

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 17th April 2016

4th Sunday of Easter

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell and Alan Hoggard
10.15 a.m. All Age Worship led by Rev. Alan Hoggard
11.30 a.m. APCM

Sidesmen: Rosemary Lake, Norman Lake and Janine Morrisroe
Readings: Acts 9. 36-end Pat Hobson Page 1103
9.00am only Revelation 7. 9-end Page 1238
John 10. 22-30 Derek Davies Page 1077

Prayers: Allen Smith
Chalice:
Brasses: Mothers Union

Sunday 17th April:

4th Sunday of Easter – Old & New – Organ (*Gordon Balmforth*)

1. 445 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
2. 535 Thou art the Way
3. 213 I danced in the morning
4. . Hosanna, hosanna (*words in newsletter*)
5. 463 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

We pray for the suffering, especially Judith Readshaw, Pat Wilcock, Barbara Siswick, Marjorie Moorhouse, Margaret Hobson, Kathleen Carline, 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 pray for those affected by the terrorism around the world.

We bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Church Street, Well Lane, Grammar School Place and Highbury School.

We pray for those who have died, especially those who have recently died especially Albert Eric Balmforth. 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 24th April 2016

5th Sunday of Easter

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

Sidesmen: Oriel Kelly and Gerald Savage
Readings: Acts 11. 1-18 Ella Campbell Page 1105
9.00am only Revelation 21. 1-6 Pam Dimbleby Page 1249
John 13. 31-35 David Marshall Page 1082

Prayers: Barbara Rukin
Chalice: Barbara Rukin and Janine Morrisroe
Brasses:

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.

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

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

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.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Swing Band Concert last Saturday in any way. The concert raised £1400. Karen's total amount raised for Diabetes UK now stands at £4302.

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. Besides collecting **tins** and **non-food** items during April we are collecting donations of **tea, coffee and sugar**. **Non-food** items that would be suitable could be **washing up liquid, shampoo and toilet rolls**. There is a basket at the back of church for any donations. Thank you.

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

*Come along to Church on Sun 24th April,
at 3 pm for ACTIVITIES on a Dragon Theme.*

*All The Family Welcome...
Refreshments provided*



A MOTHERS UNION COFFEE MORNING : Tuesday, 10th May - will be held at Cherry's, 12 Lower Newlands, Brighthouse between 10 am and 12 noon. Tickets £1 to include coffee and biscuits. There will be a cake stall and raffle. Any donations for cake stall will be very welcome.

WE WANT TO BE CONFIDENT CHRISTIANS, GROW OUR CHURCH AND CHANGE THE COMMUNITY. This is an invitation for us all to meet together for a great 3 week course run along the lines of the Lent Groups – i.e. with a host and a leader at each venue. Would you like to meet during the afternoon or evening? Look out for details for details of dates, times and venues.

UPDATE : There is also a House Group at Shirley Stowe's - 50 Archbell Avenue on Monday, 18th April at 7.30pm. George Wilkinson leading.

LENT APPEAL : If anyone has any money still to come in for the Lent Appeal 2016, please let any member of the Missions and Charities committee have it. Thank you.

BRIGHOUSE AND RASTRICK BRASS BAND : Friday 13th May Brighthouse and Rastrick Brass Band Concert at St Matthew's, 7.30pm Contact Brian Spence 01484 716264 for tickets, £13

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES 2016/17 : The freewill offering envelopes for the new financial year are available at the back of Church and will commence on Sunday, 10 April 2016.

Gift Aid users – please take the box set allocated to you by name.

UNNAMED BOXES ARE AVAILABLE for general (Non-Gift Aid) use, anyone wishing to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order should see Cherry Fancourt or Gerald Savage.

PRECINCTS : As you are aware we have been employing a gardener for several years to maintain the upkeep of our precincts the cost has been covered by the Church members donating £ 25.00. In 2015, our Centenary year the PCC decided not to seek a financial contribution due to the many activities held and supported by Church members. This year the council is seeking once again your financial support to cover the cost of maintaining our precincts. **UPDATE** Many of you will be aware of the emergency repair work carried out on the car park, resulting in a bill of circa £1500. We have not been able to request grant monies due to the short timeframe consequently this has made a significant impact on our Finances, In addition we have just completed rewiring the Church cost Circa £4,000. If you feel able to make a larger donation this year to meet the cost of garden and car park maintenance it would greatly appreciated by the PCC. This can be given to either myself or Norman Lake. Many thanks. Roger Ellis.

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

DIARY 2016

Monday 18th April Beer and Banter @ The Globe - Allen Smith in South Africa

Wednesday 20th April 10.30 am. Holy Communion

Friday 22nd April 7.30 am. Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th April 5th Sunday of Lent

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 am. Holy Communion

3.00pm. Messy Church - Dragon themed activities.

6.30 pm. Prayer Group @ The Vicarage

Tuesday, 10th May - Mothers Union Coffee Morning @Cherry's, 12 Lower Newlands

Saturday May 21st Afternoon Tea 2pm - 5pm in Church Hall £6.50

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration at St Matthew's Church, Church Street, Rastrick

Saturday 11th June Exhibitions, games, history from 3pm.

Picnic Tea from 4pm.

Musical Concert in Church at 6pm .

Sunday 12th June Joint Celebration Service 10.00 am at St Matthew's

Sunday 17th July Strawberry Tea in Church Hall and grounds

Sunday 24th July Barbeque and Walk organised by Rucksack Club.

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

STOP PRESS : a quick update to let you know that Songs of Praise has now extended their deadline for ticket applications for their Leeds recording to **Friday 22nd April.** There are some application forms at the back of Church.