

A watercolor illustration of pink cherry blossoms with delicate petals and visible stamens, set against a soft, textured background of greens and purples. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds.

St John the Divine Rastrick

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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 *(from May 12th)*

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



I'm writing this during Holy Week: my busiest week of the year. By the time you read it, we will be into May and enjoying a Bank Holiday weekend. Then hopefully, like the rest of you, I'll be watching the garden grow and maybe even enjoying a bit of sunshine again....

Thinking about this has made me reflect on how the way we spend a short amount of time can change our perspectives and attitudes quite profoundly. If anybody asks me to do anything extra this week, they might not find me so receptive or helpful as they would in a fortnight's time after my Easter break when I'll be happy to talk it over. I won't be a different person, but my responses will be very different because of how I am spending my time.

There is a saying that "you spill what you carry", and what overflows or spills from me may be beautiful or polluting- and the same is true for all of us. Jesus says it isn't what we eat or wear that makes us clean or unclean, but what we carry within ourselves.

When I'm under pressure, it's not always easy for me to focus on or "refill" the good. Which is why, for me and for all Christians, daily prayer is so important. It enables us to find a wisdom and a patience beyond our own resource, to bear with people in situations we find difficult, and to act with courage when our natural inclination may be in the opposite direction.

Spending even a short amount of time in quietness and prayer isn't just good for you, it's good for everybody you bump into - and for the whole community. We all need to balance ourselves before we can carry the right attitude of heart and mind into our encounters with other people. So, as this Easter season continues, I encourage you to spend some time doing the things which enable you to carry peace, patience, love and gentleness in your heart. And I'll do my very best to do the same!

With my prayers and every blessing,

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - MAY

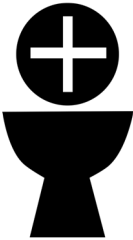
Sunday 4th - 11:00 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Morning Worship

Sunday 11th. - 11:00 - 4th Sunday of Easter (APCM) - Holy Communion

Sunday 18th. - 11:00 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Holy Communion

Sunday 25th - 11:00 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Holy Communion

Thursday 29th May - 7:00pm - Ascension Day (St. Matthew's)



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - MAY

Wednesday 7th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 14th- 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 21st - 10:30 - St Matthew's - TBC

Wednesday 28th - 10:30 - St John's

FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ◇ Thursday May 29th - Ascension Day - 7:00pm. - St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday June 8th - Pentecost Praise - 4:00 - St Matthew's LAWN
- ◇ Sunday June 29th - Holy Communion - 10:30 - St. John's
- ◇ Sunday August 31st—Holy Communion - 10:30 - St. Matthew's

SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S WITH PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunday 18th May - 11:00

Sunday 15th June - 11:00

Sunday 20th July - 11:00



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 May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr	01-May	02-May	03-May
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
05-May	06-May	07-May	08-May	09-May	10-May
Psalms 96 Deut. 5.1-22 Ephesians 1.1-14	Psalms 98 Deut. 5.22-end Ephesians 1.15-end	Psalms 105 Deut. 6 Ephesians 2.1-10	Psalms 136 Deut. 7.1-11 Ephesians 2.11-end	Psalms 107 Deut. 7.12-end Ephesians 3.1-13	Psalms 108 Deut. 8 Ephesians 3.14-end
12-May	13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May	17-May
Psalms 103 (or) 44 Deut. 9.1-21 Ephesians 4.1-16	Psalms 139 (or) 48 Deut. 9.23 – 10.5 Ephesians 4.17-end	Matthias Apostle 1 Samuel 16.1-13a Matthew 7.15-27	Psalms 118 (or) 56 Deut. 11.8-end Ephesians 5.15-end	Psalms 33 (or) 51 Deut. 12.1-14 Ephesians 6.1-9	Psalms 34 (or) 68 Deut. 15.1-18 Ephesians 6.10-end
19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May
Psalms 145 (or) 71 Deut. 16.1-20 1 Peter 1.1-12	Psalms 19 Deut. 17.8-end 1 Peter 1.13-end	Psalms 30 Deut. 18.9-end 1 Peter 2.1-10	Psalms 57 Deut. 19 1 Peter 2.11-end	Psalms 138 Deut. 21.22 – 22.8 1 Peter 3.1-12	Psalms 146 Deut. 24.5-end 1 Peter 3.13-end
26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May
Psalms 65 Deut. 26 1 Peter 4.1-11	Psalms 124 Deut. 28.1-14 1 Peter 4.12-end	Psalms 132 Deut. 28.58-end 1 Peter 5	Ascension Day Acts 1.1-11 Luke 24.44-53	Psalms 20 Deut. 29.2-15 1 John 1.1 – 2.6	Mary visits Elizabeth Romans 12.9-16 Luke 1.39-56

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday:
Download App 'Lectionary: from the CofE'
Other reflections:

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

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

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

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies were given this year in memory of:

Jonathan McCarthy ; Andrea Elliot

Kay Tyson & Ray Tyson

Julia Pitts & David Pitts

Stephen Guy

Michael Drury

James Sturrock & Joyce Sturrock ; James Moore ; Mary Tum

Shelley Marshall ; Danielle Parkin

Winnie Rukin & Maurice Rukin ; Brian Rukin

Elsie Pawson & Harold Pawson

Robert Beaumont

Trevor Jagger

Jean Pollard

John Richmond

Blodwen Humphreys & Harry Humphreys

Freda Davis & Leonard Davis

William Bennett Storey & Alice Storey ; Peter Storey

Catherine Field

Gwen Hopkins & Tony Hopkins

Eva & Wilfred Moorhouse

Dorothy & Stanley James

Christine Wilson ; Stuart Wilson

Marjorie Sanderson & Jack Sanderson ; Ann Sanderson

Nora Barton ; Elsie Green

Alec Perkins ; Doreen Perkins ; Ian Perkins ; Jan Perkins

Juliet Lake ; Ewan Mc Donnell

Maurice Culpan



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 Shirley shares a favourite prayer by Eddie Askew

Lord of time and eternity.

I don't know what today may bring but I know you're just
around the corner.

Today is your gift to me.

Help to turn it into my gift to you.

Each today pushes back the past into history, and in the long
perspective

I can see your hand at work for good. For my good.

And from that view I can turn to face the prospect of today.

Today is my concern. Good news in the present tense.

Not just for me, Lord – Although in honesty that's where my
interest begins –

But for those with whom I live and work and talk.

Make me an instrument for good. A small focus of your healing
in a worried world.

I thank you for yesterday. I leave tomorrow in your hands.

Today is yours and mine.

Eddie Askew "I've been thinking, Lord"

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.

- ♦ 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)



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

Weekly, from 12th May



MU MATTERS

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

A few photos you may find interesting:



This is the Parish Church of St. James the Great, Colwall in Herefordshire - the little village beneath the Malvern Hills where Mary spent her childhood.

Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union was married to her husband, Rev'd George Sumner in this lovely village church in 1848.



The Mary Sumner Prayer

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live. **Amen**



MU Coffee Day

Tuesday 13th May, 2025

10:00 - 3:00

at 8 Lyndhurst Road; Jennifer Guy.

Tickets £2 which includes cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

Raffle for a lovely hamper cake stall sweets in a jar bric a brac.

Please see Ann Johnson or Jennifer re tickets. This will be a fun day of fellowship. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Ann J





ECO CHURCH - The Plastic Problem

The Big Plastic Count took place over a week in March this year. Schools, households, community groups etc. all counted their plastic waste and reported their findings. This is an annual event, but we forgot to do it this year! We've done it in the past and it is salutary to realise just how much plastic our own household accumulates in just one week, despite doing our level best to avoid plastic wrapping, bags, bottles and so on as much as possible. I know lots of us are most conscientious about reducing the amount of plastic we acquire and make strenuous efforts to recycle every bit we can. So is it working? The short answer, sadly, is "no". The results of this year's Big Plastic Count extrapolated across the whole of the UK estimates that households are throwing away an estimated 1.7 billion pieces of plastic per week. We are second only to the US for amount of plastic waste per person. Yes...we ARE recycling our plastic waste (don't stop!), but sadly only 17% of it actually does get recycled. The rest goes to landfill, is exported passing the problem on to another country, or is incinerated (which of course produces climate-changing carbon dioxide).



As individuals what can we do? Recycling alone cannot solve the problem, but governments and big brands can. The UN is working to negotiate a global plastics treaty that aims to cut plastic production by 75% by 2040. Greenpeace and Everyday Plastic are backing this treaty, but you don't have to sign up to either organisation to make your feelings known. Contact your local MP and ask them to sign the pledge for a strong Global Plastics Treaty. An easy way to do this is to go on to the Big Plastic Count website and click on the button that says "Email your MP". (Remember not to put your phone number if you don't want to be contacted by Greenpeace.)

Eco-Church Group



Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary

Providing a culture of welcome for refugees & others seeking sanctuary

In collaboration with Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary Turning Point Counselling Service is opening a **welcoming space for refugees and asylum seekers** in this area. Through this collaborative effort, we're able to provide vital resources and opportunities for refugees and people seeking asylum, helping them to integrate and contribute to the fabric of our communities.

But we can't do it alone. That's where you come in. Could you spare 2-3 hours per week to work with others to offer a welcoming space and encouragement for the many individuals and families who spend too much time isolated in hotel rooms or rented accommodation.

Experience of working with asylum seekers and refugees is not required as support and training will be given by experienced members of the valley of sanctuary team.

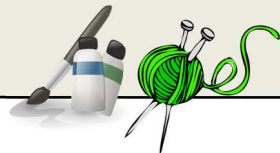
If you would like to explore being part of this new initiative in Brighouse, then please contact admin@turningpoint-brighouse.org.uk or phone 07756035591 for more information.

Let us together take pride in offering a place of safety for refugees seeking sanctuary from war and persecution and celebrate the contribution of refugees and people seeking asylum to our beautiful area!

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



Recital by Concert Organist

DAVID PRICE - CONCERT ORGANIST

SUMMER UK TOUR 2025



WEDNESDAY
2ND JULY
7:30 PM



The Conacher Organ at St John's

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK

ENTRANCE TO RECITAL FREE (RETIING COLLECTION)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 7:00

INCLUDING CHEESE & WINE FOLLOWING THE RECITAL,

St John the Divine, Gooder Lane, Rastrick, HD6 1HN

Don't miss this!

Holy Saturday Prayer Walk



Some people on a mission?

Church & Community Hall Bookings & Events

In 2024 over £25,000 was generated from hiring out the Church & Hall. Thanks to the refurbishments that have taken place in the last few years both locations are valuable assets both for our own use but also for the use of others and the benefit to the church finances.

Every time we get a new group or individuals using the church or the hall without exception people will complement the wonderful facilities that we have. We can be proud and very thankful for all those who have worked hard to bring our facilities up to the high standard that they are.

In 2025 we are seeing greater demand, in particular from groups to hire the church, this combined with our own events means that we need more practical help to enable them to run successfully. We are therefore looking to create a list of people who would be willing to be called upon (if they are available) in one or more of the following areas:

Setting up before and clearing up after events (moving tables and chairs etc.)

Catering (serving refreshments)

Opening and locking up before & after bookings (particularly at weekends).

If you could help in one or more of these areas then please sign the form at the back of church or email info@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk.

Coffee and Conversation

**Next Date:
Friday 23rd May
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**

St John the Divine, Rastrick

AFTERNOON TEA



SATURDAY 24TH MAY

2:00 - 4:30 IN THE CHURCH

TICKETS £ 10 CONTACT: 07816 757334

What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...



Easter Assembly at
Carr Green School



Good Friday
Walk of Witness



...to Central Methodist:
..organised and led the Service.



Culmination of the Lent Groups
at Upper Edge Baptist.
Yes, that plate really is spinning!



..and of course,
everything Holy Week & Easter



Coffee & Conversation
at Railway Bridge View



Chrism Eucharist Ripon Cathedral



Sunrise Service
Easter Day

With some of the walkers;
Holy Saturday Prayer Walk





Refugee Ribbon Appeal - UNHCR

Stand with Refugees

When we read about, hear about or watch the suffering faced by so many refugees from places like the Sudan, Lebanon, Gaza, Ukraine and Afghanistan we may feel appalled, but powerless to help. We can hold these suffering people in our prayers. We can make donations to charities who help these people. We can also be more visible in our support by wearing the blue Refugee Ribbon throughout May to show our solidarity with refugees and in recognition of our common humanity. I'll be wearing mine and I am requesting a few extra ribbons which I will leave at the back of the Church for anyone who wants to wear one during May.

More information is available on the UNHCR website.

Norman Lake



A letter sent to Spring

Oh Spring, I waited for you so long, a distant friend who has finally come to visit.

At times it was bleak, difficult to endure dark nights, cold, damp, rain and more rain.

Now the memory of waiting fades.

My spirit is refreshed, filled with optimism.

The sun comes out. I shall sing at the top of my voice, plunge my hands into bare soil.

I marvel the scent of flowers blooming, plants emerging, seeds sprouting, as earth awakes.

My spirit is refreshed, filled with optimism.

Delicate, pale cherry blossom cascades from weeping branches, melodious birdsong of sunrise uplifts in its uninterrupted glory.

Swathes of intoxicating bluebells adorn woodland.

Lambs gambol in meadows partying in style.

My spirit is refreshed, filled with optimism.

Margaret Ellis



Music News

Psalm 9 v 2: I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will make music to your name, O Most High.

The whole of May falls in the Season of Easter. Maybe you felt it too, but I was very moved by the services during Holy Week.

From a musical perspective, on Palm Sunday we were very pleased to welcome Edwin Field (the organ scholar from Halifax Minster) who incidentally said that he thought our organ was the best in the area! From his 'triumphant' playing for the entry into Jerusalem (the start of the service) to the more sombre, sensitive playing as events developed, he added to our worship.



On Maundy Thursday 10 members of the Rastrick Voices sang, 'God so loved the World' from Stainer's 'Cruxifixion'. Coming towards the end of the service, after the events of the Last Supper, and looking towards Good Friday, I was considerably moved by their sensitive singing of this lovely piece. *I can say that, as I wasn't singing myself.*

Music also played an important part in the Meditation Service on Good Friday. From the start of the service, the dramatic, oppressive (*recorded*) music seemed to seep into my very bones as the large wooden cross was slowly brought into the centre of our circle of chairs, hung with lanterns which would be extinguished one by one as the events of Good Friday progressed. Finally, with all lights and lamps extinguished, we were immersed in more, immensely sad music, and finally in dark (*in both senses of the word*) silence. The Music Group played for three hymns during the service, and we put all of our very real emotion into our playing. The congregation worships through singing the words, but we worship through playing!

Pam



Rastrick Open Gardens

July 19th 2025

10:00 - 4:00

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

Thank-you to everyone who has offered their garden for this event.

Tickets will be £5. More details later.

Cheers *Cherry*





Rastrick St. John's Beer Festival

Friday 19th September

3:00pm - 10:30pm

Saturday 20th September

1:00pm - 10:30pm

For further details including sponsorship opportunities to promote your business or group please email info@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk



PCC snippets from the meeting held on 26th March

- A visit from CMBC catering resulted in a 5 * rating once again for the church Hall kitchen. Thankyou to all the catering team and to Julia and Glenys for all their help and support enabling this successful outcome.
- Moving on books are to be given out to all Woodhouse, Field Lane and Castlefield pupils moving on this summer to High School. The cost is shared between St Johns, St Matthews and Upper Edge.
- The A.P.C.M is to be held on May 11th. Christine Whitaker pointed out that we have 5 vacancies, please consider joining the PCC as we would welcome your input to the running of our church. Thanks to David James and John Hearson for their time on the PCC were given by the Vicar.
- The revised Electoral roll is in progress. The PCC encourage all regular attendees to have their names added.
- The 2024 accounts are with the auditor and will be ready for the APCM.
- Finances for both the hall and the church are in line with expectations.
- No safeguarding issues have been reported.
- PAT testing has been carried out and there are no other major issues.
- If you could consider taking on all or some of the Health and Safety role please speak to David or Hilary.
- The Church Hall management committee meet at regular intervals to review the maintenance and bookings for the hall. Bookings are still increasing and maintenance is on track.



PCC snippets continued

- The IOCS group had met to discuss and ratify the plans for the vestibule in church. The PCC agreed to have the heat curtain fitted using monies from the Bishops Development grant and also the cupboards in the first arch. The glass panels and doors will wait until more grant funds have been sourced.
- John Hearson brought the PCC up to date with the ECO journey of the church.
- Various dates were given for the diary , detail of these events will be found on the Newsletter and Magazine.
- The date of the next PCC meeting is the APCM May 11th .

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

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

- Cans of macaroni cheese
- Cans of mince & onion
- Cans of fruit

Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



St. JOHN'S RUCKSACK CLUB

Sunday 18th May

BROCKHOLES CIRCULAR

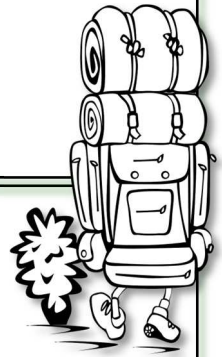
1:15pm from Church.

Mileage: 4 miles

Description: Parking at Brockholes railway station, we start on a track, following the railway line and then up to "Top of the Hill" and Thurstonland. On field paths to Farnley Tyas, then passing School Wood and down on a road to Longley and back to Brockholes.

A walk with extensive views of the Holme Valley.

Leaders : Anne Beaumont, Judith Ogden, Anne Aspinall
07976 319 995/ 07500 367 156 / 07931 947 609



Saturday 24th May

Area: HOLME VILLAGE to MAGDALE

Following the Holme Valley Riverside Way

This is a linear walk of about 7 miles and it follows the river Holme.

As we have done before we need to catch the bus that leaves Brighouse at 9.05am for Huddersfield to make sure we arrive in the bus station to board the Holme village bus at 9:55am (this is only an hourly service).

Anyone planning to meet at Huddersfield Bus Station please arrive in time.

A lovely walk taking in Digley Res., Holmbridge, Hinchcliffe Mill, Holmfirth (where we take a lunch break), Hagg Wood, Brockholes, Honley and the finish at Magdale, where we will board a bus for our return journey.

Not only good views but interesting things on the way.

Leaders JUDITH and ERIC OGDEN

Tel: 01484 716652 : Mobile 07777 494 681

Don't forget to bring your **BUS PASS**

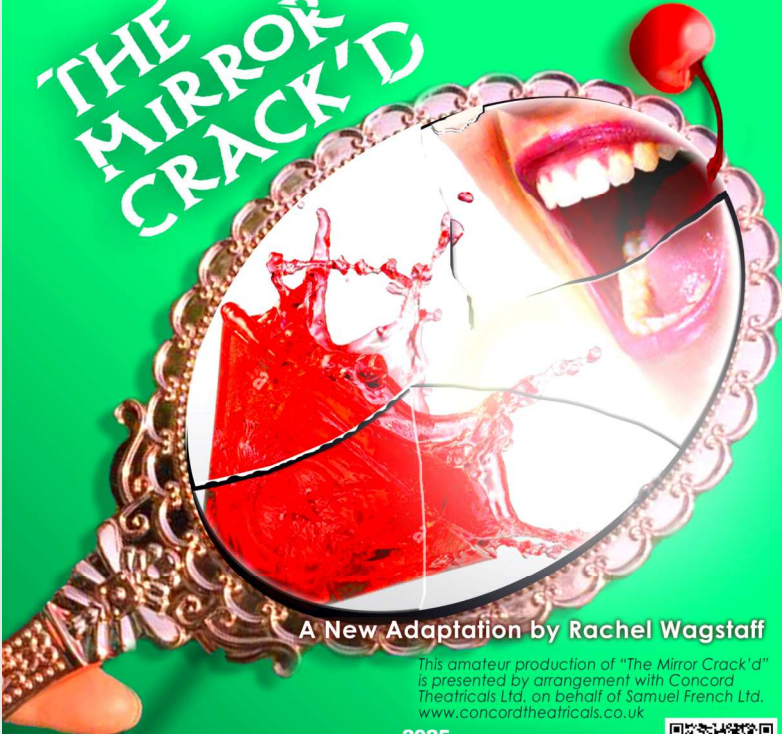
Brighthouse Theatre Productions Presents

An amateur production of ...



Agatha Christie's

THE MIRROR CRACK'D



A New Adaptation by Rachel Wagstaff

This amateur production of "The Mirror Crack'd" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd, on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

**St John's Community Hall
St John Street
Rastrick
HD6 1HN**

2025
Wed 28 May - 7.30pm
Thur 29 May - 7.30pm
Fri 30 May - 7.30pm
Sat 31 May - 2.30 & 7.30pm



Tickets £12.00 available on line at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/brighthouse-theatre-productions/e-rigigge

Or phone: **01484 719689**

Anglican & Methodist Church of St Matthew, Rastrick

SUNDOWN SWING BAND



Sunday 18th 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 HOUGHTON WEAVERS, have been entertaining folk for a whopping *50 years!*, with their unique blend of popular folk music, humour and audience participation. With a promise of plenty of laughter with their infectious humour and funny stories galore this is a concert not to be missed. They guarantee a wonderful evening of entertainment and their experience – together with their style and professionalism – ensures that, as their motto says, they always *Keep Folk Smiling!*

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Houghton Weavers Management Ltd Presents:

THE HOUGHTON WEAVERS

WITH GUEST MUSICIANS



APPEARING AT

St John the Divine, Rastrick HD6 1HT

Saturday 28th June

***Show Starts 7.30pm**

***Doors open 6.45pm**

***Refreshments
Available**

Online Tickets



Scan QR Code

Tickets £15 from Ryecorn Wholefoods. (cash only)
33/35 Bethel Street, Brighouse

email: bookings@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk
www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk



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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

with the heading, 'Caption'.



Last month's winning caption was sent in by David James.

Do I have to wear a daft hat when I am president of the Mothers' Union?

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 6th May, 12:00
Followed by the Reminiscent Cinema, 1:30



COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake
will be on Saturday 10th May, 10:00 - 12:00
Hosted by the Wednesday Nighters



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

The next Coffee & Conversation at Railway Bridge View
will be on Friday 23rd May, 12:30 - 1:30



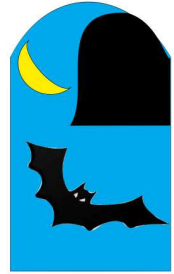
AFTERNOON TEA

The next Afternoon Tea
will be on Saturday 24th May, in church. 2:00 - 4:30
Tickets £10 from Cherry: 07816 757334



PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Belfry

This month, hopefully we'll have a bit of sunshine and some higher temperatures than April. Try these two this month. Shouldn't be too difficult.



25 – 9 Military abbreviations

As it's the celebrations of VE Day this month, here are a few military abbreviations common during World War 2. Can you identify them?

- 1) AAC 2) ARP 3) BFBS 4) FAP 5) H CAV 6) MTC
7) SSAFA 8) RDF 9) OWL 10) LDV

25 – 10 Road Signs

Here are a few road signs. Can you identify their meaning?
(Should be 12 out of twelve!!!)

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2)



3)



4)



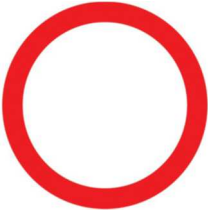
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12)



Last month's answers

25 – 7 British County Flags

1) Banffshire 2) Durham 3) Berkshire 4) Pembrokeshire
 5) Staffordshire 6) Ceredigion 7) Rutland 8) Caithness
 9) Somerset 10) Nottinghamshire and the three counties not
 illustrated were therefore Worcestershire, Monmouthshire and
 Morayshire

25 – 8 Easter Bunnies

1) Dylan 2) John Updike 3) Bob Hoskins 4) Bigwig
 5) Kittens 6) Rebecca 7) Enid Blyton 8) Chas and Dave
 9) Reggie and Rex 10) Bud Flanagan and Chesney Allen

MORE NEXT MONTH

SHIRLEY...

The sadness we experience is the week before Easter Day as we read about Peter's denial, the Last Supper, the betrayal by Judas Iscariot and thinking about the Stations of the Cross.

At this time, I am also reminded of a holiday in Palma over the Easter period, when we witnessed the enactment of this journey to the Cross. Crowds had gathered in the streets of Palma to watch a man dressed in a loin cloth, bent forward and carrying a huge wooden cross over one shoulder. Some people bowed their head whilst others jeered as the earlier crowds had done when they watched a similar scene years



before. The cross was followed by 'soldiers and the family and supporters of Jesus'. Shots were fired! Everyone panicked. We ran for shelter, very frightened. The police gradually quietened the crowd and slowly we crept back to watch the procession disappear further along the street. We never discovered what really happened to the youths disrupting everything.

The joy we now experience is knowing that Jesus rose from the tomb, having paid for our sins and is with us always.

We are now back into the bowling season. Come rain or shine if we are in a team we have to play- ugh. If it is very cold, we have layers of garments on which inhibit easy movement but if it is lovely and sunny we bowl in our team shirts and enjoy the game! (and hope to beat our opponent!).

I am hoping for good weather for the Mothers' Union Open Day on 13th May at Jennifer Guy's home - details in the magazine. It is a lovely opportunity for us to meet everyone and raise money for the many charities the MU supports.



Another date I am looking forward to is 20th May when I am off to Ilkley on a Retreat. This will be an opportunity to relax and refresh my body and faith! It is an indulgence with a purpose. is so easy to get 'bogged

down' in the hurly burly of modern life and forget that life is to be enjoyed and stress removed.

Below is a little verse I found and thought you might like it.

**My teacher calls me Sweetie Pie
My classmates think it's funny
To hear her call me Angel Face,
or Pookie Bear or Honey.
She calls me Precious Baby Doll
She calls me Pumpkin Pie
Doodle Bug or Honey Bunch
Or Darling Butterfly.
My class is so embarrassing
I need to find another.
Just any class at all in which
The teacher's not my mother!**

Kenn Nesbitt

I hope it amused you too!

Shirley

AND FINALLY

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - May



Monday 5th May (*and every Monday*)

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

Tuesday 6th May

Community Lunch 12:00 & Reminiscent Cinema 1:30

Saturday 10th May

Coffee & Cake (*Hosted by Wednesday Nighters*) 10:00-12:00

Eco Church Swap Stall

Sunday 11th May

APCM - following the morning service

ECO Church Swap Stall

Tuesday 13th May

MU Coffee Day, 8 Lyndhurst Road 10:00-3:00

Sunday 18th May

Rucksack Club Walk - leave church 1:15

Sundown Swing Band (at St. Matthew's) 2:30

Friday 23rd May

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

Saturday 24th May

Rucksack Club Walk - catching bus at 9:55

Afternoon Tea (in the church) 2:00-4:30

Wednesday 28th May - Saturday 31st May

BTP 'The Mirror Cracked' -Church Hall (*See p. 27 for times*)

Thursday 29th May

Ascension Day Benefice Service, St. Matthew's 7:00 pm

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