

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK

Sunday 2nd May 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

11.00 am Holy Communion will be led by Rev'd Michelle Petch in church.

Readings	Acts 8: 26-40 John 15: 1-8	Carol Sanderson Hilary Cartwright
Prayers		John Hearson

MESSAGE FROM REV'D MICHELLE

Dates for your diary

Thursday 13th May **Ascension Day**. Joint Benefice communion service **at St Matthew's** at 7pm.

Sunday 23rd May **Pentecost** 11am Said service of Holy Communion at St John's. No morning service at St Matthew's.

4pm **Pentecost Praise** an joint Benefice outdoor service in **St Matthew's churchyard** with lots of singing to be led by St John's Music Group, as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. Please come wearing red, orange or yellow to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit, bring your own chair, (and refreshments if you wish, and maybe an umbrella depending on the weather forecast).

There will be a cross erected in St Matthew's Churchyard for the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost. You are invited to come and add a ribbon to the cross at any point during the ten days, and pray for God's kingdom to come.

If you speak a language other than English and would like to play a small part in this service, please let Michelle know.

Please note that I am away on holiday from Monday 3rd May to Monday 10th May. If there is an urgent need during this time please contact one of the wardens.

Please also note that there will be **no** 'Coffee With The Vicar' on Zoom on Saturday 8th May.

COFFEE AND CHAT WITH THE VICAR EVERY SATURDAY AT 10.30 AM FOR ONE HOUR!

You are invited to an online Zoom coffee morning from 10.30am to 11.30am each Saturday morning starting on Saturday 20th March. An opportunity for us to get to know each other better and share news over a cup of coffee. Members of both churches warmly welcome.

Join the Saturday coffee morning Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7605517792?
pwd=KoUycDd2Ni9EaWNRVHVJNXhqNnZodz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7605517792?pwd=KoUycDd2Ni9EaWNRVHVJNXhqNnZodz09)

Meeting ID: 760 551 7792

Passcode: together

If this is the first time you have used ZOOM, please telephone Julia Tum on her mobile, **07773334771**, a few days before and she will sort out any gremlins in advance. There is room for all of us,

Vicar's contact details

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With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle



COLLECT 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 YOUR HEALING LOVE be at work in each one of these we name, according to their need: Nina Nicholson, Sheila Biggins , Lynne Daff, Steven Lewis. Holly Donohue, Barbara McLaren, Mary Lake, Stephen and Jean Hannam, Doreen Clark, Douglas Hartley, Keith Redfearn, Helen Hearson, Glynice Lord, 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 Castlefields Crescent, Castlefields Drive and Castlefields Road. We pray for the pupils and teachers at Carr Green School.

WE PRAY FOR the recently departed. 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.

From Canon Michael re :

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

As the message below indicates, I sent a Condolence Card to the Queen, and she replied!!! I have shown the card to Michelle and we both thought it helpful, if I gave you this info so that you may include it in this coming Sunday's newsletter. Not meant to be boastful - just nice to show how caring the Queen is! I suggest you include the wording of my letter to the Yorkshire Post, something I do now and then anyway!

Quite a shock...

Dear Sir,

On 10th April, being very much a Royalist and a great admirer of the Queen and Prince Philip, I sent a Condolence Card to Buckingham Palace.

On Wednesday, 28th April, I was surprised to receive an envelope, postmarked Buckingham Palace SW1A 1AA. Inside was a lovely "thank you" card from the Queen.

It included an excellent photo of Prince Philip, in a suit and tie, with lovely words from "Elizabeth R"

How splendid that time was made to acknowledge my card! This is just another sample of how blessed we are in having such a caring Head of State, God bless her.

Yours sincerely,
Canon Michael Storey,
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OPEN THE BOOK Some while ago now, a group of us became storytellers in our Open the Book project, a Bible Society initiative where we present simple, scripted Bible stories in dramatic form to some of our local schoolchildren. We had become established at Field Lane school, and we were about to launch another group at Woodhouse school last year when Coronavirus lockdowns and access restrictions prevented us from continuing.

At the moment we are unsure when we may be able to resume, but we are working on the basis that it might be possible to restart in September. If you would like to know more about this, and perhaps become a storyteller, help with rehearsals or costumes, please get in touch with me. It's great fun and well appreciated by the children and school staff. You don't have to learn any lines as we read and act everything from the Lion Storyteller Bible, and there is not a big time commitment.

John Mothersdale (716092)

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