

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 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
3.00 pm Messy Church - Dragon themed activities.
6.30 pm. Prayer Group @ The Vicarage

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:

Sunday 24th April:

5th Sunday of Easter - Old & New – The Source (*Music Group*)

1. 4 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
2. 329 Lord, I come to you
3. 206 I heard the voice of Jesus say
4. 163 Here is bread
5. 1 Abba, Father
6. 11 All I once held dear
7. 8 All heaven declares

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, 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 bring before you the hopes and fears of our own neighbourhood, especially for those people who live in Castlefields Crescent, Castlefields Drive, Castlefields Road and the children and all the staff at Castlefields 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 1st May 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

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

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

Sidesmen: Kathleen Fletcher and Julia Tum

Readings: Acts 16: 9-15 Graham Readshaw Page 1111

9.00am only Revelation 21: 10, 22 -22.5 Soo Sykes Page 1249

John 14:23-29 Nina Nicholson Page 1082

Prayers: Glenn Tatton

Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Allen Smith

Brasses: Julia Tum and Hilary McCarthy

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 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: (Brighouse 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.

MISSIONS AND CHARITIES GROUP – RAVENSCLIFFE@ SPRINGHALL : Remember the 2014 Advent Appeal for Ravenscliffe High School in Halifax? The school has now reached the target for the building work to start in September and is making a final push to raise money for equipment. The school is collecting foreign coins, so if you have any spare, please give them to Audrey, Cindy, Cherry, Margaret E or Oriel. Thank you.

A MOTHERS UNION COFFEE MORNING : Tuesday, 10th May - will be held at Cherry's, 12 Lower Newlands, Brighouse 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.

CONFIDENT, GROWING, CHANGING : if you haven't yet joined one of the groups, there's still time. See the separate leaflet for details at the back of church.

ASCENSION DAY THURSDAY 5TH MAY 7.30pm A short Communion Service at St Matthew's Church to mark this important feast day in the church calendar. This will be followed by a gathering of the groups, open to everyone, to bring together in activities and discussion, our thoughts about being confident, growing and changing.

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.

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

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

RUCKSACK CLUB ; Full day walk: Saturday 7th May Leaders Eric and Judith Ogden (716652) Mobile 07811 959881

Walking from Ilkley to Otley 10 Miles. Start from Church at 8.45 am to drive to Otley. Through Otley over the river, turn right towards Blubberhouses on the B6451, fork right at Prince Henry Grammar School. (Park at the end) We need to be quick as the first part of the walk is by bus to Ilkley 10.25 from Otley bus station (this is 15 minutes walk). The walk proper starts down Brook Street to the river Wharfe. We finish where the cars are. (Great views - undulating)

DIARY 2016

- Thursday 5th May 7.30 pm Ascension Day Holy Communion @ St Matthew's
Saturday 7th May 8.45 starting from church. Full day walk from Ilkley to Otley.
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.