

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK

Sunday 22nd November 2020 Christ the King

11.00 am No service in church.
Sunday service available at
www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk led by Rev. Stephen Hannam

Readings Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ann Johnson
Matthew 25: 31-end Doreen Davis
Prayers Cherry Fancourt

COLLECT God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

WE PRAY FOR YOUR HEALING LOVE be at work in each one of these we name, according to their need: Nora Barton, Holly Donohue, Barbara McLaren, Mary Lake, Muriel Coop and Bernard Shaw, Stephen and Jean Hannam, Doreen Clark, Douglas Hartley, Keith Redfearn, Helen Hearson, Glynice Lord, David Williams, Jane, Wendy Rachael and Phillipa, Anne and John Milnes, and those in local residential provision.

WE PRAY FOR the parishes of St John and St Matthew, for all who live and work in Rastrick, and those who travel through. This week we particularly ask your blessing for the residents of Stoney Hill, Little Woodhouse, Bryan Street, George Street and the staff and children at Highbury School.

WE PRAY FOR the recently departed especially David Williams and Wilfred Haslam. 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.

WILFRED'S FUNERAL will be led by Canon Michael Storey on 2nd December @ Park Wood Crematorium.

Wilf has been a good friend and neighbour to all in the Healey Wood Community, since moving here with his wife in 1965.

BARBARA, JONATHAN & KAREN, NICHOLAS, STEPHANIE AND GABRIELLE would sincerely like to thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers on 9th November when it was Brian's funeral. Canon Michael took the service, which was lovely and very moving. It was indeed very hard to say a last goodbye. I did mean to do this message for last week, but missed the deadline. Barbara Rukin

THE INTERVIEWS FOR OUR NEW INCUMBENT were held on the 12th November .

We are pleased to announce that a new vicar was appointed and we are hoping to have official confirmation of this appointment by Sunday 29th November .

We are also hoping to have the new vicar in post by Easter 2021 .

Hilary Cartwright

John Hearson

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR DAVID WILLIAMS over the past four years since he was diagnosed with incurable cancer; they were really appreciated by David. Sadly, he finally succumbed to the inevitable on Friday, 20th November at around 6.50pm. He is now at rest and peace and was prepared and ready to leave this earth. Please pray for his soul and for Keith, Marilyn and family, Liz and Nicola and her family, and all whose lives he touched and enriched in whatever way. As Jill Swallow said when Judith told her the news, "there'll be plenty of laughter in heaven tonight". Under the circumstances you may wish, once again, to read the following which David penned only two weeks before he died. Graham

WHY PANTO MUST RETURN TO ST JOHN'S AND ALWAYS CONTINUE

In 1985 I was fortunate to be cast as The King in St John's pantomime production of Sleeping Beauty and I am pleased to say that many of the people involved in 1985 are still very much involved in 2020. Five years later, 1990, I had also joined Waring Green Players, the well-known and much loved local society.

Soon after that I was appearing with other societies including, Brighouse, Spennings, Batley and Hebden Bridge Little Theatre.

I then started in a comedy duo performing at charity events around the region.

As that came to an end I was "headhunted" (yes, me, headhunted) to be the compere at Hebden Bridge Little Theatre which I did on 6 or 7 occasions.

THEN I decided to enter a competition called "Britain Does Variety" and was the only comic to reach the final at the Lighthouse Theatre, Kettering: I must have done something right as, the following year, I was invited to be the interval act for the same competition at the famous Leeds City Varieties. This, in turn, led to me taking up comedy full time, performing at dinners and shows.

Throughout all this time I have made many, many friends and continued to perform in panto until I had to call it a day some four years ago.

As far as the church is concerned I was confirmed at St Matthew's after initial training by Rev Michael Storey, whom I still class as a dear friend and, although I'm not a regular attendee on a Sunday, I have always helped the church whenever I could, in whatever way possible. I have always attended Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, except the one year when I was in St James' Hospital, Leeds. Again I have met many friends through church who have supported and helped me in various ways over the years.

All this has happened because, way back in 1985, St John's Pantomime Committee took a chance on a 29 year old no-hoper who found something he could do!

God Bless,
David

ANN JOHNSON HAS FORWARDED A LETTER from New Hall thanking everyone for the crafts materials that have been sent to Karen who runs the craft workshop at New Hall. Karen said they were fabulous. I am still collecting them and taking them over in December if anyone as anything. I will be happy to collect. Ann Johnson.



Thank you to everyone who has
sent the lovely donations to
Rowan House for the women
to use. We are very grateful
to you all, it is lovely that
you think about the women
within Newhall.
Best wishes Karen Mason. x.

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS contact the Church Wardens David Marshall (718182) or Hilary Cartwright (537399) Website e-mail Alan Hoggard

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO CAROL AND BOB HARVEY who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 27th, Best wishes.

HARVEST APPEAL Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Appeal. A cheque for £731-25 has been sent to the Foodbank to help with the support given to families in need. Missions and Charities group

SHOE BOX APPEAL. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the 2020 shoe box appeal . With your help we are sending 35 boxes this year. Many thanks to each and everyone of you .Gill

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE While the newsletter isn't printed and distributed electronically the deadline for news items and articles is noon on Saturday.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow

In numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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