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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 churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment
to you, and in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

Here is a list of regular activities which occur in our church.

Please contact Group Leaders for details of their activities.

Sunday Services in Church

- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion or Morning Worship (2nd Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Joint Benefice Service (5th Sunday as announced)

Mondays in the Community Hall

- 6:00 p.m. Rainbows and Brownies
- 7:30 p.m. Guides
- 7:00 p.m. Beer & Banter Men's Group (1st Monday in the month
at The Four Sons, Clough Lane) - Alan: 07756 035591

Tuesdays in the Community Hall

- 12:00 noon Community Lunch (1st Tuesday in the month)
- 1:30 p.m. Reminiscent Cinema (1st Tuesday in the month)
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Tai-Chi
- 6:30 p.m. Cubs
- 7:30 p.m. Mothers' Union (3rd Tuesday in the month)
- 8:00 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday Service in Church

- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th weeks in month)

Wednesdays in the Community Hall

- 6:15 p.m. Beavers
- 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)
in the Conference Suite.

Thursdays in the Community Hall

- Brighthouse Community Cinema (3rd Thursday in the month).
- See press for times and film showing.

Fridays

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (by Zoom). Alan:07756 035591

Rev'd Michelle writes



The summer sunshine and lighter, warmer evenings are now a distant memory. There is a chill in the air, the nights are drawing in, and the leaves are changing colour and falling from the trees. Autumn is well and truly upon us! And as November starts we begin a season of 'remembering.'

The first of our events on this theme is our 'Loved Not Lost' service at 4pm on Sunday 5th November. This is an opportunity to remember God's love for us and for those whom we have loved but see no more. I encourage you to come along and to invite family, friends and neighbours. I have already written to the relatives of those whose funerals the church has conducted during the last twelve months, but you may know of others who are bereaved and who might find this service helpful. It will be a gentle, reflective service, with the opportunity for prayer and to light candles in memory of loved ones, with names being read out.



Secondly, on Sunday 12th November is our Remembrance Service at 10am in the morning. For the first time this year, we will join together at St Matthew's. This will provide an opportunity to remember those who have given their lives in the service of our country, and to pray for peace and reconciliation. The service is in two parts, beginning in St Matthew's church at 10am, but then proceeding to the Memorial in Rastrick Library grounds for the two minutes silence, last post and wreath laying at 11am. We will be joined by the uniformed organisations who will lead us from church to library, and by our local councillors. At 7pm later that day there will be a special service, 'A Eucharist For Peace' at St John's. This will be a reflective service to focus on praying for peace in our world. With all that is happening, especially most recently with the conflict between Israel and Gaza, this seems very important and timely.

As usual, we have a busy time ahead, and before we know it, we'll be into Advent and looking forward to Christmas. However, through all this busy time of remembering, my prayer is that we continue to remember God, and his constant goodness towards us. For without him at the centre of our lives and our church, all our plans are nothing worth.

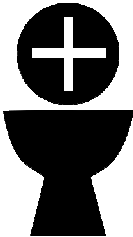
With my prayers and every blessing,

Michelle

Special services & church information - November

REMAINING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES FOR 2023

- ◇ Sunday 24th December 10:30 St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday 31st December 10.30am St John's



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES IN OCTOBER

- Wed 1st November- 10:30 - St Matthew's
- Wed 8th November - 10:30 - St John's
- Wed 15th November - 10:30 - St Matthew's
- Wed 22nd November - 10: 30 - St John's
- Wed 29th November - No midweek service (*5th week*)

Erica, Andy, Annabel and Georgia would like to thank everyone for their cards, help, kind words of comfort and prayers following the loss of David. Your kindness and support has been so appreciated during this sad time.

Please join Rev'd Michelle live on St John's Facebook page for Morning Prayer at 8.30am every morning Tuesday to Saturday



or you can catch up later in the day on Facebook or via the link on the home page of our Website.

Prayer Ministry



Prayer Ministry is offered monthly during the 11am Parish Communion Service.

An opportunity to bring concerns, people and situations before God in prayer alongside someone else.

Please come to the main door of the Lady Chapel after receiving communion if you would like to take part.

Upcoming dates are as follows:


Sunday 19th November Sunday 17th December

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Phil 4:6)

BIBLE SOCIETY WALK



On Saturday 1st October, Anne Aspinall, Carol Sanderson and myself joined the party of 18 walkers to take part in the Annual Bible Society Walk. Paul Armitage took us on a 2 hour walk starting at Upper Edge Baptist Church, walking towards Elland, then up through woodland to take in beautiful views over Calderdale then returning to the church for a welcome cup of tea. Thank you to all at St Johns who supported us, we contributed £100 to the Bible Society. *Anne Beaumont*



United benefice of St John the
Divine and St Matthews
Rastrick



All are welcome to.

- ◇ A service to remember our loved ones and God's love for us.
- ◇ Light a candle, celebrate their lives with favourite hymns and
- ◇ After the service, share memories over a cup of tea or coffee.

Loved, not lost



Sundays 29th October
at St Matthews
and 5th November at
St Johns both at
4.00pm

Further Details Call (01484) 710538 or email
michelle.petch@leeds.anglican.org

CONTEMPLATIVE CHURCH

St Paul's Church, 14 Marsh Lane, Shepley. HD8 8AE



Here I Am Reflective Service

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
6:00 - 7:00 pm
With Holy Communion on the
1st Sunday

Still Tuesdays

A weekly time of stillness and contemplation. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the morning.

10:00 - 10:30 Celtic Morning Prayer

10:30 - 11:30 Activities exploring contemplation and spirituality

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee

12:00 - 12:30 Meditation

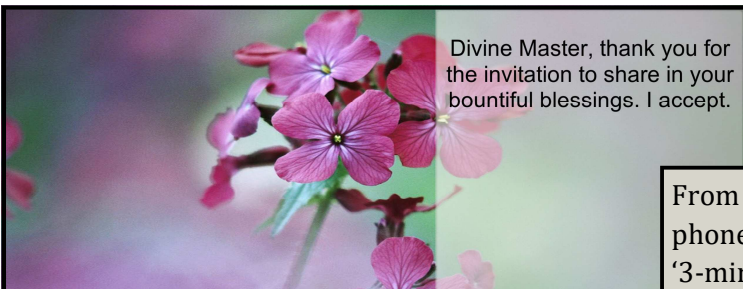
Weekly 'online' Meditation Group

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Please contact Rev'd Sue
Clarke for the zoom link:
sueclark538@gmail.com



For more information please contact Rev'd Sue Clarke: 01484 681823



Divine Master, thank you for
the invitation to share in your
bountiful blessings. I accept.

From the mobile
phone app:
'3-minute retreat'

Daily Lectionary Readings November 2023

<u>Monday</u> 06-Nov	<u>Tuesday</u> 07-Nov	<u>Wednesday</u> 08-Nov	<u>Thursday</u> 09-Nov	<u>Friday</u> 10-Nov	<u>Saturday</u> 11-Nov
Psalms 2, 146 Isaiah 1.1-20 Matthew 1.18-end	Psalms 5, 147.1-12 Isaiah 1.21-end Matthew 2.1-15	Psalms 9, 147.13-end Isaiah 2.1-11 Matthew 2.16-end	Psalms 11, 15, Isaiah 2.12-end Matthew 3	Psalms 16, 149 Isaiah 3.1-15 Matthew 4.1-11	Psalms 18.31-end, Isaiah 4.2-5.7 Matthew 4.12-22
13-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov	16-Nov	17-Nov	18-Nov
Psalms 19, 20 (or) 44 Isaiah 5.8-24 Matthew 4.23-5.12	Psalms 21, 24 Isaiah 5.25-end Matthew 5.13-20	Psalms 23, 25 Isaiah 6 Matthew 5.21-37	Psalms 26, 27 Isaiah 7.1-17 Matthew 5.38-end	Psalms 28, 32 Isaiah 8.1-15 Matthew 6.1-18	Psalms 33 (or) 68 Isaiah 8.16-9.7 Matthew 6.19-end
20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov	23-Nov	24-Nov	25-Nov
Psalms 46, 47 Isaiah 9.8-10.4 Matthew 7.1-12	Psalms 48, 52 Isaiah 10.5-19 Matthew 7.13-end	Psalms 56, 57 Isaiah 10.20-32 Matthew 8.1-13	Psalms 61, 62 Isaiah 10.33-11.9 Matthew 8.14-22	Psalms 63, 65 Isaiah 11.10-12.end Matthew 8.23-end	Psalms 78.1-39 Isaiah 13.1-13 Matthew 9.1-17
27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	30-Nov	01-Dec	02-Dec
Psalms 92, 96 Isaiah 14.3-20 Matthew 9.18-34	Psalms 97, 98, 100 Isaiah 17 Matthew 9.35-10.15	Psalms 110, 111, 112 Isaiah 19 Matthew 10.16-33	Psalms 19.1-6 Romans 10.12-18 Matthew 4.18-22	Psalms 139 (or) 88 Isaiah 22.1-14 Matthew 11.2-19	Psalms 145 Isaiah 24 Matthew 11.20-end

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick>

Or use the Church of England Daily Prayer: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

All readings in full can be found by downloading the 'Lectionary: from the CofE' App on your mobile or PC

PRAYER PAGE

Do you have a favourite prayer, or have you come across a special prayer recently which you'd like to share?

This month's prayer looks towards our Eucharist for Peace
7:00 at St John's on November 12th.

It's especially relevant following recent events.

Here is a quote from Cologne Cathedral:

"In view of the brutal war against the Ukrainian people, Cologne Cathedral invites you to a peace prayer every weekday at lunchtime from Monday, March 7, 2022."

We (*Pam & Rod*) joined them one day this Summer .

A German Prayer for Peace *(translated)*

Almighty, kind and merciful God,
with all people of good will we ask
for peace in this world,
in all countries, but especially in Ukraine.

Touch people's hearts
and give us thoughts of peace and reconciliation.
Fill people with awe for the life of each individual,
for the life of all peoples, religions and nations
and for the gift of creation.

Grant that the will for peace overcomes hatred
and revenge gives way to reconciliation.
Let people know that they are all your children
and brothers and sisters to whom you give your love.

And let us live in this love ourselves.
Good God, make me and all people
instruments of your peace!

Amen





SCAN ME

For those who have not signed up for the parish giving scheme please consider doing so. By giving in this way it saves a lot of admin time and also means that gift aid is claimed immediately. For further information speak to Cherry Fancourt or Alan Hoggard

Regular Giving by Direct Debit

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to Rastrick St John the Divine on a regular monthly basis (or quarterly or annually if you prefer). It works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the 1st of the month, which is credited to our parish bank account by the 10th of the month. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it back to Rastrick St John the Divine which benefits our cash flow.

One-Off Giving

It is also possible to make a one-off gift online and add Gift Aid if you are eligible. Instead of setting up a new Direct Debit, you use a debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Scan the QR code to get started.

Three ways you can set up a regular gift with PGS

- The simplest way is online. Visit

<https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/rastrick-st-john-the-divine-brighthouse/> or scan the QR code above

- By phone: 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

You will need your bank details to set up the Direct Debit and, for phone or postal applications, Rastrick St John the Divine's unique parish code 460646486.

Thank you for considering this option in your support of Rastrick St John the Divine.

MISSIONS AND CHARITIES

Many thanks to everyone who gave dried or tinned food for the Food Bank at our Harvest Festival. The staff at the Food Bank are always very grateful for all donations. The appeal for “mary’s meals” raised over £200 and it was agreed to round this up to £250 from our allocation. Thank you for your continuing support. Oriel



The Brighthouse Central Foodbank would like to say a massive thankyou for your continuing support through donations of food, gifts of money and other items.

In particular we want to say thankyou for your generous harvest collection of food items. We are seeing an increasing number of families using the foodbank and, whilst we have a large stock of beans, soup, tuna, pasta and cereal, we are trying to replenish our stock of small tins of Ham, Pork and Chicken as well as tins of Hot Dogs, Chilli Con Carne, Curry and packets of micro rice. Norman Lake.

The Foodbank are currently getting low on the following items:

- Small tins of ham/pork/chicken
- Tins of rice pudding/custard
- Microwave sponge puddings
- Small packets of tea bags
- Jam



Anything placed in the basket at the back of church is always gratefully received and makes a big difference to local people in need. Cindy

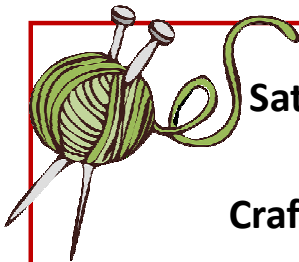
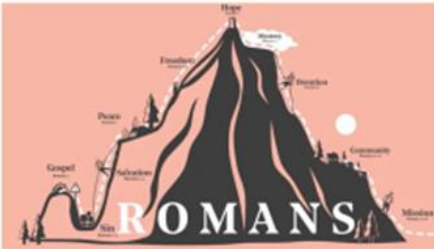
Thank you for your continuing support.
Missions and Charities Committee



Paul's letter to the Romans is the most influential letter ever written. It is a letter that has transformed many lives. The Romans Course is for everyone, for mature Christians and those newer to faith.

Thursdays, 7 p.m - 9 p.m.

Remaining weeks: November 9th, 16th, 23rd.



Saturday 11th November

9.00am - 1.00pm

Craft Fair & Coffee Morning

St John's Community Hall, HD6 1HN

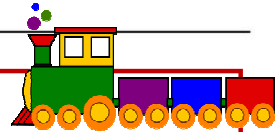
Get your Christmas Shopping done early.

Chat with friends while you enjoy

our excellent bacon butties

and homemade cakes

Free Entry





ECO CHURCH

Eco Church News - I have a dream...

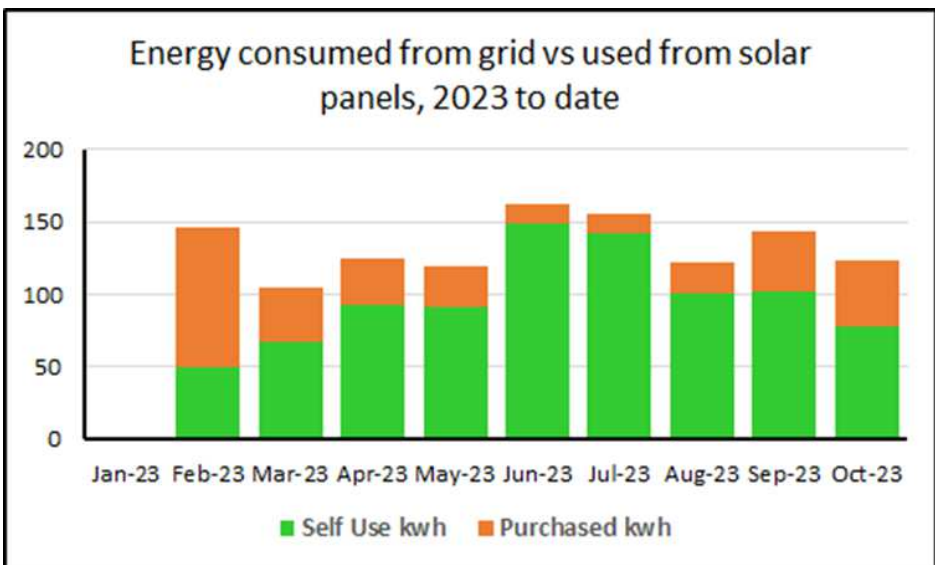
“Aw, come on, let’s face it. Those Ferroli boilers are so unreliable. It’ll have conked out by next year. You need to replace it straightaway with a brand-new Worcester Bosch one...” So they told me when our gas boiler was serviced in 2018.

And 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022. It’s due again...

“Do you install heat pumps?” I asked. “No,” came the reply, “they don’t work!”

Rob and Ruth, two of my Uni friends, would strongly disagree. They’d been left some inheritance money and ploughed it into having solar panels fitted. Then, when their gas boiler failed last year, they ‘bit the bullet’ and had a heat pump installed. They’re now an all-electric household and are benefitting from lower bills. I’m trying to pluck up courage, to prepare for our own Day of Reckoning...

Could we ever use heat pumps to replace the gas heaters in church and in the hall? It’s a question I shall discuss at PCC this month. The answer seems to be that it’s not cheap, but Yes, it’s possible. It needs careful consideration because we would need to self-generate most of the electricity needed to operate the system. It would require us once more to raise *funds*...from which perhaps we need a break!



Talking about generating our own electricity in church, David James invited me to do some sums on how well our solar panels are supplying the electricity to operate our lighting. As you can see, in June and July we were almost self-sufficient! I'd expect that in the winter months we shall mostly use purchased electricity (from the grid). But over the year, the prediction is that our panels will have saved us well over half what we'd otherwise have used.

I'm praying that, both at home and for us in church, we'll exercise a blend of wisdom, informed judgment, boldness and – yes, *faith* – to find solutions that reflect God's kingdom.

John

The Men of the Churches of Rastrick
Host

Beer and Banter 2023/24



**Mondays at
The Four Sons, Rastrick 7pm**

6th Nov – Active Calderdale – Anthony Whittaker
 27th Nov – Mission to Africa – Graham Wilford
 Jan – date to be confirmed.
 5th Feb – Trekking Majorca – Paul & Ken
 4th Mar – Let's Talk Tyke – Rod Dimbleby
 8th Apr – All things Eco – Norman Lake & John Hearson
 13th May – Providing a Safe Space – Turning Point
 3rd June - Music & Language – Graham Kennedy



Pie and Peas!!

All Men Welcome

Further Details call Alan 07756035591

What the Vicar got up to last month

Just a selection...



“Just a small snack”
Afternoon Tea in aid of
the Church Eco Garden



The first ever “Coffee & Conversation”
at Railway Bridge View



Contemplative
Church:
Evening service
at St Paul’s Shepley.



Retreat
At St. Bueno’s



Service with the MU
at RailwayBridge View,
followed
by crafts !





Music News

We all know that **The Church** is actually the people, but we do also have a beautiful church building in which The Church can meet and worship. It's also one of the best venues in Brighthouse for concerts, especially with our new facilities, and with those gorgeous uplighters! That's one reason why we're having a particularly musical time at the moment, as one of the venues for the Brighthouse Arts Festival.

Did you get to the wonderful concert of improvised piano music by Paul Wilkinson? We sat at the front so that Rod could watch the pianist's hands, and I wondered whether Paul would recognise his 'old' GCSE music teacher, so I was really pleased when he came straight over to me in the interval! So here's a picture of Paul with a very happy me!



Paul Wilkinson

November has some special services for the Group and also for the Voices. 'Loved not Lost' on 5th November is always a very moving service, and of course, Christmas is coming...

Pam



RASTRICK VOICES

We're looking forward to our 'Pensioners' Nativity'
Here are the remaining (timetabled) rehearsal times

- ◆ Sunday 5th November
 - ◆ Sunday 26th November
 - ◆ Sunday 10th December
- } We can always try to find an extra rehearsal at an alternative time nearer to the service on 17th if we think we need it.

'Voices on Tour' known dates:

- ◆ Thursday 7th Dec 2:30 - Railway Bridge View
- ◆ Wednesday 13th Dec 2:30 - St Winifred's
- ◆ Friday 15th Dec - Rastrick Hall & Grange (t.b.c.)

As last year, very informal - just come when you can - bring friends!



MOTHERS' UNION MATTERS

This article is promoting the MU and letting everyone know what it stands for and about the many initiatives that it is involved with. It is also true that the MU does matter. It matters a great deal across the world. When Mary Sumner, in 1885, first asked women in her Parish to stand up and get together to help each other, she probably had the idea that this call would be heard throughout her Diocese. Little did she envisage that by 2023 that there would be over 4 million members in over 84 different countries throughout the world.

So here in Rastrick what are some of the activities with which we are involved. Not everybody does everything! There are people whose passion it is to be fully active in some aspects, and others who focus on another. So, although here is a list, it is a list covered by many and different people from our Branch.

Within our Parish we are involved with visiting each other and keeping up to date with how everyone is, we visit, some take Holy Communion, others send anniversary cards to those who have been married in our Church or have been baptised. We have painted stones during fun sessions, then taken those stones out to people in the Community who

we feel would feel some support from the love that is given. We visit a local apartment building to sing hymns and create short creative craft sessions. Knitting of hats is undertaken for the homeless, mittens are being knitted for those children

who, in the cold and icy weather, arrive at School without gloves and cannot hold a pencil. Meals are cooked and distributed to the homeless, and each month there is a Parish Lunch to which members of our Church and people from the community are invited.



We have filled bags with essential emergency items which have been taken to the hospital for those who suddenly find themselves in hospital.

Slightly further afield there are MU Members who visit New Hall Prison to help out at the mums and babies' group, at the visitors' tea bar and in Rivendell Unit with cooking sessions. All these activities compliment our aim of helping families and supporting others who are disadvantaged.

Wider afield and across the Area we collect items which would be of use at the various refuges in Huddersfield and at New Hall Prison for those women who are being released, in order to help them in the first few weeks of finding their feet and hopefully starting a new life.

As we enter the month of November, we are reaching the start of The 16 Days of Activism against domestic abuse. This is an annual international campaign starting on 25 November which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. The days involves individuals and organisations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. Here in St John's, we will have an exhibition called The Souls of our Shoes which will display phrases spoken by the women who have fled from their homes alongside a pair of shoes. Each day we will read a Bible verse and take a few moments to reflect on the needs of these women, their families and those who support them.



On 25 November we will be holding a Service in the Parish Church in Huddersfield at 12.30 pm followed by all those present to stand around the park, to the left of the Church, in silence from 1.00 – 1.03 in solidarity with those who are abused, men and women. Join us!

*With love to you all,
Julia*



...AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

On Sunday, 1st October the Pantomime Committee provided the annual Parish Lunch and, once again, it ticked all the right boxes. Around 70 people were served with a sumptuous meal consisting of sherry or fruit juice, choice of starters, mains, sweets and tea or coffee plus After Eight Mints and all for the unbelievable price of £9 (full) or £6 (concession). We are told each year that we must up our prices as we are underselling ourselves, but even at those prices we still

managed to make just short of £300 for Panto funds. A significant part of that profit comes thanks to the wonderful people who provided an array of sweets that couldn't fail to tempt those in attendance and, as usual, when seconds were announced we saw just how fast some people could move.

Unfortunately our Vicar was unable to be in attendance due to a prior commitment in Majorca with her hubby (who on earth would pick the heat of Majorca over the Parish Lunch in October?).

The event opened with entertainment by Pam Dimbleby who was enchanting as always, providing three musical numbers, one of which we had never heard her perform before, and what a change to her normal repertoire it was. This was followed by, in her own words, "the shortest Grace ever" delivered by Rev Jill Swallow; I think it was the shortest Grace ever because she was desperate to get tucking into the food, and who could blame her.

The atmosphere throughout the event was one of love, laughter and appreciation for the goods and friendship, all of which were in abundance; people must have enjoyed themselves as they seemed rather reluctant to go home afterwards.

Finally, I thank all the donors of the sweets for their time of preparation and generosity and particularly the Pantomime Committee members, plus one ex member, for their dedication and hard work before, during and after the event; they really do enjoy being a part of St John's and being able to entertain you in whatever guise.

Here's to next year!

Graham Readshaw, Secretary

THE LADYKILLERS

Brighthouse Theatre Productions are performing

The Ladykillers by Graham Linehan :

1 – 3 November nightly at 7.15 pm at St John's Church Hall, Rastrick.
 Tickets are £10.00 and are available from www.brighthouse theatre.co.uk
 or Fawcetts Gifts and Cards, Brighthouse

The Ladykillers is a classic black comedy; a sweet little old lady, alone in her house, is pitted against a gang of criminal misfits who will stop at nothing.

Posing as amateur musicians, Professor Marcus and his gang rent rooms in the lopsided house of sweet but strict Mrs Wilberforce. The villains plot to involve her, unwittingly, in Marcus' brilliantly conceived heist job. The police are left stumped but Mrs Wilberforce becomes wise to their ruse and Marcus concludes that there is only one way to keep the old lady quiet. With only her parrot, General Gordon, to help her, Mrs Wilberforce is alone with five desperate men. But who will be forced to face the music?

We look forward to seeing you again at what I am sure will be another sell out performance

SHOE BOX APPEAL



Once again we will be supporting the Samaritans Purse Shoe box appeal. Leaflets are on the notice board at the back of church. Help yourself to a shoe box if required. I am making up shoe boxes if anyone would like one already done, please let me know.

Deadline SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER.

Thankyou. Gill

Pantomime Society

SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS TICKET SALES



Tickets for this year's pantomime, Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs (written by our own Chris Gates) go on sale to the general public on Sunday, 29th October and are priced at £9 (full), £7 (concession) and £28 (family of 2 adults and 2 children).

"How do I get hold of these fantastic value tickets?" I hear you ask. There are three ways as follows:-

On line at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-pantomime-society

Via telephone to Fliess Austin on 07596 068413 (As Fliess is now back at work please leave a message if she does not answer your call).

In church during the year on some Sundays.

Show week is Tuesday, 5th December to Saturday, 9th December, so please make a note in your diary.

ANNUAL RAFFLE PRIZE PLEA/GROVEL

As I stress each year, profits from our annual pantomime plus any other fund raisers during the year, are eventually passed back to church, and one of the ways we make money during show week is via the sale of raffle tickets. That's all well and good, but if we are to sell tickets we need prizes, and that's where you can assist. If you have anything that you think would be suitable as a prize could you please let Graham know on 01484 713699 or 07949 082402. We really do appreciate your past generosity and hope that you will be able to come up trumps again.

PANTO CORPORATE SERVICE AND SALE OF BACON BUTTIES

Our Corporate Service is on Sunday, 5th November when we hope to have a large turnout of cast, chorus and Heads of Department taking part in our service. You know that the chorus are always willing to give their all as are some of the cast (after a bit of arm twisting) so please come along to the service and have a sneak preview of what awaits you in the first week of December.

If you need any more tempting to join us on the 5th, how about our ***famous Bacon Butties*** which will be served before and after the service; if you plan it right you can have both breakfast and lunch in the company of your friends.

Graham Readshaw



Concerts in Church

A journey of improvisation
on a piano with Paul Wilkinson
Fri 6 Oct 2023, 7:30PM

Rombald's Recorder Orchestra
Fri 20 Oct 2023, 7:30PM

Robert Webb (Violin)
An afternoon concert
accompanied on the piano
by David Hammond
Sat 4 Nov 2023, 2:00PM

Love and Laughter
Light Classical Vocal group
Thu 9 Nov 2023, 7:30PM

Nick Fletcher
Special Guitar Concert
Sat 11 Nov 2023, 7:30PM

Daria Golovchenko
Ukrainian Pianist
Sat 18 Nov 2023, 7:30PM

A Concert of Light Classics with
Rowena Burton (Mezzo)
and Colleen Brown (Soprano)
Sunday 19 Nov 2023, 7:30PM

also... (NOT AN
ARTS FOR BRIGHOUSE CONCERT)

Paddock Orchestra
Incl. music from Peer Gynt (Grieg)
Tchaikovsky Symphony no.5
Sat 25 Nov 2023, 7:30PM

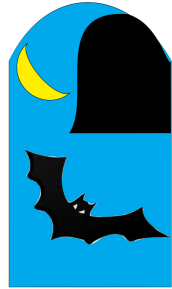


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PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Belfry

Here's Novembers offering for you to ponder over.
Good Luck.



Number 23-3 'For all the Saints....'

Can you answer the following questions regarding 'Saints'?

- 1) Sir Roger Moore played 'The Saint' in the 60's series, but who played him in the 70's 'Return of The Saint'?
- 2) Which of the following is the odd one out ?:- a) St Saviour
b) St Matthew c) St Clement d) St Martin
- 3) Who was the patron saint of England prior to St George?
- 4) Prior to the cross of St George, what was England's emblem?
- 5) What was the group 'All Saints' first number one single?
- 6) Which English town and church is famous for a crooked spire?
- 7) Of what is Saint Cecilia the patron saint?
- 8) Whose well was the North Wales town of Holywell named after?
- 9) What were St Bernard dogs originally called?
- 10) Who is the patron saint of dogs?

Number 23-4 Animals of war.

As we have remembrance this month, I thought it would make a change to remember some of the animals of war. As with people, many were killed but a few became famous. Below are anagrams of the names of some of them, together with the sort of animal they were. Can you unscramble them? (You may need to do a bit of re-search) eg **BALL GOT GIST – SGT BILL, GOAT**

- 1) I ROW HAS ERROR
- 2) GPO VAIN GUEST
- 3) ZIP GRIT TIP
- 4) JOIN PRY DUET
- 5) ELI RANK MINTY HEAP (2 animal names, 1 animal type)
- 6) E.T. BROKE JAW
- 7) C.I.D SAW HUSK
- 8) BOA CABIN JOKE
- 9) IAN JOTS TEAL
- 10) BEAD GALE, OLE!

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH



Answers from last month

23-1 Flutterbies

- 1) CHEQUERED SKIPPER
- 2) GLANVILLE FRITILLARY
- 3) CLOUDED YELLOW
- 4) SCOTCH ARGUS
- 5) PURPLE HAIRSTREAK
- 6) BRIMSTONE
- 7) ORANGE TIP
- 8) GATEKEEPER
- 9) MOUNTAIN RINGLET
- 10) SWALLOWTAIL

23-2 Harvest

- 1) Third,
- 2) Jesus,
- 3) Fig,
- 4) The Angels,
- 5) Reuben,
- 6) Barley,
- 7) Twelve,
- 8) Samuel,
- 9) Samaria,
- 10) Seven

SHIRLEY...

It has been a sad time for us since we learned that Janet Thain and David Pitts, both valued and loved members of our church, have passed away. We should not be sad for them, however, as they are now in a better place and we were able to share in their funerals here at St John's where they worshipped. During the Eulogies we learned more about their lives and it was then I remembered a poem I had read about the 'dash' between the date born – and the date they died. I would like to share it with you. I am sure it will make you think about what your dash may reveal!

Shirley Stow

The Dash Poem by Linda Ellis

*I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
From the beginning...to the end*

*He noted that first came the date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years*

*For that dash represents all the time
That they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
Know what that little line is worth*

*For it matters not, how much we own,
The cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.*

*So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.*

*If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering this special dash
Might only last a little while*

*So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent YOUR dash?*

AND FINALLY...



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



1st - 3rd November

Brighthouse Theatre Productions - The Ladykillers

Saturday 4th November

Afternoon Concert - Violin & Piano (Brighthouse Arts)

Sunday 5th November

Loved, not Lost - memorial service

Thursday 9th November

Love and Laughter - light classical concert (Brighthouse Arts)

Saturday 11th November

Autumn Craft Fair

Saturday 11th November

Guitar Concert - Brighthouse Arts

Sunday 12th November

Deadline for the Shoebox Appeal

Saturday 18th November

Ukrainian Pianist - Brighthouse Arts

Sunday 19th November

Light Classics (vocal) concert - Brighthouse Arts

Saturday 25th November

Paddock Orchestra

5th - 9th December

St John's Pantomime Society - Snow White

Thursday 7th December

Carol Singing at Railway Bridge View

Tuesday 12th December

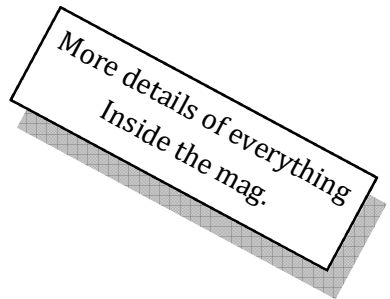
Annual Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th December

Carol Singing at St Winifred's

Sunday 17th December

The Pensioners' Nativity



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