

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 14th February 2016

1st Sunday of Lent

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Storey
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St John's Voices Rehearsal after coffee

Sidesmen: Janet Thain, Audrey Belcher and Barry Belcher

Readings: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 page 203 Norman Lake
Romans 10. 8b-13 page 1137 Pat Hobson
Luke 4. 1-13 page 1030 Christine Wilson

Prayers: David Marshall

Chalice: Barbara Rukin and Allen Smith

1st Sunday of Lent – Old & New – Organ (*Philip Tordoff*)

1. 133 Forty days and forty nights
2. 45 Be Thou my guardian
3. 11 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
4. 316 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep
5. 281 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
6. 109 Father, hear the prayer we offer
7. 14 All my hope on God is founded

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for the suffering, especially Kathleen Fletcher, Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Linda Kourey, 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 Ogden Lane, Ivy Terrace, Stackgarth, Common Terrace, Vicarage Gardens and Woodhouse School.

We pray for those who have recently died, especially Geoffrey Nicholson. 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 21st February 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Rev. Marion Russell/Alan Hoggard
10.15 a.m. All Age Worship led by Alan Hoggard
St John's Voices Rehearsal after coffee

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Pat Hobson
Readings: **9.00 am only** Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18 page 15
Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1 page 1180 Derek Davis
Luke 13. 31- end page 1047 Roger Ellis
Prayers: Allen Smith
Chalice:
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). Marion is particularly available for personal support and prayer on Monday afternoons and evenings in Lent. (Please phone first.) 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.

LENT LUNCHESES in the Church Hall 12 noon - 13.30. Every Tuesday from February 16th to 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

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.

RUCKSACK CLUB : Dates for your 2016 diary:
500th Walk Celebration Weekend: March 12th/13th 2016

Walk - Saturday 12th March:

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.

THIS YEAR'S LENT APPEAL is to support Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) who use light aircraft to provide help and relief to the world's poorest communities. Please look out for the display and information in church.

THE NEXT TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING will be held on Saturday 19 March from 9.00 am to mid-day in St John's Church Hall. The last event raised over £600, despite the dreadful weather. We are aiming to have a wider variety of stalls this time, but there will still be plenty of opportunity to pass on "pre-loved" items! Volunteers needed to supervise the Church Stall on the day. A table costs £9.00. Speak to Rosemary or Norman Lake (01484 710339) to book one.

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

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

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 16th February

Noon - 1.30 - Lent Lunch

7.30 pm Mothers' Union

Friday 19th February

7.30 am Holy 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 and Parade

Monday 22nd February

8.00pm. @ The Globe - Beer and Banter – More Ramblings with Paul and Ken

Tuesday 23rd February

Noon - 1.30 - Lent Lunch

Wednesday 24th February

10.30 am Holy Communion

8.00 pm. Wednesday Nighters' AGM

Friday 26th February

7.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th February 2016 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 am. Parish Communion

Tuesday 30th February

Noon - 1.30 - Lent Lunch

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