

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 everyone for fellowship and light refreshments in the Church hall after the service.



Sunday 30th November

Advent 1

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

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6.30 p.m. Joint Advent Service of Light at St. Matthew's

Sidesmen: Julia Tum, Pat Hobson and Nina Nicholson

Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9	page	750	Pat Hobson
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9	page	1144	Derek Davis
Matthew 13: 24-end	page	1019	Julia Tum

Prayers: Barbara Rukin

Chalice: Cherry Fancourt and Janine Morrisroe

Brasses: Wednesday Nighters

Hymns: **Old & New – Organ** (*Gordon Balmforth*)

1. 296 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
2. 92 Come, thou long expected Jesus
3. 349 O come, O come, Emmanuel
4. 34 As we are gathered
5. 265 Jesus, name above all names (x2)
6. 509 There's a quiet understanding
7. 185 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes 12 noon Rastrick Voices Rehearsal

Prayers for the week: Collect for today: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

We pray for the suffering, especially Stan Brown, Margaret Martingale, Dorothy Taylor, Holly Ferguson, Geoffrey Nicholson, Neil Shaw, Joan Smith, 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, particularly those who live on Badger Hill, Dewsbury Road, Clough Lane, Fixby View and Fixby View Yard

We pray for the departed, especially Reg Redfearn and Allen Gallimore. Surround Reg's family and friends and Allen's family and friends and all who mourn with your love. Give courage and companionship as they adjust to their loss and be with them as they grieve.

Sunday 7th December

Advent 2 and Baptism

9 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Marion Russell

11.45 a.m. MU Christmas Goodies in the Hall and opening and blessing of new kitchen

3 p.m. Messy Church Christmas Activities. Mince pies and mulled wine.

Sidesmen: Derek Davis, Doreen Davis, Simon Davis and Margaret Raine

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11	page	723	Cherry Fancourt
2 Peter 3: 8-15a	page	1244	Richard Mason
Mark 1: 1-8	page	1002	Christine Wilson

Prayers: Dianne Bates

Chalice: Margaret Ellis and Roger Ellis

12 noon Rastrick Voices Rehearsal

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: www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk e mail Alan Hoggard alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk to promote events or information for the website.

If you wish to discuss Gift Aid or regular giving by standing order see Cherry or Gerald.

Please send newsletter items to Margaret Ellis (718013) or e mail ellis700@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Wednesdays The Pastoral Care Team is Alan Hoggard, Margaret Ellis, Judith Readshaw, Jo Lewis, Freda Broadbent, Doreen Davis, Anne Aspinall, Cherry Fancourt, Christine James and Dianne Bates

For young children and carers we have a crèche in the Lady Chapel. There is a children's area with books, toys and service-relevant materials where they can sit and colour. New bible toys may be taken to 'pews' during the service, then returned to the Children's area

TRAIDCRAFT: Superb range of Christmas cards and gifts. Catalogues and order forms on the stall. Please return when completed to Dianne

ADVENT APPEAL: The Missions and Charities group has decided to support the Ravenscliffe at Spring Hall Appeal during Advent. Ravenscliffe High School in Halifax is the only Secondary Special School in Calderdale, providing education for 137 students aged 11-19 years and it is bursting at the seams. The project aims to create a Sixth Form Centre and Community facilities at Spring Hall to accommodate the older students. Calderdale has committed £1.5 million pounds to the project and it is hoped that the building will open its doors in September 2015. The first Community Challenge to raise £700,000 has been achieved and the second to raise a further £500,000 to equip the Centre is well underway.

On **Thursday 4th December** at 7.00 p.m. there will be a service in Halifax Minster which will be recorded by BBC Local Radio. The Bishop of Leeds will be preaching and music will be by The Minster Choir, Hebden Bridge band and Pete Coe & Alice Jones.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: December 2014-November 2015. Would you like to organise or help with an event during this important year in the life of our Church? Contact a member of the co-ordinating group: Marion Russell, Ann Johnson (769297) annjohnson@hotmail.co.uk, David Marshall (718182) or Stephen Hannam (716053)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR OVERGATE HOSPICE: here on **Saturday, 6th December at 7 p m** featuring Rastrick High School Choir plus Peter Cain and the Guitar Ensemble. Tickets on the door: £3 adults, £1 children.

OPENING AND BLESSING OF NEW KITCHEN AND MU CHRISTMAS GOODIES STALL: 11.45 a.m. on 7th December. Come and celebrate and drink a toast to our fabulous new kitchen.

BEER AND BANTER-MEN ONLY: 8 p.m. Mondays at 'The Globe' 1st December Ian Knowles 'Visiting the War Graves' 22nd December: Christmas Beers & Banter. 26th January: Norman Lake: 'Educating Honley.' *Alan Hoggard*

WELCOME CENTRE: We are collecting **tins of rice pudding in November**. Many thanks for your support. *M Ellis*

RUCKSACK CLUB: Saturday 27th December: St. John's Walk and lunch-hot beef sandwich and chips at Bradley Park Golf Club 2 p.m.

PANTOMIME: Tickets on sale from Sharon Berry (719143) £5 for adults and £3 concessions. Monday night: 2 full price for £5. See Graham if you can offer a raffle prize to be used for Pantomime week.

NEW ROAD SUNDAY SCHOOL: Carol singing at Lands House. Any one interested in joining us would be made most welcome. Meet at Lands House either in the car park or inside at 3 40 p.m. on Sunday 14th December. *Allan Bottomley*

DIARY

Monday 1st December

6.30 p.m. Powerhouse Prayers in the Lady Chapel

8 p.m. Beer and Banter

Wednesday 3rd December

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday 4th December

7 p.m. Service in Halifax Minster(see above)

Friday 5th December

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Blood Donor sessions

Saturday 6th December

7 p.m. Concert at St. John's (see above)

Sunday 7th December

11.45 a.m. MU Christmas Goodies stall in the hall and Opening and Blessing of the kitchen

7.15 p.m. Monday 8th- Saturday 13th December

Pantomime-ROBINSON CRUSOE in Church Hall

Wednesday 17th December

12.30 p.m. for 1 p.m. Christmas Lunch in Sturrock Room **SOLD OUT**

Sunday 21st December

7 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols at St. John's

Wednesday 24th December

AT ST. JOHN'S 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christingles and 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion

AT ST. MATTHEW'S 7 p.m. Candlelit Carol Service

Thursday 25th December

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. John's

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Matthew's

Wednesday 31st December

Blood donor sessions Are you willing and able to donate?

