

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 at the back of Church after the 11.00 a.m. service each Sunday.

Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter

11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd Michelle Petch
Noon APCM

Readings	Acts 9: 1-6	Carol Sanderson
	John 21:1-19	David Marshall
	Intercessions	Margaret Ellis
	Brasses	Wednesday Nighters

Wednesday 11th May 10.30 am Holy Communion @ St John's

Sunday 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter

11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd Michelle Petch
Wednesday Nighters Corporate Communion

Readings	Acts 11:1-18	Anne Haigh
	John 13: 31-35	Pat Lee
	Intercessions	Barbara Rukin

Message from Rev'd Michelle

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With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle



COLLECT Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

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 blessings for Lords Lane, Lower Newlands, Newlands Close, Crossley Street, Rastrick Fire Station and the staff and children at Woodhouse School.

WE PRAY FOR the recently departed especially Julie Williams. 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.

WE PRAY FOR YOUR HEALING LOVE be at work in each one of these we name, according to their need: Sheila Biggins and Keith Redfearn.

JULIE ANNE JESSOP Julie's funeral and celebration of life will be held at St John's at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 11th May and anyone who knew Julie, or the family, is invited to come along to celebrate her short, but special and full life, and give her the send-off she so rightly deserves. It will be followed by a small, private cremation for family only followed by food and drink at a venue yet to be arranged. *Graham Readshaw*

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

Over the next few weeks we are collecting tins of bolognese, mince beef, chicken in white sauce and packets of powdered mash potato and any tins or packet food placed in the basket at the back of church will be welcome. Plastic carrier bags are always needed for distribution of the food.

Thank you for your continuing support
Missions and Charities Committee

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SUNDAY MAY 15 TO SATURDAY MAY 21.

There will be no envelopes to deliver/collect this year, but if anyone would like to support this very worthy cause, a Coffee Morning with Bacon Butties will be held in the Church Hall from 10.00am until Noon on Saturday May 21. There will also be a Cake Stall. Envelopes will be available in the Church for the collection of donations. Christine and Cherry would be very grateful for offers of help and cakes. Thank you.

MOTHERS UNION COFFEE DAY Tuesday 10th May 10.30 to 2.30. At the home of Jane Senior 171 Launds Road Salendine Nook. HD3 3TZ. Please come along if you can entry £1 which includes a cuppa and biscuits. Cake Stall Guess the sweets in a jar raffle etc. plus lots of friendly chat and fellowship. See you all there maybe with some baking ??? God Bless. Ann

AFTERNOON TEA £228 was raised for the Organ Fund which included the sale of cakes on Sunday. Cherry

PADDOCK ORCHESTRA will be performing again at our church again on Saturday 28th May. More details to follow.

BEER & BANTER – Monday 9 May @ The Red Lion at 7.00 pm –
An Evening with Mark Cheetham

A NEW PROJECT FOR ST JOHN'S - ECO CHURCH Climate Change and the Environment are in the news every day. They're in every Diocesan newsletter, too, often referred to as Creation Care. What can we do at St John's? Last Autumn we joined the Eco Church initiative and formed a small group to progress it.

We began by taking a survey that examines our church's 'green' performance in five areas:

- Teaching and worship - how much attention do we give to Creation Care?
- Buildings – what's our carbon footprint and how can we reduce it?
- Land – are our green spaces nature-friendly?
- Community and Global – in caring for creation, are we reaching beyond ourselves?
- Our Lifestyle – have we, as individual members, begun our own 'green journey'?

From the scores, our greatest need is to work on 'Land', and we're proposing to develop the church garden area in a way that makes it both nature friendly and attractive to use. On 'Lifestyle', we'll be writing a series of articles with suggestions that we hope will promote discussion.

Then the bombshell exploded. The Diocese has challenged all our churches to become Net Zero Carbon users by 2030! All of a sudden, David James' work on LED lighting has become very significant. The Diocese is offering a lot of advice, e.g., help to perform surveys.

We'd like to expand our team of Eco Warriors so if you enjoy gardening, recycling, have knowledge of how to save energy, or just want to contribute ideas, you'll be very welcome!

John (on behalf of Norman, Rosemary and Pat Lee)

ECO CHURCH_John Hearson invites you to view his blogpost entitled [Parched Soil and Living Water](#). This features a medical researcher's heart-breaking first-hand experience of climate change and how it led her to start a new initiative back home. And, in parallel, how our own diocese has issued us with a big challenge!

ECO CHURCH SURVEY_Having completed this Survey one area we have identified to develop is the Church garden in an attempt to make it more wild-life friendly. As a start we have put up a couple of bird feeders (discreetly and at some height so hopefully they won't attract human attention). We did the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch in the Church garden and saw one sparrow (and heard a blue tit) so there is some way to go! Admittedly the weather was awful. We've got lots more ideas and will be asking for your help and expertise in the future!

Rosemary, Norman, John and Pat

CANON MICHAEL STOREY CALLED ON REV BARBARA LYDON THIS WEEK. He had been to her Open Garden Day on Saturday 23rd. April and she told him that it had raised £360 for Alzheimers Research.

OPEN THE BOOK

Open the Book is a Bible Society programme where we are presenting short scripted Bible stories to the children of Field Lane Primary school. This term we are going once every other week on a Tuesday afternoon, rehearsing the next story on the intervening week. There are no lines to learn, just a bit of part-playing and stagecraft.

It's great fun and the children are loving our visits. However, we could do with one or two more people to join our team, even on an occasional basis.

Interested? Then please have a word with John Mothersdale (phone 716092)

THE GLORIES OF THE LAKE DISTRICT - a slideshow with musical interludes. Our organist Philip Tordoff is well known locally for his entertaining talks, and on 7th June he's generously giving us 'The Glories of the Lake District' in aid of the organ fund.

It will be an enjoyable evening so please give your support. Tickets £5 (to include refreshments) available shortly.

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

DIARY

Sunday 8th May

Noon APCM

Monday 9 May

7.00 pm Beer and Banter@ The Red Lion.

Tuesday 10th May

Mothers Union Coffee Day 10.30-2.30 Jane Senior 171
Launds Road Salendine Nook. HD3 3TZ

Wednesday 11th May 10.30 am Holy Communion @ St John's

Tuesday 7th June

7.30 pm Slideshow about the Lake District in aid of the organ.

Saturday 21st May

10.00am until Noon Coffee Morning with Bacon Butties



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