St John the Divine Rastrick

Your Parish Magazine



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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

Oct. - June

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 Church

2:00 p.m. Mothers' Union (3rd Tuesday in the month)

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

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

7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)

in the Conference Suite.

Thursdays in the Community Hall

Brighouse 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



Welcome to September and the latest edition of your parish magazine. This is a time of new beginnings for many of our young people as they start a new year at school, college or university.

However, in the church we continue with 'Ordinary Time' for a while yet. But as we head towards autumn there is much to look forward to and to give thanks for in the life of our church. The big event this month of course is our organ celebration. After years of fundraising and many months of being without it, we so look forward to our celebrations and thanksgiving on Sunday 22^{nd} September. Do join us for a special Eucharist service with Rastrick Voices at 11am, followed by light lunch around 12.30pm, and an organ concert at 2pm. You will be able to hear our fully restored organ at it's very best. You are welcome to attend any or all of the events on this special day as we join together and give thanks to God for his faithfulness as we have seen this project through to completion. It promises to be a very special and memorable occasion. See the poster elsewhere in this magazine for more information.

The following Sunday 29th September is our quarterly Joint Benefice service @ St Matthew's at 10.30am. Make a note in your diary now of the date, time and venue so you're not caught out. Our theme on that day will be 'generosity' to coincided with 'Generosity Week' across the Diocese. We'll be considering our response to the generosity of God from whom everything we have comes. We do indeed always have much to give thanks to God for.

With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFO

SUNDAY SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st Sept. - 11:00 - Trinity 14 - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 8th Sept. - 11:00 - Trinity 15 - Morning Worship: Creation Care

Sunday 15th Sept. - 11:00 - Trinity 16 - Holy Communion: Rucksack Club

Sunday 22nd Sept. - 11:00 - Trinity 17 - Holy Communion:

Organ Celebration Eucharist

Sunday 29th Sept. - 10:30 - Trinity 18 - Benefice service at St Matthew's Generosity



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 11th - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 18th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 25th - 10:30 - St John's

FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- Sunday 29th September 10:30 Joint Benefice St Matthew's
- ♦ Sunday November 10th evening Eucharist for Peace St John's
- ♦ Sunday December 29th 10:30 Joint Benefice St John's

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.

Daily Lectionary Readings September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02-Sep	03-Sep	04-Sep	05-Sep	06-Sep	07-Sep
Psalms 1	Psalms 5	Psalm 119.1-32	Psalms 14	Psalms 17	Psalms 20
1 Kings 1.5-31	1 Kings 1.32 – 2.4; 2.10-12	1 Kings 3	1 Kings 4.29 – 5.12	1 Kings 6.1	1 Kings 8.1-30
Acts 13.13-43	Acts 13.44-14.7	Acts 14.8-end	Acts 15.1-21	Acts 15.22-35	Acts 15.36 - 16.5
deS-60	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep
Psalms 27	Psalms 32	Psalm 34	Psalm 37*	Psalm 31	Holy Cross day
1 Kings 8.31-62	1 Kings 8.63 – 9.9	1 Kings 10.1-25	1 Kings 11.1-13	1 Kings 11.26-end	Philippians 2:6-11
Acts 16.6-24	Acts 16.25-end	Acts 17.1-15	Acts 17.16-end	Acts 18.1-21	John 3:13-17
<u>16-Sep</u>	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep
Psalm 44	Psalms 48	Psalm 119.57-80	Psalms 56	Psalms 51	Matthew - Apostle
1 Kings 12.25 – 13.10	1 Kings 13.11-end	1 Kings 17	1 Kings 18.1-20	1 Kings 18.21-end	2 Corinthians 4:1-6
Acts 19.8-20	Acts 19.21-end	Acts 20.1-16	Acts 20.17-end	Acts 21.1-16	Matthew 9:9-13
23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	<u>26-Sep</u>	27-Sep	28-Sep
Psalm 71	Psalm 73	Psalm 77	Psalm 78.1-39*	Ember day	Psalms 76
1 Kings 21	1 Kings 22.1-28	1 Kings 22.29-45	2 Kings 1.2-17	2 Kings 2.1-18	2 Kings 4.1-37
Acts 21.37 - 22.21	Acts 22.22 - 23.11	Acts 23.12-end	Acts 24.1-23	Acts 24.24-25.12	Acts 25.13-end
30-Sep	01-0ct	02-0ct	03-Oct	04-Oct	05-Oct
Psalms 80	Psalms 87	Psalm 119.105-128	Psalms 90	Psalms 88	Psalms 96
2 Kings 5	2 Kings 6.1-23	2 Kings 9.1-16	2 Kings 9.17-end	2 Kings 12.1-19	2 Kings 17.1-23
Acts 26.1-23	Acts 26.24-end	Acts 27.1-26	Acts 27.27-end	Acts 28.1-16	Acts 28.17-end

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday: Or use the Church of England Daily Pray:

https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick

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, the prayer is from Rev'd Michelle.

Here's a prayer for the start of the new school year. It's one of my own creations.

It's a good idea as the new term begins to pray for our schools and young people as they face the joys and challenges of school life.

Loving God

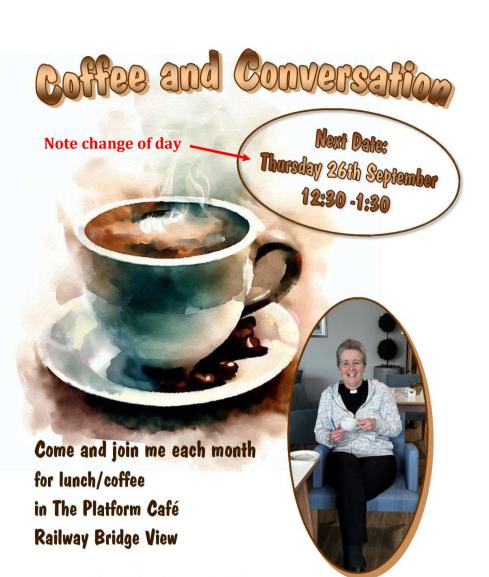
As the new school year begins, we pray for teachers, students, administrative and support staff, and for parents.

We pray that classrooms and school buildings will be places where love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control flourish.

We pray for those who are excited at the prospect of learning and for those who are anxious and fearful as the new term begins.

May they each feel your perfect love surround them and give them courage and resilience for the joys and challenges that each new school day may bring.

We ask these prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.



Very informal - may include:

exchanging news

prayer

a discussion around the Gospel reading for the following Sunday

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 15th September Sunday 27th October

Sunday 24th November Sunday 15th 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)



MOTHERS' UNION MATTERS!

Mothers' Union Matters....here at St John's, around the corner and across the world!

We celebrated Mary Sumner Day on Friday 9 August at Holmfirth Church. Quite a few cars went from Rastrick and prior to the Service we had a very enjoyable lunch in Beatties which is next door to Sid's Cafe of 'Last of the Summer Wine' fame. We joined over 50 MU Members from across our Huddersfield Episcopal Area in the beautiful church in Holmfirth for an inspiring service led by Revd. Di Ellerton.



Every Branch brought their MU Banners which were proudly processed up to the Chancel steps and received by Revd. Di. The event was jointly hosted by the MU Branches at Holmfirth, Thurstonland and Hepworth. We were able to celebrate the courage of Mary Sumner and marvel at the way the organisation has grown over almost 150 years....she would have been amazed and elated.

There was a retiring collection for Yorkshire and Humberside City of Sanctuary Maternity Stream. For many years Maternity Stream has been supporting pregnant women who are seeking asylum and those who have been given Refugee status. The organisation enables the women to develop skills and confidence and to share and exchange clothing and goods. The national network is one of refugee charities, midwives, health workers and researchers. Together this network raises awareness of the issues facing refugee families and how to receive support as they journey from pregnancy to parenthood.

After the Service everyone continued to spend a lovely hour or more enjoying each other's company over a cup of tea or coffee and sampling the many delicious cakes which were brought by the Branches.

At our Branch meeting on **Tuesday 17 September at 2.00pm** we are having a talk by a Building Society on scams and fraud. **Everyone is welcome.** Scams etc. are a scourge and very very worrying to all of us.... and so let's get ahead of the fraudsters and not be taken in by them. The meeting will start in the Lady Chapel for our Eucharist Service led by Revd Michelle and then we will retire to the Conference Suite.

On Friday 27 September Bishop George from Tanzania and his wife Janet will visit us at St John's Church from 10.30 - 2.30.

They will have been staying with various people in our Diocese and following a busy programme of events. We are delighted that they will come to St John's on Friday 27 September and we have arranged a Service of Praise for the start of this visit, followed by Janet telling us all about her life in Tanzania and the work of the Mothers' Union. This will be followed by a sandwich lunch and then a variety of talks about some of the activities which we are engaged with in the Huddersfield Area and across the Diocese. **Everyone is welcome!**

St. JOHN'S RUCKSACK CLUB

Half Day Walk: Sunday 15th September

Leaders: ANNE BEAUMONT, JUDITH OGDEN and ANNE ASPINALL **Contact no.** 07931 947609 to confirm that you are walking or to ask for information.

- Short, local, afternoon walk on Sunday 15th.September.
- Set off from St. John's church car park at 1:30 p.m. or
- Meet and park along the road adjacent to Upper Edge Baptist Church, Dewsbury Road
- Start walking from there at 1:45 p.m.

The walk takes a circular route of LESS than FOUR miles above Upper Edge and Moor Hey areas .

There are good wide views over Calderdale (weather permitting)
The terrain is varied - woods, fields, paths and roads- with one fairly steep but short incline and several stiles.

Full Day Walk: Saturday 28th September

Leader: Keith Hallewell

Contact no. 01484 716048./ 07842117693

Area: Fountains Fell 8 mile Walk, Difficulty Rating 4 stars

Leave church at 8:30 a.m.

Good footware, following the Pennine Way for most of the time. Good and interesting views. The fell is a reminder of the land that was part of Fountains Abbey and used by the monks for sheep grazing.

Rucksack Club - A walk with a difference

Our recent half day walk led by Julia not only took us along the canal between Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge in addition to being entertained by groups of folk dancers, included a "fun " quiz, you may not think so looking at the faces of certain individuals on the photographs!! serious business you know! In addition members were challenged with writing a little ditty about the walk ...

Hillary & Amy

Hebden Bridge Canal Walk with stops for ice cream, All that colour ,all those dancers, enough to make you beam. The ducks swim and the water swells, Walkers with poles and cyclists with bells.

Anne Aspinall



MISSIONS AND CHARITIES

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

We are grateful for all your contributions to the Brighouse Central Foodbank. We are particularly short of the following at the moment:

- Washing pods
- Rice (packets)
- Tins of vegetarian food e.g. bolognaise
- custard



We're busier than ever. Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



ECO CHURCH

Will you join Oxfam's second-hand September campaign?

This September take a stand against the impact of fast fashion by shopping second-hand. Fashion is one of the most polluting industries on the planet and it fuels climate change. There is massive pollution from the production and the transportation of clothes. The industry uses up water and raw materials. It promotes a throwaway culture that results in millions of clothing items being sent to landfill every year. By recirculating our clothes – buying, wearing and donating second-hand – we can help to reduce the demand and reduce the damage to our planet.

The eco church committee have decided to discontinue holding a swap stall regularly every month but rather every 3 or 4 months (to fit in with other church activities).

The next stall will be on the Saturday and Sunday
9th and 10th November
Thank you for your contributions to date.

The Men of the Churches of Rastrick Host

Beer and Banter 2024/25



Mondays at The Four Sons, Rastrick 7pm

14th Oct - Project Colt - Jan & James

18th Nov – Yorkshire Air Ambulance – Pat Lee

19th Dec (Wednesday) – Annual Dinner @ The 4 Sons (names to Alan by 18th November Please)

20th Jan – tba



All Men Welcome
Further Details call Alan 07756035591

Coat of Hope



It was a sunny day and a friend and I decided to walk along the Calder canal in Brighouse. My friend is a refugee from Nigeria and has recently moved to this area. Coming in the opposite direction was a trio of people one of whom was wearing an amazing coat. So, we asked who they were, and where they were going! Why not?!

We discovered that they were on a pilgrimage walking across the country and that their walk had begun several years ago, starting in the south of England and moving north to the gates of COP26 in Glasgow in 2021. But since that marvellous overture the Coat of Hope is still being worn and walked across England. It is a patchwork pilgrim coat, made, worn and walked by hundreds of people over hundreds of miles. It is made up of pieces of blanket into which have been sewn the griefs, remembrances, prayers and hopes of people which it has met along its route.

The invitation to put on the coat, is to experience in its wearing, the warmth of love with which it has been made, empowering others to carry the weight of responsibility which we all share with regard to climate change.

As the coat is worn and moves across the country, it is hosted by Episcopal churches along the way. I know that after our encounter with it in Brighouse it was travelling to the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield and then to Halifax Minster.

Each person who has had a part in the making of a patch, or like us have encountered the garment whilst on its journey, have their own stories. My friend has certainly a sad story to tell, but also, one of hope. As Christians we turn to God for hope and comfort. We have the knowledge that God is with us, in the midst of sadness, fear and happiness. The Coat of Hope carries many stories, and everyone who has encountered it on its journey has a place in its witness.



What the Vicar got up to last month

Just a selection...





Supported the Charity Jigsaw Festival



Coffee & Conversation at Railway Bridge View



Even managed to enjoy a few days annual leave



Tickets now available for:



My Reflections on Graham Kelly

I never envisaged that I would be writing this, but, sadly, circumstances have decreed that it is necessary.

After a short illness Graham passed away on Monday, 19th August with Oriel and Louise at his side; sadly Ian was unable to be there as he was returning from a holiday in Thailand.

I have personally known Graham for almost 50 years through our working together at ICI, Graham's longstanding work with HIC and, as the elder statesman of HIC, his efforts put into designing and making some of the most amazing props for panto. Who could forget the clock that went backwards, the washing machine that doubled up in later years as an oven, a fridge and a huge birthday cake from which Neil Denham emerged. Graham started in panto just before my involvement and I was lucky enough to act with him as the Ugly Sisters in Cinderella in the mid 1980s. I must say that I never knew how far Graham would go to become "ugly", but he decided there was no way he was going to shave off his beard for anyone or anything, the result being that, for once in my life, I was the pretty one!

When I had moved to the role of Producer/Director I knew that all I had to do was pass on the script to Robert Beaumont and he and Graham would discuss it and come up with ideas for some of the most amazing props; sometimes they had no idea how they could make their ideas work, but work they did and brought many oohs and aahs from both cast and audience.

When we used to have a Wine and Beer Tasting Evening Graham was famous (or infamous) for producing Kelly's Ales, brews of beer that would knock you flat on your back without hesitation. Many is the time that events at Oriel and Graham's have finished up with people staying overnight in order to sleep off the effects of the aforementioned Kelly's Ales.

Whilst never a church member in the usual way of regularly attending Sunday services, I can say, hand on heart, that he was a far better

Christian than many people who class themselves as such. If ever money was needed to be raised, Oriel and Graham were usually the ones to open their home for fund-raising via barbecues, bacon butty sales and other various activities. Graham was a very long-serving member of HIC (Hall Improvement Committee) and for as far back as I can remember has spent Thursday nights squirelled away in the basement doing whatever needed doing to keep the church going whilst also saving it thousands of pounds. BUT, they didn't only work on Thursday nights...to be a member of HIC you had to be able to play (in a fashion) dominoes and drink (in any fashion) beer afterwards. HIC have seen many pubs closed in their time, not that I'm suggesting that was down to them in any way, shape or form.

Graham and Oriel were very early members of the Rucksack Club and used to enjoy the walks and the annual holidays that were organised and Judith, me and our daughters enjoyed quite a few of those holidays with them; one thing for certain was that you were guaranteed a laugh if Graham was around.

In 1985, Graham and Oriel, Judith and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversaries just a few weeks apart, so it was decided that we would have a joint celebration. What we didn't know was that, behind the scenes friends were planning a re-run of our weddings at Reg and Mary Redfearns house. However, there was t be a difference as Oriel was to "marry" me and Graham was to "marry" Judith. The brides to be were taken into the garage for dressing in whatever could be found whilst the grooms were attired in panto prop top hats along with many of the "wedding guests". The brides emerged from the garage, dressed in various bits of "floaty stuff" carrying bouquets of cauliflowers and walked down an "aisle" of chairs in the garden. Reg, dressed in his brother in law's Bishop's regalia welcoming the wedding party with those immortal words, "Nearly beloved, we are gathered here today..."

We are not quite sure whether we are still married or if there was an annulment, but we all had a fantastic "do!"

For many years Graham was a valued member of St John's and Rastrick voices where his melodic tenor voice would resonate throughout church; he was also an ever present at hundreds of Gledholt Male Voice Choir events where he humorously doubled up as the compere for many years.

I could continue for many more pages, but I must leave room for other magazine contributors, so, finally, to Oriel, Ian, Louise and their respective families, I send my condolences and prayers; you were all so lucky to have Graham as a part of your lives.

Heaven is a better place as a result of your entry and you can now start putting it in order; Robert has been waiting for you to join him so that you can bring your magic together again (and maybe have the odd pint together again).

Judith and I consider it a privilege to have known Graham and to have been able to call him a true and genuine friend.

Judith and I, with many, many others, will miss him more than you could ever imagine.

May you Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

Graham R



Rastrick Voices & Friends 40s Review 2009 & Bacon Butties for Charity.





Heritage Open Day

on Saturday 7th September

at Lindley Methodist Church, Lindley, HD3 3ND



- Learn of the development of Church life over more than 200 years.
- Enjoy the hustle and bustle of Saturday Market, 10.00am to 12.00 noon, including Neighbourhood Crime Prevention stall.
 - Take refreshments with proper frothy coffee throughout the day –
 donations welcome.
- Admire the historic stained glass windows and Victorian pulpit together with an array
 of Old Lindley and District postcards.
 - Take up your seat in the café style setting for a historical tour on screen of Lindley and environs with a presentation by "Blue Badge Guide", Tess Pike, 2.00pm to 3.00pm.
 - See and hear Gledholt Male Voice Choir with an innovative production to include popular songs, 3.15pm to 4.00pm.







Church Centre (the rounded tower is the original chapel)

For more information, contact Raymond Butterworth Email: raymondofv56@gmail.com
See also other events in Lindley on the website below.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS

The meeting on 4th September is an update talk about **CROMWELL BOTTOM NATURE RESERVE**



and the meeting on 2nd October is a talk **ANOTHER MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE**

with Paul Armitage

Both these meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Conference Suite and we would like to invite **YOU** to join us at either or both of these meetings.







COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch is on Tuesday 3rd September. 12:00



COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake is on Saturday 14th September, in church. 10:00 - 12:00



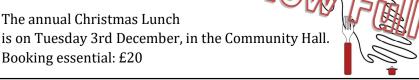
AFTERNOON TEA

The next Afternoon Tea is on Saturday 19th October, in church. 2:00 - 4:30



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The annual Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 3rd December, in the Community Hall.



Easy ways to make a donation to St Johns Church

Contactless Donations

Making a donation to church using our contactless payment machine at the back of church is very straight forward. Just select an amount and swipe you card. If you supply your email address the machine will automatically send you a receipt for your donation and you are able to record all your details for claiming gift aid if this is something that you are able to do.



Regular Giving by Direct Debit



The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to church on a regular monthly basis. It works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the 1st of the month, which is credited to St Johns bank account by the 10th of the month. For those who can add Gift Aid, PGS claims this on our behalf every month.

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 or pick up a leaflet from the back of church

Thank you for considering these options in your support of St John the Divine. Rastrick



Our lovely local scenery



Looking towards Cromwell Bottom and Southowram from the woods above Lillands



Music News

It won't be long now before we hear our lovely Conacher organ again, not only in our worship, but hopefully for other events also. As I write, the work is almost completed, and Graham

Kennedy has already begun 'playing it in'. Hopefully, we'll hear it first at our Celebration Eucharist (see facing page), but it's possible that you might get a sneak preview at one of the Rastrick Voices rehearsals.

For those of you in the Voices, the final rehearsals are:

- September 1st
- September 8th* (not strictly a Voices rehearsal)
- September 15th

*We're introducing a special setting of the Eucharist for our celebratory service, and all of you will have the opportunity to try it after the service on September 8th (*led by the Voices*) if you wish. It's not a new setting, so you may find you already know it.

Meanwhile, we're grateful to our organists who play regularly Sunday after Sunday. We send Philip Tordoff our good wishes and hope he's feeling better soon. David Austin, who was our regular organist at one time, has now returned to live in the area, so we'll be hearing him again in the future. You'll get the chance to hear him (and other organists who played in the original concert in 2015) at our concert on 22nd.

Our faithful Music Group also plays at every 1st Sunday (All Age H. C.) and for the Benefice services. I feel so privileged to be able to worship through music with such talented and sensitive musicians. I'm sure you must agree when you hear John, Jane and Kim improvising, and creating the perfect mood for reflection during Communion.

I'd like to finish by adding my own small tribute to Graham Kelly, who was a much loved member of the Rastrick Voices.
Rehearsals just won't be the same....



Join us:

Sunday 22nd September

in celebrating
the refurbishment
of our
Conacher Organ

11:00

Celebration Eucharist

12:30

Light Lunch

2:00

Organ Concert

Join us for all
or part of
our celebrations

St John the Divine, St. John Street, off Gooder Lane, Rastrick, HD6 1HN

Travel Train/Car

As many of you will know, I have got rid of my car and now on public transport. In June I went to visit my daughter who lives in a village close to Tamworth, so I caught the train, and the outward journey went without a hitch, but very crowded, cases everywhere, thinking it was probably as it was a Saturday.

On my return we left Jackie's house at 12.30pm to go to Tamworth. The train was late, had to change at Derby and had to change platforms. No lift working, so was pushing it to make it, but fortunately my next train was late. Also someone was on the line; ended up 30 mins. Late, but it gave me time to sit quietly and eat my lunch. When the train arrived I had the sense to walk to the end of the train where my seat was, but then got in the wrong carriage. Not realising this, I turfed someone out of what I thought was my seat and settled down, then realised I was in the wrong carriage, tried to move but the train was packed more than on Saturday; cases everywhere and people standing. However a kind gentleman told to stay put.

Arriving in Leeds about 20 mins., then found it was a replacement bus to Brighouse. Not realising what this would mean, I duly found the right place for the bus, waited 20 mins., then the fun began if you could call it fun. The bus took 2 HOURS to get from Leeds to Brighouse, calling at every station on the way - crazy I should have got on the public bus which would have taken about an hour.

I worked it out that I could have driven home from Jackie's, had some lunch, driven back and had a cup of tea, driven home again, and still have arrived back quicker.

Train or Car? ...probably the train, but never use a replacement bus.

Next Month - Panic



CHERRY





Saturday 12th October

St Johns' Church Hall, St Johns Street, Rastrick HD6 1HT

With well known numbers from Mary Poppins; Guys & Dolls; Show Boat; Sacred & Secular, as well as our upcoming 2025 show My Fair Lady! Something for everyone.

Musical Director: Colin Akers Accompanist: Philip Sutcliffe

All Tickets @ £9.00

Available from any Society Member or ring 07752 889821

Tickets can also be purchased on the door

PUZZIC PAGE by the Bat in the Belfty

September and summer is drawing to a close. Try these two, in a spare moment.

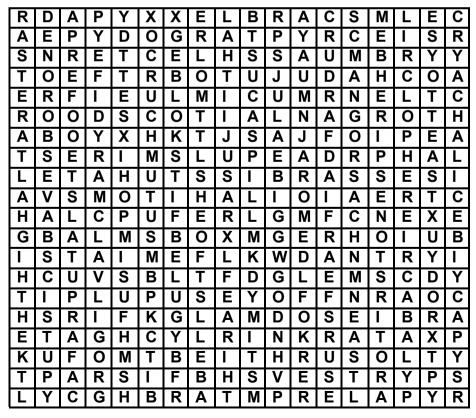
24 - 15 Word Church Search

The following twenty words, all associated with church, are in the grid, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Can you find them?





CRYPT, VESTRY, FONT, LYCHGATE, MISERICORD, STAINED GLASS, ALMS BOX, ORGAN, CHALICE, REREDOS, ROOD LOFT, HIGH ALTAR, PYX, AUMBRY, BRASSES, LECTERN, PULPIT, STONE SPIRE, BELLS, ACOUSTIC JARS



24 - 16 The Barrel

Imagine you are faced with a sizeable, open topped barrel of water. You know that it is close to being half full, but you do not know whether it is exactly so, or more or less. With no instrument available with which to measure the depth of the water, can you devise a means to ascertain its state?



MORE NEXT MONTH

PS – Thanks to the church mouse for covering for August, whilst I was away in Transylvania. Count Dracula sends his regards, but has no plans to visit.

YORKSHIRE PLACES - answers to last month's puzzle

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7	R	0	U	N	D	Н	A	Y			_	
		8	S	T	A	I	T	Н	E	S		
	9	В	A	T	L	E	Y					
			10	W	E	Т	W	Α	N	G		

SHIRLEY...

And through Jesus Christ, God makes a way for all of us to be part of his eternal family

Have you noticed how we enjoy being with people with shared interests? I am sure you have as you watched football crowds, pop concert enthusiasts and even gangs who just want to vent their feelings in a different way. We are pack animals. Billy Graham was a Christian who could also draw crowds to listen to him preaching. This gave me an idea! Wouldn't it be good if Churches Together could again draw crowds. Even in Brighouse we could perhaps use a park or football ground and have an outdoor concert. Similar to Songs of Praise when broadcasts come from seaside towns on the coast. Just a thought.

Then, as I was thinking about the seaside, I heard on the news how much holiday prices are greatly increased during school holidays. Good marketing strategy but not good for families. This gave me another idea! Why don't Churches Together cater for Families at Home Days? We could perhaps hold sports events on church lawn. Hire films for families to share with free refreshments. Organise cheap bus trips for family outings. Too late for this year but maybe worth thinking about. The Pantomime always proves to be popular bringing families into church premises.

I know the second suggestion does not mention including Jesus. Perhaps that is where we fall down. We offer our premises for the benefit of our local community and we have willing helpers making sure things go smoothly for all events but are we leaving Jesus outside or invisible? Perhaps He is waiting for the knock at the door.

On a lighter note- Retired science teacher, Patrick Moriarty, reunited with over 100 students from his decades-long teaching career for a solar eclipse party.

In **1978**, Patrick asked his ninth-grade students to mark **April 8 2024** in their calendars so they could reunite to watch the once-in-a -generation total solar eclipse together. He made a Facebook group

to track down some of his old students and as plans took shape, Patrick bought *130 pairs* of eclipse glasses for attendees.

In the hour before the eclipse, Patick found himself teaching his students again, explaining the science behind the event. Eventually, the moon passed over the sun as the former students got to know each other again. One postponed knee surgery to attend the event and another confirmed he was now a science teacher himself.

Patrick told his students. "It's not about the eclipse. It's about you guys being here to share this time with my family and me and also each other".

Families take many forms!



Shirley

AND FINALLY....

Organ - General Clean and Refurbishment



Credit to the original artist

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY September

Tuesday 3rd September

Community Lunch 12:00

Wednesday 4th September

Wednesday Nighters - talk on Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve 7:30

Saturday 14th September

Coffee & Cake 10:00 - 12:00

Sunday 15th September

Rucksack Club Half Day Walk 1:30

Tuesday 17th September

MU - Talk on Scans and Fraud (open to all) 2:00

Thursday 19th September

Harvest Service ar Railway Bridge View 2:00

Sunday 22nd September

Organ Celebration day - Organ Concert 2:00

Thursday 26th September

Coffee & Conversation - Railway Bridge View 12:30

Friday 27th September

MU - Visit of Bishop George (Tanzania)

Saturday 28th September

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk 8:30

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