit Carol Service

Thursday 25th December

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. John's 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Matthew's

Wednesday 31st December, Friday 23rd January

Blood donor session on 31st December is at 9-3.30 p.m. PLEASE DONATE if you are able.

