

## 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 11th December 2016

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam  
10.15 a.m. Parish Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

Sidesmen: Janet Thain, Audrey Belcher and Barry Belcher

Readings: Is 35:1-10 Derek Davis Page 719  
James 5: 7-10 Holly Mason Page 1216  
Matthew 11: 2-11 Christine Wilson Page 976

Prayers: Soo Sykes

Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Margaret Ellis

Brasses Wednesday Nighters

### Sunday 11th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent – Old & New – Organ (Philip Tordoff)

1. 296 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
2. Love came down at Christmas (Words in Newsletter)
3. 585 Wide, wide as the ocean
4. 365 O Jesus, I have promised
5. 34 As we are gathered
6. 509 There's a quiet understanding
7. 470 Take my life, and let it be
8. 475 Tell out, my soul

**Prayers for the week: Collect for today** God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for the suffering, especially James Cherry, Ann Smith, David Williams, Mandy Rochell, Pat Wilcock, Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Kathleen Carline, Anne Milnes, 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 The Nursing Homes in Rastrick, Aspinall Fold, Common Road, Wilderness Road, Banks End, East View and for all our the children and the staff in Rastrick Independent School.

We pray for those who have died, especially those 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 18th December 2016**

**3th Sunday of Advent**

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell  
10.15 a.m. All Age Worship led by Alan Hoggard  
7.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols

Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Nina Nicholson and Pat Hobson

Readings: Matthew 1: 18-end Audrey Belcher Page 965  
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](mailto: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](mailto:davidjict@gmail.com) by N.B. 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and information to add to the website: [www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](http://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.

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** Please save used postage stamps for Overgate Hospice and put them in the magazine box.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who took part in this years Operation Christmas Child Shoe box appeal. As a church we have sent 30 boxes to children around the world, spreading a little joy this Christmas time to those less fortunate than ourselves. Many thanks. Gill Mills.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR OVERGATE HOSPICE AT UPPER EDGE BAPTIST** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. Christmas Concert Rastrick High School Choirs directed by Alison Pryce-Jones.

**FAREWELL TO UPPER EDGE BAPTIST MINISTER :** It is with sadness that we must say farewell to Lee and Marina Reddyhoff as they will be moving to pastures new at the end of this year. They are to move to Fairingdon, between Oxford and Swinton. We in Rastrick will miss them both very much, but wish them well for the future.

There is to be a Farewell Service followed by a Faith Lunch on Sunday December 18th at 10.30am, at Upper Edge Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome.

**ADVENT APPEAL/KNIT AND NATTER** This month's knit and natter group will meet during December will continue on Wednesdays at Ella Campbell's house, 11, Ashlea Avenue. from 10am to 12 noon. The purpose to make hats, gloves, scarves or toys to donate to BASH for children during the winter months. All are welcome to join us or make at home sizes from babies to teenagers. There will be **NO** Knit and Natter meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of December, we will meet again on Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Ella's Home. Many thanks. Missions and Charities.

(Cindy has sent me a report listing the amazing work the group has done during Advent. It is printed on the back of the separate hymn sheet It has been such a success and they have enjoyed the activity so much they are continuing for some time longer - Editor)

**AS A CHURCH WE ARE SUPPORTING BASH FOODBANK:** (Brighthouse and Surrounding Homeless). This is a long term commitment. Donations that would be suitable could be **tins, jars of jam etc, soup, biscuits, pasta, rice, cooking oil, UHT milk, tea, coffee and sugar** and **non-food** items such as **washing up liquid, shampoo, baby wipes, washing powder and toilet rolls.** There is a basket at the back of church for any donations. Thank you.

### **RUCKSACK CLUB ST. JOHN'S DAY WALK AND LUNCH TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER**

A family walk open to all.

Leaders: Eric and Robert (01484 716871)

An easy 4 mile / 2 1/2 hour walk from the Golf Club.

Park at Bradley Park Golf Club ready for walking at 11.00am. Walking down Shepherds Thorn Lane, crossing Huddersfield Road to the top of Toothill Bank. Cross the field, over the motorway to Fixby Stores. Down through Upper Fell Greave and Lower Fell Greave Woods, through Bradley Gate Wood to Bradley Road and back to the club house ready to enjoy a hot beef sandwich, chips and gravy at 2.00pm.

The cost of the meal is £6.00 per head. Please put your names on the list in Church and pay Anne or Robert for the meal by Sunday 18th December.

**BIBLE SOCIETY WALK :** The sponsored walk on behalf of the Bible Society helped to raise £1,647.50p. Ronnie Grandage has sent a card thanking the Rucksack Club for leading and sponsoring this year's walk. The total raised was the highest in the last 7 years.

**SHINING A LIGHT ON ADVENT :** An opportunity to explore further this season of waiting, preparation, expectation and hope. A time to ponder and to wonder in the middle of the rush which can be Christmas !!

Tuesdays 13th December 7:45 – 9:15 at The Hoggard's family home at  
163 Halifax Road, HD6 2EQ

Coffee and mince pie included.

Further details from Alan (01484-719631) or Julia (01484 – 400227)

**THE SQUARE CHAPEL ORCHESTRA** have chosen our Church as their second home while the Square Chapel in Halifax is renovated along with the Piece Hall. They are performing their Annual Viennese Christmas Concert in Church at 3pm on Sunday 8th January 2017. Tickets are £10 and £5 for students in full time education. This is a very popular event so make sure you get your tickets early. There will be a bar and during the interval mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the hall. Tickets will be available from Christine James.

**MINCE PIES NEEDED FOR THE 18TH DECEMBER (9 LESSONS AND CAROLS) AND THE SQUARE CHAPEL CONCERT.** Please can we have some home baked mince pies. All profits from refreshments will go into Church funds. Please let Barbara know how many you can bake.

**THE PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS GROUP** would like to thank all those who put themselves on the register to help at future events. The register is just a list of people we can call upon to help at events doing things that they feel comfortable with. We hope a few more will come forward. If you would like to help but think other commitments might get in the way don't worry as we always ask before an event if you are available. If we have a bigger pool of talent then the burden is shared amongst more people and it is less of a strain for individuals. There are more registration forms at the back of Church.

**NEWSLETTER ALTERATIONS** : If anyone changes their church duties please let me know so the details can be corrected. Thank you. David James.

Please send newsletter items to David James - davidjict@gmail.com - or 01484 715197 by 5 p.m. on Wednesday. It would be really useful if you indicated how long you want the item in the newsletter.

## **DIARY 2016**

13th December	Christmas Lunch
13th December	7.45 pm Shining a light on Advent @ Alan Hoggard's
14th December	10.30 am Holy Communion
14 <sup>th</sup> December	7 pm Christmas Concert for Overgate Hospice @ Upper Edge
14th December	7 pm Memorial Service at St John's
16th December	7.30 am Morning Prayer
18th December	7.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols @ St John's



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