

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 4th December 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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

Sidesmen: Julia Tum and Carol Harvey

Readings:	Is 11: 1-10	Soo Sykes	Page 696
	Romans 15:4-13	Pat Hobson	Page 1141
	Matthew 3: 1-12	David Marshall	Page 967

Prayers: Cherry Fancourt

Chalice : Barbara Rukin and Janine Morrisroe

Sunday 4th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent - Old & New – Organ (Gordon Balmforth)

1. 92 Come, thou long expected Jesus
2. 179 Hail to the Lord's anointed
3. . These are the days of Elijah (words in Newsletter)
4. 83 Come down, O Love divine
5. 234 In heavenly love abiding
6. 131 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Prayers for the week: Collect for today Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **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 Slade Lane, Lower Fold, Fletcher Crescent, and for all our the children and the staff in Rastrick High 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 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

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.

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.

PANTOMIME TICKETS are on sale for Aladdin at only £6 adults, £3 concessions and 2 for £6 on Monday 5th December. Contact 01484 719143 and support YOUR Pantomime Society. Panto is for all the family whatever age.

PANTOMIME RAFFLE PRIZES : If you have anything for the nightly raffle it would be greatly appreciated by Graham Readshaw 01484 713699

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR OVERGATE HOSPICE AT UPPER EDGE BAPTIST Wednesday 14th 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 Many thanks. Missions and Charities.

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.

MISSING DEMIJOHN : The demijohn seems to have gone. However, I am still collecting loose change to buy mosquito nets for schoolchildren in Nyakiswa. Currently we have about £68 in the account. Thanks Oriel.

COFFEE, CAKES AND CRAFTS MORNING ON SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER at 8, Healey Wood Gardens from 10.00 am to 12 noon to raise funds for resources at the Nyakiswa Primary Schools. Oriel.

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.

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 6th & 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)

THANKS TO THE HARD WORK of many of you our November Table Top Sale made a profit of £580.30. Although we never seemed really busy we had a steady flow of people through the doors and the cakes and bacon butties were as popular as ever. Next one - 11 March 2017 - only 103 days to go! Rosemary and Norman Lake

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.

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

5th - 10th December	Aladdin in Church Hall.
6th December	7.45 pm Shining a light on Advent @ Alan Hoggard's
7th December	10.30 am Holy Communion
9th December	7.30 am Morning Prayer
10 th December	10am – 12 noon Coffee Morning at 8 Healey Wood Gardens
14 th December	7 pm Christmas Concert for Overgate Hospice @ Upper Edge
14th December	7 pm Memorial Service at St John's



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Parish Calendar : <http://tinyurl.com/jcjrehp>



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