

**St John the Divine
Rastrick
Your Parish Magazine**



***Pentecost
8th June***

June 2025

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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



As I write this, I have just returned from leading a retreat for the Mother's Union in Ilkley. Some of you were there with me. It was a wonderful time of reflection and sharing - with one another and with God. It's good sometimes to get away and take time and space to renew our faith, and it was good that the weather was kind to us too. I hope you will find some time and space in the coming weeks for rest and renewal, and I hope that, as you do so, the weather will be kind to you too.

As June begins, the Easter season draws to a close and we celebrate Pentecost and the precious gift of the Holy Spirit. So we move into a new season of the church's year, with our faith renewed and hopefully a new sense of vision and purpose for our lives. Please do take the opportunities to worship at this time, both our regular Sunday worship, but also the special 'Pentecost Praise' service on the lawn outside St Matthew's at 4pm on Sunday 8th June. Other churches from across our town will be invited to share in this worship, with plenty of singing along the way. See the poster in church or elsewhere in this magazine for more details.

After Pentecost we enter the long season of 'ordinary time', when there are no major festivals and there is real time and space to grow if we are willing to embrace it.

As we watch the plants and flowers grow at this time of year, let's take the opportunity to consider ways to grow God's kingdom in our own lives and in the communities around us.

With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - JUNE

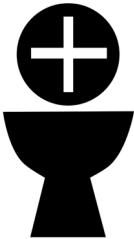
Sunday 1st- 11:00 - 7th Sunday of Easter - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 8th. - 11:00 - Pentecost - Holy Communion

Sunday 15th. - 11:00 - Trinity Sunday - Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd - 11:00 - Trinity 1 - Holy Communion

Sunday 29th May - 10:30 - Trinity 2 - Benefice Holy Communion



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - MAY

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 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 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 June 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02-Jun Psalms 93 Deut. 31.1-13 1 John 2.18-end	03-Jun Psalms 98 Deut. 31.14-29 1 John 3.1-10	04-Jun Psalms 2 Deut. 31.30 – 32.14 1 John 3.11-end	05-Jun Psalms 24 Deut. 32.15-47 1 John 4.1-6	06-Jun Psalms 28 Deut. 33 1 John 4.7-end	07-Jun Psalms 42 Deut. 32.48-end; 1 John 5
09-Jun Psalms 123 Job 1 Romans 1.1-17	10-Jun Psalms 132 Job 2 Romans 1.18-end	11-Jun Barnabas Apostle Psalm 110 Acts 11.19-30	12-Jun Psalms 143 Job 4 Romans 2.17-end	13-Jun Psalms 142 Job 5 Romans 3.1-20	14-Jun Psalms 147 Job 6 Romans 3.21-end
16-Jun Psalms 1 Job 7 Romans 4.1-12	17-Jun Psalms 5 Job 8 Romans 4.13-end	18-Jun Psalm 119.1-32 Job 9 Romans 5.1-11	19-Jun Psalms 14 Job 10 Romans 5.12-end	20-Jun Psalms 17 Job 11 Romans 6.1-14	21-Jun Psalms 20 Job 12 Romans 6.15-end
23-Jun Psalms 27 Job 13 Romans 7.1-6	24-Jun Birth John Baptist Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 1.57-66	25-Jun Psalm 34 Job 15 Romans 8.1-11	26-Jun Psalms 37 Job 16.1 – 17.2 Romans 8.12-17	27-Jun Psalm 31 Job 17.3-end Romans 8.18-30	28-Jun Psalms 41 Job 18 Romans 8.31-end
30-Jun Psalm 44 Job 19 Romans 9.1-18	01-Jul Psalms 48 Job 21 Romans 9.19-end	02-Jul Psalm 119.57-80 Job 22 Romans 10.1-10	03-Jul Thomas Apostle Ephesians 2.19-end John 20.24-29	04-Jul Psalms 51 Job 24 Romans 11.1-12	05-Jul Psalm 68 Job 25 – 26 Romans 11.13-24

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

Download App 'Lectionary: from the CofE' <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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

Pentecost Praise!



***A glorious celebration
of the
Birthday of the Church
with lots of singing!***

***Sunday 8th June
4:00 P.m.***

***Please
join us!***

***On the lawn outside
The Anglican and Methodist
Church of St Matthew
Rastrick, HD6 3NF***

***Bring your own chairs
and a picnic***

***Let's fill the Church garden with the colours of the flames!
Wear red, yellow, orange....***

Inside if wet!

PRAYER PAGE

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

As no favourite prayers have been submitted for June,
here is St. Pauls powerful prayer
which he wrote in his letter to the Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth
takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches
of his glory, he may grant that you may be
strengthened in your inner being with power
through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted
and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the
power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is
the breadth and length and height and depth, and
to know the love of Christ that surpasses
knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the
fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is
able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we
can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

(Ephesians 3, v.14 - end)

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 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



MU MATTERS

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

If you joined us at Jennifer Guy's house on Tuesday 13 May, you would have had an amazing time....plenty of food to buy and sample and lots of people to chat to, all in glorious sunshine. We raised £348.20 p!!

If we had raised zero it would still have been a very good day and an opportunity to chat together in a lovely setting. Thank you, Jennifer, for opening up your house in this way. And thank you to all those who baked, who counted sweets into the jar, who washed up, who made countless cups of tea and coffee, for those who made some lunches, those who counted the money, those who sat on the front door reception, and those who 'manned' the produce stall and all of those other activities which when added together make for a successful event.



Those Mothers' Union Members who went to The Briery in Ilkley from Tuesday 20 May until Thursday 22 May have been totally refreshed – spiritually and amongst friends. Our grateful thanks go to Revd. Michelle who led those three days. She had put in so much preparation so that it looked effortless and seamless, but we all know that an event like that will have been tiring for her and yet wonderful for us!





Each day we had Morning and Evening Prayer and on our last day we celebrated the Eucharist. We had contemplative discussions, often based on Bible readings on which we reflected the meaning of what had happened in Jesus' day and what a similar situation could mean to us

today. No one was forced to join in or to feel uncomfortable but you know how lovely Michelle is, those moments of reflection were just like easy conversations. Although challenging to me, when I considered where I fall short.

The venue was really peaceful and we each had separate ensuite rooms. And in between we had wonderful meals and refreshments. Join us next year!

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

*The canal towpath
from
Cromwell Bottom
to Brighouse.*

See page 26



Nicaea 1700: A Celebration of Churches Old and New!

There are not many 1,700-year-old documents that are read out loud every week and known by heart by millions of people across the world. The Nicene Creed is one of them.



In AD325 Roman emperor Constantine's empire was fractured and divided. To show up his empire, he called church leaders together at Nicaea in Turkey to discuss what the Church should believe about Jesus. While Constantine was keen to shore up his empire, church leaders were focused on preserving the truth about Jesus Christ.

After weeks of deliberation, between May and July AD325, the Council came up with a statement which we now know as the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed is the most widely accepted Creed in the Christian faith, used by many denominations including the Anglican Communion. It is a reminder of the common faith we share – both with Christians around the world today and throughout history with all those who have affirmed these words over the last seventeen centuries.

So, how well do we understand this statement of faith that is used by all the Christian denominations across the world and that we recite at many of our services? Why not join this 5-week course and join with others to explore what the creed is all about?

Starting w/c 9th June

Mondays at 50 Archbell Avenue. 2 pm – 3.30 pm.

(Details from Shirley 01484-714209)

Thursdays in St John's Conference suite, 7 pm – 8:30 pm.

(Details from Alan 07756035591)

Thy Kingdom Come Ascension to Pentecost

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the ecumenical, global prayer movement for evangelisation

Initiated by the then Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016, what started off as a call to prayer for evangelisation for the Church of England, has since united tens of millions of Christians, from across 85 different denominations



and traditions – in many nations across the world to pray in the precious days between Ascension and Pentecost.

Inspired by Acts 1 and 2, when the disciples gathered in the upper room praying constantly from when Jesus ascended to Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come draws on the richness of this historic tradition, renewing our commitment to pray for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit so that those do not yet know Christ, will encounter his life-transforming love and become his disciples.

The 2025 Novena, entitled 'Ten Lessons and One Great Hope' is available in church and this lovely booklet explores the Lord's Prayer in a way that brings hope. Why not take this opportunity to take a short time each day to pray?

More information: [//www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

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!

DAVID PRICE – CONCERT ORGANIST

David Price FRCO (CHM) was educated at Stockport School and then full-time at The Royal School of Church Music, studying the organ with Martindale Sidwell. At just 20 he was awarded the 'Limpus' Prize in the examination for Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists.

The majority of David's career has been in Music education. In Stockport he was Head of Music at Peel Moat School, Director of the Maia Boys' Choir and Assistant Organist at St. George's Church under Arthur Rooke. In 1969 he moved to East Anglia, where he was Director of Music of Taverham Hall Preparatory School, Norwich, and for a time, Master of the Music at the Priory Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth – the largest Parish Church in England. In 1993 he took early retirement. In 1994 he was invited to become Master of Music at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Norwich. For the first five years of its existence, he was an Assistant Director of the I.A.P.S. Choral Course under Ralph Allwood.

An examiner for the Associated Board for 43 years, David has undertaken overseas tours in Eire, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Singapore whilst examining extensively throughout the UK.

A wholly unexpected, life-changing experience led to ordination to the priesthood in November 2017 – six years after most clergy have 'sailed off into the sunset', surely worthy of an entry in the Guinness Book of Records! Fr. David is Anglican Chaplain to the St. George's congregation in Pattaya.

Since moving to Thailand, David became acutely aware of the need to maintain both his playing capabilities and contact with the UK, so the idea of the UK Summer Recital Tour came into being.

Away from music, David's interests include Crossword Puzzles, Contract Bridge, Foreign Travel and Cats!



Always agree with God's Word

23 MAY 2025

'The mouth speaks what the heart is full of.'

Luke 6:45 NIV

Do you think of yourself as a person who has faith in God? Do your thoughts and words reflect that? We can deceive ourselves into thinking we have great faith, but if challenges easily defeat us, then maybe our faith isn't as great as we thought it was.

Jesus said, 'The mouth speaks what the heart is full of.' You can learn a lot about yourself by listening to what you say. Do your thoughts and words show your dependence on God, recognising that His abilities, not yours, enable you to do anything you need to do?

To get your words right, you must get your heart right. And to do that, you must line your thinking up with God's Word. That means being willing to face anything He wants to show you and asking Him to change you. If you're trusting in your own strength, start trusting God instead.

If you're attempting to do things through your own abilities and becoming irritated, let God know that you want Him to work through you, and allow His sufficiency to be yours. Paul writes, 'Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God' (2 Corinthians 3:5 NKJV).

Your words are like containers, so don't fill them with things that disable you. Instead, stand on this Scripture: 'God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work' (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV).

When you speak, always agree with God's Word.

Copies of Word for Today are available online or at the back of church

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

Afternoon Tea

Afternoon Tea Saturday the 24 th May 2025. In church.

What a successful afternoon! No need to go to Harrogate to Betty's - this definitely had the edge on that !!! and cheaper too !!!

Beautiful lay out wonderful cakes meringues scones . Delicious sandwiches smoked salmon ham egg cream cheese and cucumbers. Bucks Fizz and Prosecco.

All credit to Cherry and her team; Hilary, Margaret Hitchcock (who also helped with the shopping), Margaret France. They all who worked tirelessly all afternoon not only preparing the food but serving and washing up afterwards all done with a wonderful sense of humour too !! (Thank you to Sheila R too who helped to wash up and clear away afterwards)

Flowers on the table beautiful tablecloths lovely China tea/coffee/.

It is good to get together and include members of the community outside of church life to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of St John's.

Thank you again Cherry for organising this .

Look out for the next one in October.

God Bless you all,

Ann Johnson



Missions and Charities

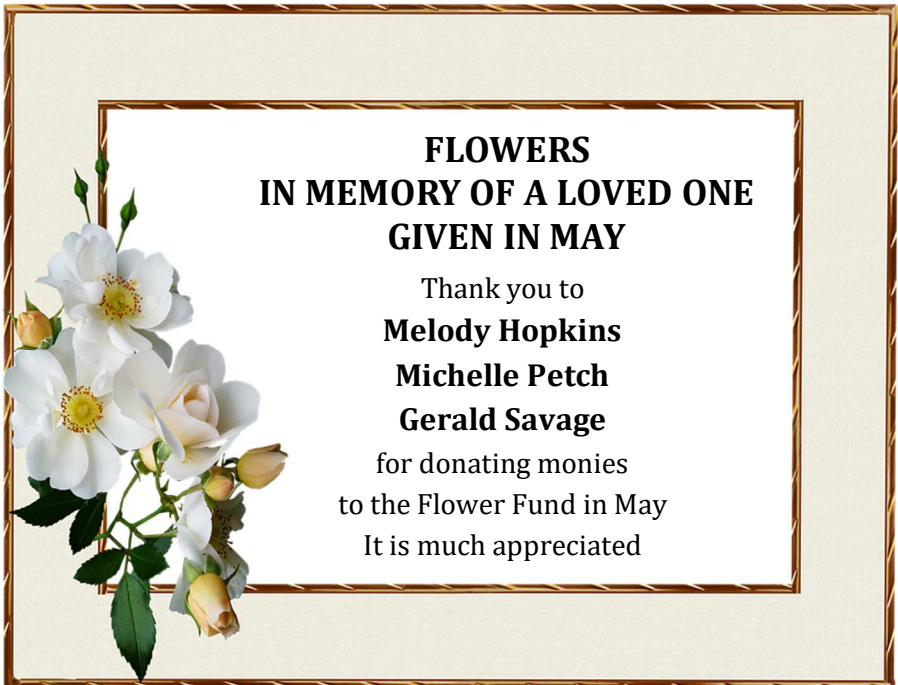


Lifeboats

Many thanks to everyone
who contributed to the Lent
Appeal for the RNLI.

We are able to send £567.30 to this very worthy cause.

Oriel



Coffee and Conversation

Next Date:
Friday 27th June
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*

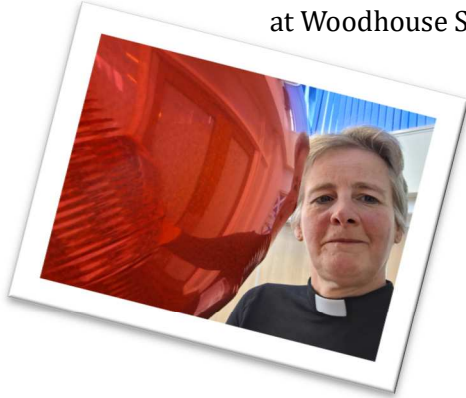
What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...



Coffee & Cake morning
with the
Wednesday Nighters

Ascension Day Assembly
at Woodhouse School,



Longroyde Y1 pupils visited
St. Matthew's



Led the MU annual retreat
in Ilkley



Taken a wedding
at St Matthew's



Visited Carr Green
School Nursery,
to talk about
baptism,



Coffee & Conversation
*(Change of venue
as the café at RBV was shut)*



Chaired the
APCM Meeting



Sundown Swing Concert in
St Matthew's Parish Centre



MU Coffee Day
at Jennifer Guy's



Visited Cygnet Lodge



MU Trustees meeting at
Church House, Leeds
with Julia and Jennifer Guy,



Afternoon Tea at St John's

The Mothers' Union has a new Royal Patron

Article from from the Echo, Courier and Todmorden Times.



The Mothers' Union has a new royal patron!

Who is this new individual who will inject new dynamism and energy into our movement? We are already full of zing, optimism and a desire to support families in the UK and around the world. We will be

150 years old next year! Mothers' Union (MU) was started by **Mary Sumner** in 1876 in her local parish, and since then we have grown into an international charity with over 4 million members in 83 countries.

As a Christian membership charity, open to men, women, married, single, divorced, of any age, we demonstrate our faith in action working towards ending poverty, ending inequality and ending injustice. We aim to bring hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes.

In 1897 Queen Victoria became the Patron of the MU. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was our Royal Patron for all of her reign. On 27 February 2025 it was revealed that the Duchess of Edinburgh was being bestowed with one of the royal family's most historic charity roles: royal patron of MU. It was reported that the MU is an organisation that "brings hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development". The Duchess has already visited different projects including, English for Women, in Chelmsford. The project aims to reduce isolation of those in local communities who experience language barriers in their everyday lives, many of whom are fleeing challenging situations.

So, what opportunities does the Duchess offer the MU? As patron she is a supporter, who lends her name and influence. She acts as a figurehead, raising awareness and boosting the reputation of the MU. I am sure that

we will see her attending and supporting many events, and no doubt providing media coverage across the UK.

MU Branches support, in a variety of ways, those who are affected by domestic abuse, refugees, we are just touching the skirts of looking at modern day slavery, we collect huge amounts of “Gifts of Love” for baby banks, Women’s Aid, prisoners who are leaving New Hall Prison, old garden tools get restored and sent out to Africa, we support the women in prison with cookery classes and in the mother and baby unit. We send financial support to those countries in Africa where literacy and numeracy among the women is low, but where the MU can make great inroads. In the Huddersfield Area we have supported the soldiers in Ukraine to a huge degree by collecting wax and old small cans and these have been made into candles for use in the trenches. There are two caravans on the coast in Filey which the MU has bought and maintain and we are able to support referred families to holiday there.



Support is provided for Members in the UK and across the world

with a vast collection of practical and spiritual resources. In addition, there are regular publications like Connected and the Prayer Diary to keep members in Britain and Ireland informed and up-to-date with what’s happening around the corner and around the world.

juliatum65a@gmail.com

New Hall would like to thank St. John’s and St Mathews, Rastrick for their kind donations of craft items and wool.

These are a great help for their well being

If you have any quiz, crossword, search word etc.

these would be appreciated,

and wool is always greatly received. Thank you

Margaret France

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Turning Point Counselling Service in Brighouse is seeking volunteers to assist in establishing and operating a welcome space. For nearly 25 years, the charity's vision has been to enhance health and well-being, foster resilience, and instil confidence and hope in individuals. Many people live isolated and lonely lives, and we aim to unite them to form small communities centred around common interests.



Funding is in place to create groups open to all, such as **craft and chatter, knit and natter, a jigsaw club**, and other groups that will bring people together with a common interest.

In collaboration with Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary, we will also be opening a **welcoming space for refugees and asylum seekers** in our area. Through this joint 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 us to offer a welcoming space and encouragement for those who spend too much time isolated at home?
- Have you an interest that you would like to share and that would bring others together?

If you would like to explore participating in this new initiative in Brighouse, please email admin@turningpoint-brighouse.org.uk or call 07756035591 for more information.

Special Community Lunch

The Community lunch on Tuesday 3rd June will be a special one and a celebratory one, as St John's is to be presented with a plaque from Rastrick Big Local to mark the successful completion of the installation of 30 solar panels and the fitting of two batteries in the church hall.



RBL is winding down after ten years of funding activities and projects in Rastrick. St John's has had many

projects funded by RBL, so it is an opportunity to say thank you.

If you would like to attend and don't normally, please add your name to the list at the back of church, or let David James (Tel. 715197) know by 30th May so that we can organise catering. There will be extra guests at this special event, so if you can help setting up or in the kitchen, please let David or Alan know.



BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

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

- Cans of rice pudding
- Cans of of custard
- Cans of fruit
- Washing pods/tablets

Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



St. JOHN'S RUCKSACK CLUB

Sunday 8th June

HALF DAY WALK

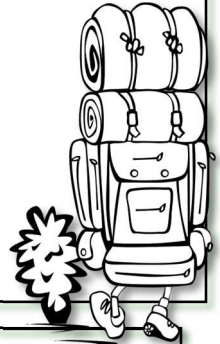
Walk Description: Walking from Church onto Lillands Lane into Reins Wood and leading down to Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve, calling at the cafe (optional) for a drink - price - donations. Returning along the canal to Brighthouse.

Distance: 4 miles

Leave Church: 1:30pm

Leader : Roger Ellis

Contact: 07551 914243



Saturday 28th June

DETAILS FOR THE FULL DAY WALK ON THE 28TH JUNE WILL BE CIRCULATED IN EARLY JUNE. .. walk leader still lost!



RUCKSACK CLUB BARBEQUE Sunday 6th July

The annual barbeque takes place from 6.00 p.m. at the home of Oriel Kelly, 8 Healey Wood Gardens.

The cost is £10.00 children under age of 12 free.

Please bring your own folding chair.

To help maintain costs we would welcome salad donations.

Contact Roger Ellis at - rogmarg.ellis@gmail.com or 01484 718013
by Sunday 25th June if you would like to attend,
so that we can order the food.



ECO CHURCH NEWS by John

Christian Aid – a friend in high places

This last January, we were delighted to gain the Eco Church Silver award. But sometimes it seems our efforts are a tiny drop in an ocean that is being deluged by the interests of big business and of state actors who don't care. Besides, at present, it isn't we who bear the brunt of Climate Change.

That's why Eco Church encourages us to support charities who are out there helping the victims of pollution and Climate Change. At yesterday's service, our speaker James Watterson movingly 'introduced us' to villagers in Guatemala and Sierra Leone. It was as if they were here in church with us! How heartbreaking to hear about their degraded farmland and dying river. Yet how, with help from Christian Aid partners, they are finding ways to thrive. But CA goes further by speaking up for them on the world stage, leading the way in raising a number of issues with our own government and at international summits.

Campaigning – joining together to make our voice heard

Advocacy – behind the scenes working with partner organisations to have a voice when the big decisions are made.



I feel very glad we, as a church, support Christian Aid. I shall gladly contribute to our collection on June 14/15th, knowing who will be benefitting and confident that it'll be used to best effect.

Saturday June 14th



10:30 - 1:30

Our regular Coffee & Cake
in church
will be replaced by:



Lunch:

Soup & Filled Rolls

...or just cake!

...as our contribution to Christian Aid Week.

Orchestra of Square Chapel are delighted to be returning to St John the Divine on June 22nd. They will conclude Mozart's tour of Europe with his visit to Vienna. Mozart had strong links with Vienna, visiting as a 12-year-old and returning to live there at the age of 25, remaining in Vienna until his death at the age of 35. The concert will feature one of Mozart's greatest masterpieces, the "Haffner" symphony, and well as his 3rd Violin Concerto with soloist Elizaveta Saul.

Details and tickets: <https://orchestraofsquarechapel.net/>





Sunday June 22nd 2025 at 5pm
St John the Divine, Brighthouse HD6 1HN

Mozart on Tour - Vienna



Schubert: Overture *Die Zauberharfe*

Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 3
(Elizaveta Saul)

Mozart: Symphony No. 35

Strauss: Tales from the Vienna Woods

Tickets: orchestraofsquarechapel.net/ or ring 07710 491762

More details from: orchestraofsquarechapel.net

Contact: OofSquareChapel@gmail.com



Music News

Are you coming to our Benefice 'Pentecost Praise' on June the 8th? It's a great way to celebrate the birthday of the Church with an outside 'Birthday Party' and plenty of singing to the accompaniment of the Music Group! Bring a picnic and enjoy this very special service. It's always a great afternoon. Please see the poster on Page 7 for more details.



Pam



Rastrick St. John's Beer Festival

Friday 19th September

3:00pm - 10:30pm

Saturday 20th September

1:00pm - 10:30pm

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The United Benefice of Rastrick

St John the Divine,
The Anglican & Methodist Church of St Matthew.



Rastrick Open Gardens

July 19th 2025
10:00 - 4:00

Eight gardens for you to visit

Inclusive entrance to all of the gardens:

£5.00

Children and students free

**Food & Fellowship
in the Vicarage Garden
from 4:30**

Refreshments available

**Tickets available shortly from participating church members,
...or on the day from: 7 Oaks Green Mount, HD6 3LS**

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 chosen by the Vicar, from all of your *(anonymous)* replies.

The winner for the second month running was David James!

I know I told God I had a lot on my plate, but He didn't need to give me another one!

Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next
Eco Church
Swap Stall
will be on:

Sat. 14th & Sun. 15th June



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch
will be on Tuesday 3rd June, 12:00
This is a special lunch! See also page 25



COFFEE & CAKE (and Lunch)

The next Coffee & Cake (& lunch)
will be on Saturday 14th June, 10:30 - 1:30
In aid of Christian Aid
See also page 28



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

The next Coffee & Conversation at Railway Bridge View
will be on Friday 27th June, 12:30 - 1:30



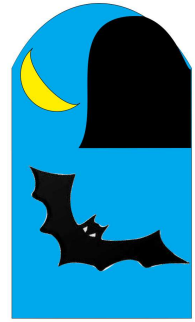
AFTERNOON TEA

The next Afternoon Tea
will be on Saturday 18th Oct, in church. 2:00 - 4:30
Tickets available nearer the date.



PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Beltry

June and summer beckons. Try these before the school holidays begin.



25 – 11 Cloudbusting - 1

Hopefully we shall have cloudless skies, but can you match the ten following common types of cloud formation with the correct descriptions below;

Altostratus, Cumulonimbus, Stratus, Cirrus, Cumulus, Nimbostratus, Stratocumulus, Altocumulus, Cirrocumulus, Cirrostratus.

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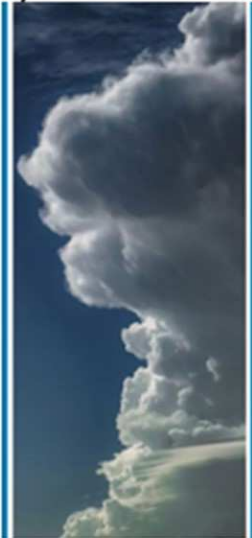
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25 – 12 Cloudbusting - 2

Similarly can you match the following ten types of rare cloud formations with their descriptions.

Undulus-Asperatus, Shelf Clouds, Roll Clouds, Lenticular, Cirrus-Kelvin-Helmholtz, Mushroom clouds, Noctilucent clouds, Altocumulus-Castellanus-Clouds (jellyfish clouds), Mammatus clouds, Nacreous (mother of pearl)

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Last month's answers

25 – 9 Military Abbreviations

If you watched Foyle's War You should have got quite a few of these.

- 1) Army Air Corps 2) Air Raid Precaution (or Aircraft Repair Park or Ammunition Refilling Points) 3) British Forces Broadcasting Service 4) First Aid Post 5) Household Cavalry 6) Motor Transport Corps (or Military Training Company) 7) Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Families Association 8) Radio Direction Finding 9) Operator, Wireless and Line 10) Local Defence Volunteers

25 – 10 Road Signs

- 1) Minimum Speed 40mph 2) Horse Drawn Vehicles prohibited 3) Soft Verges ahead 4) Slow Moving Military Vehicles Warning 5) Tunnel Ahead 6) Tramcars crossing ahead 7) All vehicles prohibited except cycles being pushed 8) Railway level crossing without gate or barrier ahead 9) Cycle Route ahead 10) Migratory Toad crossing ahead 11) No vehicles carrying explosives 12) Risk of grounding

MORE NEXT MONTH

SHIRLEY...

It is the month of June,

...the month of leaves and roses, when pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents the noses.” Nathaniel Parker Willis

The other day, I was up early and decided to go to Tesco’s before it became busy. I bought my things in record time and loaded them into the boot of my car. I also put in my handbag, and locked it in for safety. I then returned my trolley to the appropriate parking space. I ‘flashed’ the car lock as I returned to my car but the door would not open. I tried again, and again, and again. I panicked. What on earth was wrong with it. I said a silent prayer for help. A thought came to me - try using the key in the door lock instead of the remote! I put it in, it would not turn. Oh gosh. My phone was in the boot! My purse was in the boot! I was now getting really worried. What could I do? I thought I would go back into the store and see if they could offer help in any way. I had only just turned and started to move forward when I saw - - - **my** car! Embarrassed, I quickly opened the door and drove away hoping no one had seen me acting so suspiciously and saying to myself, “**that** was not **your** car, **this** is your car”!! Specsavers here I come!



Another silly thing I did was decide on impulse to have my hair cut. I went into the hairdresser in Brighouse who doesn’t require appointments – you sit on chairs in a queue until it is your turn. Luckily it was quiet so I was soon in the chair watching my locks fall to the floor, cut by expert scissor hands. When all was completed, I offered to pay by Credit Card. “Sorry”, said my hairdresser, “no machine”. I looked in my purse and realised I had just paid another bill to a person with no machine. Embarrassed, what could I do? “Call at the Post Office around the corner, they have a cash machine” was suggested. Arriving at the Post Office I was shown the machine. I put in my Debit Card. The first number was rejected, I realised I had put in my Credit Card number. I paused, put in another number, it was my burglar alarm number!

Both these numbers I use regularly. But what was my Debit Card number? In my anxiety I could not recall this number and was frightened of guessing too many times. Back I went to the hairdressers apologised and explained the situation. "Well," said the hairdresser, "I cannot put your hair back on but you have an honest face. Call in next time you are in Brighthouse." My face might be honest but I am not sure about my memory being so reliable!

Life used to be so simple! Not always in a good way though. Some people really struggled to afford food, worked long hours with little pay or suffered life threatening illnesses. However, even though we seem to have made so much progress, it's still the same today! (We are also facing the destruction some of this progress has caused). We still have wars, country against country; more and more we hear of droughts, floods and forest fires. Yet we are still not satisfied, we want to explore the space above the earth now. At what cost? Surely, we should be making sure we can take care of what we already have and be willing to share with anyone less fortunate. Use the money more sensibly. We all have a skill of some kind. We could diminish stress levels, give our children their childhood back. Just slow down a bit and enjoy simple local leisure pursuits instead of jetting off harming the atmosphere with long distance travel. We are losing our countryside to theme parks – expensive and artificial. Why not encourage our own seaside towns to blossom again as they were in my childhood. Our fun was created by our imagination and curiosity.

I can imagine what you are saying! Fuddy duddy! I confess, I have travelled all over the world and enjoyed every minute but somehow life now seems faster and busier, more impersonal. Is it because I have slowed down? Or have you realised it too?

I am reminded of the following poem.

"What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?", this is the opening line of the poem "Leisure" by Welsh poet W.H. Davies. The poem explores the idea that a life consumed by worries and responsibilities misses out on the simple joys and beauty of

the world, emphasizing the importance of taking time to appreciate the present moment.

What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs and stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass, where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight, streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance, and watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.

I rest my case.

Shirley

AND FINALLY....

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THE HYMNS

HOW THEY ARE CHOSEN EVERY WEEK



MEANWHILE

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR
JUST PICKS A FEW
OF HER FAVOURITES



I'm very happy to say that this is NOT how hymns are chosen at St John's! Pam

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - June

Monday 2nd June

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

Tuesday 3rd June

Special Community Lunch 12:00

Sunday 8th June

Rucksack Club half day walk 1:30

Pentecost Praise (& picnic) St. Matthew's lawn 4:00

Monday 9th June *(for 5 weeks)*

Nicaea 1700 - Shirley's 2:00 - 4:00

Thursday 12th June *(for 5 weeks)*

Nicaea 1700 - St. John's Conference Centre 7:00 - 8:30

Saturday 14th June

Lunch, Coffee & Cake for Christian Aid 10:30 - 1.30

Sunday 22nd June

Orchestra of the Square Chapel concert in church 5:00

Friday 27th June

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

Saturday 28th June

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk



I'm away towards the end of June, so could I please have all items for the July magazine to: stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com by 9:00 a.m. Sat 21st June please. Thanks.



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