

St John the Divine  
Rastrick  
Your Parish Magazine



April 2025

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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

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday Meet - 50 Archbell Avenue

7:00 p.m. Beer & Banter Men's Group (Various Mondays, monthly  
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 the month)

### Wednesdays in the Community Hall

Time Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)

Varies in the Sturrock Room.

### Fridays

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



Rev'd Michelle writes ..... 

It was quite difficult to know where to pitch this month's letter as April spans two very different yet related seasons of the church year. As the month begins, we are firmly in the season of Lent, heading swiftly towards Passiontide and Holy Week, very much a solemn time of repentance and reflection. But by the end of April, we will be celebrating Easter, and the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I wonder how you are doing in keep a holy Lent this year. Have you managed to join a Lent course or take extra time for God or to serve others? However you are getting on, as Holy Week approaches can I encourage you to join in as much as you can with the various services and events on offer. It is so important to make that journey with Jesus to the cross before entering the celebration of his resurrection. The joy is all the sweeter when you have first accompanied Jesus to the depths of pain and despair, and you realize something of his great love for you in the agony of his death on the cross.

You will find details of all our Holy Week and Easter services within the pages of this magazine. A particular highlight will be the Maundy Thursday service when our own Rastrick Voices will be singing *God So Loved The World* from Stainer's *The Crucifixion*. It promises to be a very special and moving service. Also can I recommend the Good Friday services – the Walk of Witness, Service at Central Methodist at 12.30pm and evening Mediation service at St John's.

With my prayers and every blessing for a joyous Easter when it comes.

*Michelle*

## SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

### SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - APRIL

Sunday 6th - 11:00 - 5th Sunday of Lent - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 13th. - 11:00 - Palm Sunday - Holy Communion

Thursday 17th - 7:00 - Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion

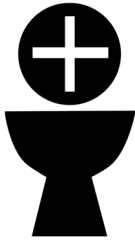
Benefice service, **St. Matthew's**

Friday 18th - 7:00 - Good Friday - Meditation Service - Benefice service

Sunday 20th. - 11:00 - EASTER DAY - Holy Communion

Sunday 27th - 11:00 - 2nd Sunday of Easter - Holy Communion

**FULL LIST OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES on Page 7**



### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - APRIL

Wednesday 2nd - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 9th - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 16th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 23rd - No service, due to a funeral

Wednesday 30th - No midweek service (*5th Wed.*)

### FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ◇ Monday April 14th - Lent Reflection - 7:00pm. - St John's
- ◇ Tuesday April 15th - Lent Reflection - 7:00pm. - St Matthew's
- ◇ Wednesday April 16th - Joint Lent Gp. - 7:00 pm. - Upper Edge
- ◇ Thursday April 17th - Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm. - St Matthew's
- ◇ Friday April 18th - Good Friday - 7:00pm. - St John's
- ◇ Thursday May 29th - Ascension Day - 7:00pm. - St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday June 8th - Pentecost Praise - 4:00 - St Matthew's LAWN

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 April 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31-Mar</b>	<b>01-Apr</b>	<b>02-Apr</b>	<b>03-Apr</b>	<b>04-Apr</b>	<b>05-Apr</b>
Psalms 70 Jeremiah 17.5-18 John 9.18-end	Psalms 54 Jeremiah 18.1-12 John 10.1-10	Psalms 63 Jeremiah 18.13-end John 10.11-21	Psalms 53 Jeremiah 19.1-13 John 10.22-end	Psalms 102 Jeremiah 19.14 – 20.6 John 11.1-16	Psalms 32 Jeremiah 20.7-end John 11.17-27
<b>07-Apr</b>	<b>08-Apr</b>	<b>09-Apr</b>	<b>10-Apr</b>	<b>11-Apr</b>	<b>12-Apr</b>
Psalms 73 Jeremiah 21.1-10 John 11.28-44	Psalms 35 Jeremiah 22.1-5 John 11.45-end	Psalms 55 Jeremiah 22.20 – 23.8 John 12.1-11	Psalms 40 Jeremiah 23.9-32 John 12.12-19	Psalms 22 Jeremiah 24 John 12.20-36a	Psalms 23 Jeremiah 25.1-14 John 12.36b-end
<b>14-Apr</b>	<b>15-Apr</b>	<b>16-Apr</b>	<b>17-Apr</b>	<b>18-Apr</b>	<b>19-Apr</b>
Psalms 41 Lamentations 1.1-12a Luke 22.1-23	Psalms 27 Lamentations 3.1-18 Luke 22.24-53	Psalms 102 Jeremiah 11.18-20 Luke 22.54-71	Psalms 42 Leviticus 16.2-24 Luke 23.1-25	Psalms 69 Genesis 22.1-18 John 18&19	Psalms 142 Hosea 6.1-6 John 2.18-22
<b>21-Apr</b>	<b>22-Apr</b>	<b>23-Apr</b>	<b>24-Apr</b>	<b>25-Apr</b>	<b>26-Apr</b>
Psalms 111 Solomon 1.9 – 2.7 Mark 16.1-8	Psalms 112 Solomon 2.8-end Luke 24.1-12	Psalms 113 Solomon 3 Matthew 28.16-end	Psalms 115 Solomon 5.2 – 6.4 Luke 7.11-18	Psalms 116 Solomon 7.10 – 8.5 Luke 8.41-end	Psalms 116 Solomon 8.5-7 John 11.17-44
<b>28-Apr</b>	<b>29-Apr</b>	<b>30-Apr</b>	<b>01-May</b>	<b>02-May</b>	<b>03-May</b>
Psalms 3 Isaiah 43.1-7 John 15.1-8	Mark the Evangelist Ezekiel 1.4-14 2 Timothy 4.1-11	Psalms 16 Deut. 3.18-end John 20.19-end	Philip & James Job 23.1-12 John 1.43-end	Psalms 57 Deut. 4.15-31 John 21.15-19	Psalms 63 Deut. 4.32-40 John 21.20-end

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday:

Download App 'Lectionary: from the CofE'

Other reflections:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

<https://www.ucb.co.uk/word-for-today>

## The United Benefice of St Matthews & St Johns Rastrick

### Holy Week & Easter Services 13th – 20th April 2025

#### Palm Sunday

Holy Communion **9.15am** St Matthews,  
**11am** St John's

Services will include a dramatised reading of the passion gospel.



**Monday 7pm** - Service of reflection at St John's

**Tuesday 7pm** - Service of reflection at St Matthew's

**Wednesday 10:30** - Holy Communion at St Matthew's

**7pm** - Joint Lent Group "Thy Kingdom Come",  
at Upper Edge Baptist Church



#### Maundy Thursday

**7pm** - Holy Communion including foot washing and stripping of the sanctuary at St Matthew's

#### Good Friday

**11.30am** - Walk of witness from St John's

**12.30pm** - Churches Together Good Friday service at Central Methodist Church

**7pm** - Good Friday Meditation Service, St. John's



**Holy Saturday 2:00** - Prayer Walk, starting from St. Matthew's

#### Easter Day

**5.45am** - Sunrise Service in the Vicarage Garden, followed by breakfast (bacon butties and croissants)  
Join us in person or live on Facebook.

**9.15am** All-age communion at St Matthew's

**11am** All-age communion at St John's



## 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 Canon Michael Storey tells us about a favourite  
Easter hymn, which is also a prayer.

## EASTER DAY

Easter Day is the most important day in the year for Christians.  
It is the day which gives us "Hope" - something always important,  
and especially in these days of world turmoil.

As a boy, my memory of Easter Day is being in church, sitting  
silently and waiting for the cross, candles and choir to go to the  
choir stalls and the vicar to announce the processional Hymn:  
No 135 - Ancient and Modern;

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  
**The strife is oer, the battle done,**  
**Now is the Victor's triumph won;**  
**O let the song of praise be sung,**  
**Alleluia**

As Christians, we try to live a life, copying the life of Jesus.

This is based on faith, hope and love - the faith and love we give,  
gives us HOPE, a Hope of Everlasting Life. I always think that that  
hymn expresses Christian Hope. Alleluia.



## 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 18th May
- ◆ Sunday 15th June
- ◆ Sunday 20th July

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

## EASTER

### The Easter story: What's Easter all about?

The Easter story lies at the heart of Christianity, celebrating Jesus' resurrection from the dead, three days after being crucified.

### What's Holy Week?

Holy Week is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter eve, a solemn time, when Christians recall the events of Jesus' final days on earth.

### What's Good Friday?

Good Friday is one of the most important dates in the Christian calendar, commemorating the day Jesus was crucified. Good Friday is "good" because as terrible as that day was, it had to happen for us to receive the joy of Easter.



### What's Easter Sunday?

Easter Sunday is the joyous culmination of Holy Week, and the most important day in the Christian calendar. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, promising new hope, new joy, and new life.

#### Regular Services:

**Sundays:** 9:15am at St Matthews  
11:00am at St Johns

**Wednesdays:** 10:30am at St Matthews on 1st & 3rd  
and at St Johns on 2nd & 4th. (No service on the 5th)



For further information see our websites [www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk)  
or [www.stmatthewsrastrick.org](http://www.stmatthewsrastrick.org)

## Preparation of the new Electoral Roll 2025


As required under the Church Representation Rules, I am in the process of preparing a new Electoral Roll in readiness for the annual meetings on Sunday 11 May 2025. Membership of the old Electoral Roll will not be carried over to the new one. Anyone wanting to be on the new roll needs to fill in a new application form. If you are on the current Electoral Roll you will receive a letter with an application form enclosed. If you are not on the current Electoral Roll an application form will be available at the back of church. Can you please return the completed forms by 13 April 2025 to allow time to complete the Electoral Roll procedure before the annual meeting? If you have any enquiries, please contact me.

Thanks,

*Rosemary Lake*

Electoral Roll Officer

**REMINDER: 13th April deadline for return of forms.**



**EASTER LILLIES**

**If you wish to donate an Easter Lily in remembrance of a loved one, please put £5 in an envelope, write names of those to be remembered on front of envelope and place in basket at back of church, by the pillar. PALM SUNDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUCH REQUESTS**

*Barbara Rukin*



## MU MATTERS

**Mothers' Union Matters,  
Join us, join in.....we are changing lives.**

We have a new royal patron....following the death of Elizabeth 11, Her Royal Highness, Duchess of Edinburgh has been appointed as her successor. She will bring strength, recognition and inspiration for all of the MU work and she has already visited many MU projects. She is committed to championing the most marginalised. I look forward to her being welcomed here in the Leeds Diocese and seeing the wealth of kindness that is undertaken here, and meeting many of our Members.



On Thursday 6 March the MU was once again at Railway Bridge View leading a craft session under the guidance of Gillian Clough. We had fun following Gillian's directions and turning old glass vases into something really special and attractive. The residents who came enjoyed themselves and were delighted with their results! As usual we start with a short reflection and a hymn...often with singing All Things Bright and Beautiful as the residents' request!

One of the main events this month was the MU Commissioning Service held in Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday 15 March. This was a wonderful and stirring Service seeing myself commissioned as Diocesan President, Michelle as Huddersfield Episcopal Area Chaplain and Jennifer Guy as a General Trustee for the Leeds Diocese. There were many other MU Members who were commissioned into official roles for the Diocese and for their Episcopal Areas. I felt that it was a truly inclusive event where all MU Members were given a challenge and permission to be MU Members with a mission, with the blessing of the Church and the Bishop.



There is so much that the MU is involved with across each Parish, Area, Diocese and across the country, and the Service enabled us to be sent out to undertake God's work, to support each other and to move forward. Even those who were unable to be present wouldn't have failed to hear the swell of singing and love that came from the Cathedral.

"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee."

On Tuesday 18 March Oriel Kelly came to our Branch Meeting held in the Church. I was disappointed not to be there myself but I understand that her talk was enlightening about life in Mara and the work undertaken by the Safe House and how it provides a safe refuge for those girls who are fleeing Female Genital Mutilation. Although FGM is illegal there are many families who still practice this cruel procedure and ritual. Our monthly meetings also provide an opportunity for our Branch Members to get together and share news and to chat together.

This week sees Lady Day Service being held at St John's. It is being imaginatively run by Hilary Pollard who is the new Area President for Huddersfield. We wish Hilary well during her three-year term and particularly as she manages Lady Day for the first time at our Church. I know that Rastrick Branch Members are supporting her in many ways.

Keep Tuesday 13 May free in your diaries since the MU will be having a Coffee Day and produce stall at Jennifer Guy's house from 10.00-3.00. A great social event and as ever, everyone is welcome.

If you want to know more about the MU just ask me or any of the Members.....no commitment. just be willing to have fun and friendship with others!!

*With love, Julia*



## A Lenten Journey through the Lord's Prayer

For five weeks we have met in home groups exploring this prayer that we use so regularly. For the final lines of the prayer 'For thine is the kingdom....' we are all invited to meet as one group on:

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7pm**

**at Upper Edge Baptist Church.**

Whether you have attended the earlier Lent meetings or not, all are invited to join in.



CICS Trustees and supporters have been working in [The William Henry Smith School and Sixth Form](#) as part of their RE Week.

Focussing on Christian festivals and the work of Christians in society, this included a talk from Paul Blakey MBE on [ROC Angels](#) (Street Angels) and [Festival Angels](#) with a question and answer session on the work of street angels generally for older students.

Rev Michelle Petch (vicar of St Matthew's Church Rastrick and St John Rastrick) gave an illustrated talk on the main Christian festivals to the younger students.

# VISION INVITATION

**CICS**  
Christians in Calderdale Schools

Find out more about the vision and work of CICS | **WEDNESDAY**  
30 April, 5pm – 6.30pm

Heath URChurch,  
11 Free School Lane,  
Halifax HX3 ODW

RSVP:  
[office@cicscalderdale.org.uk](mailto:office@cicscalderdale.org.uk)

Plans are in place to order and deliver **It's Your Move** books to the Primary schools across Calderdale during May (around 2500 young people who are moving on from Primary to Secondary!)

To donate to the work of CICS or to sponsor an It's Your Move book (they cost £2:00 each) then visit [cicscalderdale.org.uk/support-cics](http://cicscalderdale.org.uk/support-cics) -

you can also book a speaker to share to your group / church about our work.



St John's and St. Matthew's will be donating 'It's Your Move' books as usual to the schools in Rastrick Year 6 leavers in 2025.

## Prayer Walk – Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2pm

Last year on that Saturday sandwiched between Good Friday and Easter Day that we call Holy Saturday we walked from Upper Edge down to St Johns stopping to pray at regular intervals for our neighbourhood. It was a lovely afternoon and well received. This year we will meet at St Matthews taking a different route we will again finish a St Johns for refreshments & hot cross buns!



Prayer walks are a wonderful opportunity to get out into our neighbourhood and community. It is a chance to see what needs the area has, and to pray over those needs. It is a chance to pray for the people and organisations in Rastrick. All Welcome

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### MISSIONS AND CHARITIES



The Lent Appeal this year  
is for the R.N.L.I.  
Jars are at the back of  
church



### BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

We are grateful for all your contributions to the Brighthouse Central Foodbank. In April we would particularly appreciate the following:

- Cans of tuna
- Cans of chilli con carne
- Small cans of chicken
- Packets of cereal (*but we have plenty of porridge*)

Thank you so much for your support.

*Rosemary & Norman*





## World Day of Prayer

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, approximately 30 people attended a wonderful service, at the Salvation Army Citadel, organized by the women of the Cook Islands in the Pacific. The theme this year was “I made You Wonderful”, making us aware that although we were all different God had wonderfully made us all.

The service had been arranged by Julia and our own Mothers Union with some taking part, and encouraging other churches to have representation with readers of different parts. As we walked in we were greeted by the sight of the wonderful display, representing all the good things of the Cook Islands.

We heard about the experiences of a young girl, fearful for her life during Covid; a girl who felt she was being denied her heritage by only speaking English at school; and the first lady doctor who had transformed the Paediatric department and general health care of the islands

*Barbara Rukin*



Jennifer Guy's wonderful display

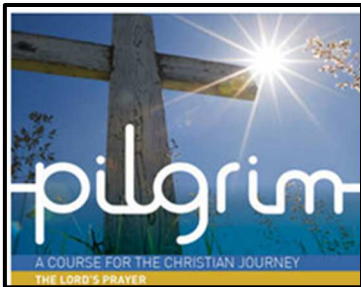
## What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...

Lent Assembly at  
Woodhouse School



Railway Bridge View  
Crafts with the MU



Training Day for  
Spiritual Direction Supervisors

Led some of the Lent group sessions,  
and supported others.



Headway & Experience Community in Church

Coffee & Conversation at Railway Bridge View



MU Commissioning service, at Wakefield Cathedral

# Coffee and Conversation

**Next Date:  
Friday 25th April  
12:30 -1:30**

**Come and join me each month  
for lunch/coffee  
in The Platform Café  
Railway Bridge View**



**Very informal - may include:**

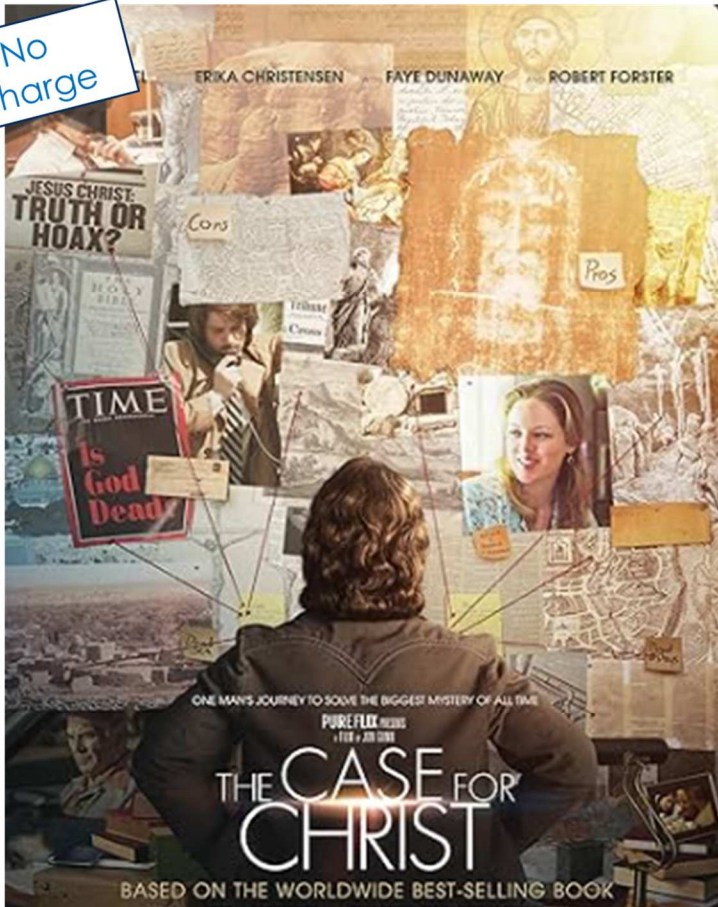
**exchanging news**

**prayer**

**a discussion around the Gospel reading  
for the following Sunday**

Showing at St John's Church Conference Suite  
 Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 3 p.m

No  
 Charge



An investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist sets out disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian

## Psalm 23 Redux

I recently bought a book of poems and prayers based on the psalms to use as part of my Lenten discipline.

There is one in particular which I've found very helpful and keep returning to during my daily quiet time with God.

This I know:

My life is in your hands.

I have nothing to fear.

I stop, breathe, listen.

Beneath the whirl of what is  
is a deep down place.

You beckon me to tarry there.

This is the place  
where unnamed hungers are fed,  
the place of clean water, refreshment.

My senses stilled, I drink deeply,  
at home in timeless territory.

In peril I remember: death's dark vale holds no menace.

I lean into You; Your eternal presence comforts me.

I am held tenderly.

In the midst of all that troubles, that threatens and diminishes,  
You set abundance before me.

You lift my head; my vision clears.

The blessing cup overflows.

This I know: You are my home and my hope,  
my strength and my solace,  
and so shall You ever be.

It's based on psalm 23 and reminds us of the hope, strength and steadfastness of God amidst the stresses of life.

I share it here with you in case you might find God speaking to you through it too.

*Rev'd Michelle*

Carla Grosch-Miller



# Rastrict Open Gardens

## July 19th 2025

### 10:00 - 4:00

This is a joint event with St. Matthew's.

If anyone would be willing to open their Garden could they please let me know – people are not looking for the perfect garden just to wander round different gardens and maybe enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and maybe a piece of cake/scone and jam/ice cream. No pressure.

Tickets will be £5 and we are hoping for 10 gardens, so 50p a garden will make a good day out.

Cheers

*Cherry* 

I am looking for donations of knitting wool, craft items for making cards, painting and sewing etc for New Hall prison women who find these items very useful and therapeutic  
Please leave in church and let Hilary Cartwright or Ann Johnson know

Thank you,

*Margaret France*



## St. JOHN'S RUCKSACK CLUB

### Saturday April 26th Full Day Walk

**Area:** The Luddenden Valley

**Distance:** 6 miles

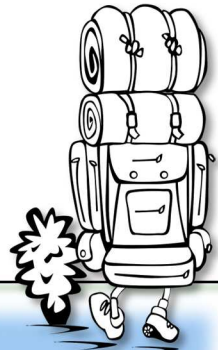
**Walk Details:**

The walk starts from Luddenden village, heading towards Luddenden Dean via the hamlet of Booth. We take in Jerusalem Farm and Wade Wood Nature Reserve joining the Calderdale Way. We then walk to the end of Luddenden Dean and then return down the valley eventually climbing to follow a path along the edge of Midgley Moor. Then downhill via Midgley village returning to our starting point

Overall the walk is relatively flat with two climbs that are not too steep.

**Leave Church:** 9.30

**Leaders:** Roger & Margaret Ellis 07551914243







## Music News

Music will play an important part in our worship during Holy Week and Easter. The following is simply from a music perspective:

On Palm Sunday, we have the young organ scholar from Halifax minster providing the music for our worship. It's so encouraging to see young people with an interest in organ playing, having the chance to play our lovely refurbished Conacher.

Do come to our Maundy Thursday Benefice service at St Matthew's, 7:00 on Thursday 17th. The Rastrick Voices will be singing during this special service when we remember the events of the Last Supper.

The Music Group will be providing the music for our worship during the Good Friday Meditation at St John's, 7:00 on Friday 18th, but I also know that other music will play an essential part in this service, which is one of the most moving services I can ever remember being privileged to be part of.

**Encouraging new organists**

### **SUNDAY APRIL 27th**

If you are interested to see what playing the organ is all about, and maybe have a go, David Austin has kindly said that anyone who is interested would be very welcome either to accompany him at the organ stool during all or part of the service to see what goes on or to be shown around the instrument by him after the service has ended.

...and don't forget that at 2:00 on Saturday 5th April, a number of local organists from the Halifax & District Organists' Association will be giving a recital on our wonderfully refurbished organ.

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am*

Anglican & Methodist Church of St Matthew, Rastrick

# *SUNDOWN SWING BAND*



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

2.30 pm in the Parish Centre

Tickets £10.00

(including tea and cream scone)

Tickets available from Jennifer (01484 713482)

or Derek (01484 711727)

*The Winter Choir presents...*

# *A Springtime Saunter*

*Musical Director - Bridget Budge*



*Wednesday 23rd April at 7:30pm*

**St John The Divine**

Gooder Lane

Rastrick

Brighouse

HD6 1HN

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**Tickets £12**

**(which includes a glass of wine or soft drink and a promise of an excellent evening of music)**

**Please contact [ceves@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ceves@yahoo.co.uk) for tickets.**

## Caption that!



Can you think of a suitable caption for this photo?

The winning caption will be printed with the photo in the next magazine.

Send your suggestions to: [stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com) with the heading, 'Caption'. Deadline: Saturday 19th April

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## Monday Meet 2pm – 4pm

At the home of Shirley Stow, 50 Archbell Avenue HD6 3SU

An informal gathering with the opportunity to unpack the bible readings from the previous day, talk current issues and tackle everyday dilemmas, drink coffee and eat cake

### Faith, fun and fellowship

For further information or to confirm location call Shirley (01484-714209) or Alan (07756035591)

All welcome

# Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next  
Eco Church  
Swap Stall  
will be on:  
**Sat. 10th & Sun. 11th May**



## COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch  
will be on Tuesday 1st April, 12:00  
Followed by the Reminiscent Cinema, 1:30



## COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake  
will be on Saturday 12th April, 10:00 - 12:00  
In aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance



## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

The next Coffee & Conversation at Railway Bridge View  
will be on Friday 25th April, 12:30 - 1:30



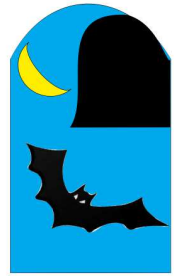
## AFTERNOON TEA

The next Afternoon Tea  
will be on Saturday 24th May, in church. 2:00 - 4:30  
Tickets £9 from Cherry



## PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Beltry

April, and will showers be on their way, as well as Easter. Try these two as the rain patters



### 25 – 7 British County Flags

Can you match the following British Flags with their respective counties. To make it a bit more interesting there are three extra counties named whose flags do not appear

1)



2)



3)



4)



5)



6)



7)



8)



9)



10)



**Counties** : Worcestershire, Berkshire, Staffordshire, Somerset, Durham, Nottinghamshire, Banffshire, Rutland, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire, Caithness, Monmouthshire, Morayshire.

Northern Ireland is not included as their counties do not have official flags.

## 25 – 8 Easter Bunnies

Can you answer the following questions, all relating to rabbits?



1. What was the name of the guitar playing hippy rabbit in "The Magic Roundabout"?
2. Who wrote the series of books often referred to as the "Rabbit" series which chronicle the life of Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom?
3. In the 1988 movie "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?", who played private detective Eddie Valiant?
4. What was the name of the largest and bravest of the rabbits in "Watership Down"?
5. Although often referred to as "Bunnies", what name are baby rabbits known by?
6. In "Peppa Pig" what is the name of Richard Rabbit's older sister?



7. Which British author wrote about Brer Rabbit.?
8. Which British duo had a top ten hit in 1980 with the song "Rabbit"?
9. What are the names of the twin rabbit friends of Rupert the Bear?
10. Which two music-hall stars originally sang the song "Run, Rabbit, Run"?

## *Last month's answers*

### 25 – 5 Homophones

- 1) THAME/TAME 2) GOOLE/GHOUL
- 3) WEYBRIDGE/WEIGHBRIDGE 4) WARE/WHERE
- 5) TOWCESTER/TOASTER 6) PYLE/PILE 7) KEELE/KEEL
- 8) HAYLE/HAIL 9) MOLD/MOULD 10) STAINES/STAINS

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## **25 – 6 Trains and Boats and Planes**

- 1) HMS Beagle
- 2) Train a Grande Vitesse (TGV)
- 3) 37 metres (120 feet)
- 4) Exxon Valdez
- 5) Newcastle upon Tyne
- 6) KLM
- 7) HMY Mary
- 8) Gloster Meteor
- 9) Glasgow
- 10) Westray and Papa Westray in the Orkney Islands

## **MORE NEXT MONTH**

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# **Organ Recital**

**Saturday 5th April**

**A recital by local organists from the  
Halifax & District Organists' Association.**



**St John the Divine**

**HD6 1HN**

**2:00 - 4:00**

**Hear our lovely  
refurbished**

**special**

**Conacher**

**Organ**

**played by a variety  
of organists.**

*Refreshments available*



## From the mouths of children...

This was in 'Readers' Digest' in the early 90s, allegedly as a true story, written by a mother in Australia:

Our four year old daughter already knew the religious meaning behind Christmas, but we had not yet explained the true meaning of Easter. On the morning of Good Friday she switched on the TV, but instead of her favourite pre-school children's programme, they were showing the crucifixion story. As soon as the programme finished, she rushed to me and burst out with, "Have you heard what's happened to Jesus?"

If only we could view the crucifixion with the same momentousness, instead of it simply becoming a familiar story!

## Rastrick Beer Festival



Plans are starting to be formulated to resurrect the beer festival which ran so successfully for 9 years before the pandemic. This was a great community event and brought people together from the Brighouse and Rastrick community and beyond and was well know as the 'friendly' beer festival. So for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. there will be a beer festival in the community hall.

At this stage I am looking for 'expressions of interest' from anyone interested in helping to set-up and promote the festival, ideas, marketing skills and willing hands would be very welcome. Please get in touch if you or know of others who may be interested in getting on board.



Cheers,

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or phone 07756035591

## SHIRLEY...

### Wealth and Happiness or Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

There has been a recent study on whether having great wealth brings more happiness. Wealth should eliminate money worries but it can also bring its own problems. Happiness is hard to define and measure but most people know it when they feel it – a surge of joy, a quiet contentment, a soothing satisfaction. It is a transient feeling which can be experienced in anticipation, or in the moment, or in memory but it cannot be experienced to order.

Sometimes what we think will bring happiness only brings disillusion. In a similar vein we believe that lots more money in our bank account will automatically bring with it more happiness for us. It will probably solve our debt problems and provide us with all the material things we think we need but it cannot buy happiness. It could buy shallow friendships but true friendships develop gradually with or without wealth.



Why do some people always seem to be happy while others appear to constantly mope? We all want our fair share. It can be hard to admit that the best schools, finest neighbourhoods, trendiest vacation spots do not fulfill our emotional and social needs, especially with the media's fixation on products and lottery tickets that promise to improve our lives and bring happiness

Having a purpose in life is a pre-condition for happiness; family, religion, sport or work for example. It has also been discovered that we grow happier as we age, which is associated to a sense of confidence. Unlike the baby boomers with high expectations of status and financial success, older people tend to be more content with what they have.

In a science journal it was reported that "People with above-average income are barely happier than others in moment-to-moment experience, they tend to be tenser, and do not spend as much time in leisurely pursuits and relationships.". The emphasis on salary is identical to the lottery ticket winner's mistake in thinking that money changes *everything* for the better.

I chose the title when I heard one of the comedy songs I love from the show, High Society, "Who wants to be a Millionaire?" As the question is sung, I have always shouted, "I DO" - and believed it. But now I am not too sure. Perhaps Enough is Enough but I am still not sure what *is* enough?

I imagine the happiness I would have in trying to divide my winnings between which additional charities to support.

*Shirley*

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**AND FINALLY ....**



Seen on Facebook

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - April



## Tuesday 1st April

Community Lunch 12:00 & Reminiscent Cinema 1:30

## Saturday 5th April

Halifax & District Organist Assoc. Recital 2:00

## Sunday 6th April

Film, 'The Case for Christ' - Conference Suite 3:00

## Monday 7th April *(and every Monday)*

Monday Meet - Shirley's 2:00 - 4:00

## Saturday 12th April

Coffee & Cake *(in aid of the Air Ambulance)* 10:00-12:00

## Sunday 13th April

Electoral Roll deadline

## Wednesday 16th April

Service at St Winifreds - 2:30

Final Lent Group - together at Upper Edge Baptist 7:00

## Saturday 19th April

Holy Saturday Prayer Walk from St Matthew's 2:00

## Wednesday 23rd April

Winter Choir Concert - A Springtime Saunter 7:30

## Friday 25th April

Coffee & Conversation - Railway Bridge View 12:30-1:30

## Saturday 26th April

Rucksack Club walk - leave church 9:00

## Monday 28th April

Beer & Banter - Wire in Calderdale - The Four Sons 7:00

Items for the May magazine to: [stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com)  
by 9:00 a.m. Sat 26th April please. Thanks.

**Please see pages 5 and 7 for details of all the special services during Holy Week and Easter.**



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### Wi-Fi

Network : everywhere

Password : anywhere