

St John the Divine Rastrick



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Our Prayer For Growth

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 Sept.)

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

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



Welcome to the September magazine. With the summer holidays behind us, children and young people are returning to school, college or university, the weather is cooling down and we are entering the season of autumn. It's time for us to settle down and return to regular routines too. And whether you've been away on holiday recently or not, I do hope you have found time to move away from regular routines and to spend some time relaxing and enjoying a break these last few weeks.

In the church we're still in the long season of ordinary time, but we can now look forward to Harvest Festival and then on into the season of Remembrance and beyond.

I was looking back in my diary at this time last year and realised we were preparing then for our organ celebrations. What a wonderful time of celebration and thanksgiving that was! This September we have some more celebrations and thanksgivings to look forward to. Most notably, on 28th we will be giving thanks for the ministries of both Canon Michael Storey and Alan Hoggard. Canon Michael is celebrating 50 years since his ordination as deacon, and Alan, 25 years since being licenced as a Lay Reader. The service on this day will include a thanksgiving for their dedicated service to God and the church. I do hope you can join us. There will be cake and wine after the service too.

As always there is so much to give thanks to God for. Let's not forget that as we continue our journey of life and faith this Autumn.

With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - SEPTEMBER

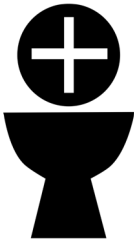
Sunday 7th - 11:00 - Trinity 12 - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 14th. - 11:00 - Trinity 13 - Holy Communion

with guest speaker from the Shoebox Appeal

Sunday 21st. - 11:00 - Trinity 14 - Holy Communion - Rucksack Club

Sunday 28th - 11:00 - Trinity 15 - Holy Communion



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3rd - 10:30 - St Matthew's

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

Wednesday 17th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 24th - 10:30 - St John's

FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ◇ Sunday November 9th - Remembrance Service - 10:00 - St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday November 9th - Eucharist for Peace - 7:00 - St John's
- ◇ Sunday November 30th - Advent 1 - 10:30 - St. John's

NEXT SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S WITH PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunday 21st September

Sunday 19th October



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



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

PRAYER PAGE

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

This month, the prayer is from Rev'd Michelle.

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

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

Loving God

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

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

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

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

We ask these prayers in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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 21st September
- ◆ Sunday 19th October

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



A service of prayer and thanksgiving for

Healing and Wholeness

Sunday 21st September

@ 4 pm

An opportunity to pray and receive prayer for our community, our world, for others, and for ourselves,

For further information, contact Alan 07756035591

All welcome

Daily Lectionary Readings Sept 2025

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
01-Sep	02-Sep	03-Sep	04-Sep	05-Sep	06-Sep
Psalms 80 Proverbs 8.1-21 Mark 5.1-20	Psalms 87 Proverbs 8.22-end Mark 5.21-34	Psalms 119.105-128 Proverbs 9 Mark 5.35-end	Psalms 90 Proverbs 10.1-12 Mark 6.1-13	Psalms 88 Proverbs 11.1-12 Mark 6.14-29	Psalms 96 Proverbs 12.10-end Mark 6.30-44
08-Sep	09-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep
Psalms 98 Proverbs 14.31-15.17 Mark 6.45-end	Psalms 106 Proverbs 15.18-end Mark 7.1-13	Psalms 110 Proverbs 18.10-end Mark 7.14-23	Psalms 113 Proverbs 20.1-22 Mark 7.24-30	Psalms 139 Proverbs 22.1-16 Mark 7.31-end	Psalms 120 Proverbs 24.23-end Mark 8.1-10
15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep
Psalms 123 Proverbs 25.1-14 Mark 8.11-21	Psalms 132 Proverbs 25.15-end Mark 8.22-26	Psalms 119.153-end Proverbs 26.12-end Mark 8.27-9.1	Psalms 143 Proverbs 27.1-22 Mark 9.2-13	Psalms 142 Proverbs 30.1-9 Mark 9.14-29	Psalms 147 Proverbs 31.10-end Mark 9.30-37
22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep
Psalms 1 1 Chron 10.1-11.9 Mark 9.38-end	Psalms 5 1 Chronicles 13 Mark 10.1-16	Psalms 119.1-32 1 Chrons 15.1-16.3 Mark 10.17-31	Psalms 14 1 Chronicles 17 Mark 10.32-34	Psalms 17 1 Chron 21.1-22.1 Mark 10.35-45	Psalms 20 1 Chronicles 22.2-end Mark 10.46-end
29-Sep	30-Sep	01-Oct	02-Oct	03-Oct	04-Oct
Michael & All Angels Revelation 12.7-12 John 1.47-51	Psalms 32 1 Chronicles 28.11-end Mark 11.12-26	Psalms 34 1 Chronicles 29.1-9 Mark 11.27-end	Psalms 37* 1 Chronicles 29.10-20 Mark 12.1-12	Psalms 31 1 Chron 29.21-end Mark 12.13-17	Psalms 41 2 Chronicles 1.1-13 Mark 12.18-27

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

Google search: 'Everday Faith' or search 'Daily Prayer'

Everyday Faith

Daily Prayer

Rastrick Benefice

Quiet Day

Building on Solid Foundations

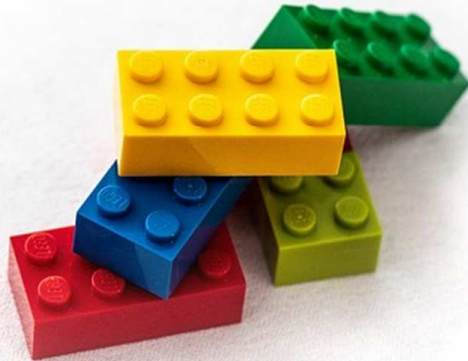
Thursday
4th Sept. 2025

10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Organised and led by Rev'd Michelle Petch

at:
The Community of the Resurrection
Stocksbank Road
Mirfield
WF14 0BN

**£10 cost to cover
room hire
and refreshments.
Please bring
a packed lunch.**



Limited places available.

Further info and bookings contact admin@rastrickbenefice.org.uk



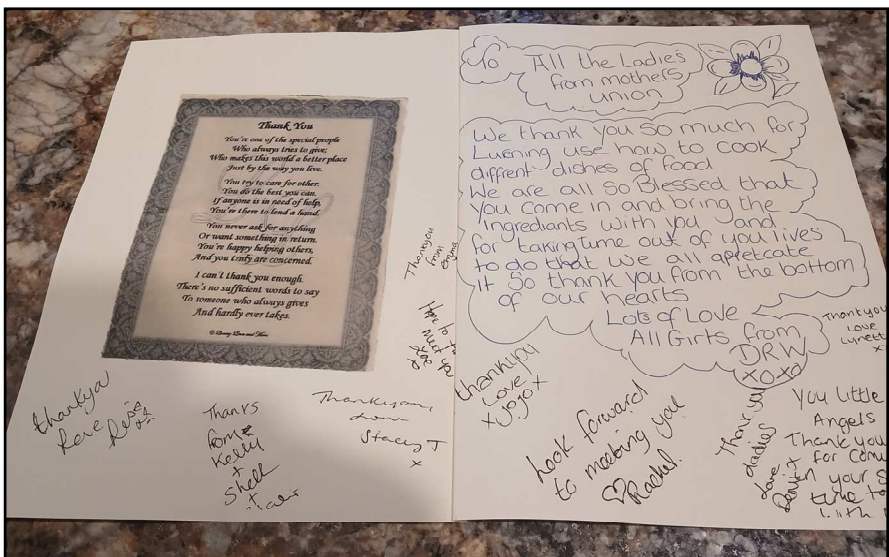
MU MATTERS

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

The month of August was given over to celebrating the founder of the Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner, and her courage and her amazing legacy. From the humble beginnings of her standing up in her husband's church urging all women to help each other in their homes and to meet together to share and resolve common issues there are now over 4 million Members in 84 different countries! The help and support that is given is way beyond the vision of Mary Sumner....with this branch at Rastrick sending items to the Ukraine, knitting prem baby hats, knitting hats for the homeless, collecting wax and small cans for the soldiers in Ukraine, fund raising for AFIA (Away From It All....the two caravans on the east coast) fund raising for international projects, raising awareness of the terrors and implications of domestic abuse, making up emergency bags of toiletries for those who suddenly find themselves in hospital without the essentials.....and much, much more! This year the celebrations on Saturday 9 August were held at Gomersal Church and Archdeacon Bill led the service and I believe gave a very inspiring sermon. I went to a similar service at Ryhill, a countryside church in the Wakefield Area where afterwards we sat outside in the grounds enjoying a very good picnic and cakes. On Sunday 10 August I went to a Service at St John's, Clayton in the Bradford Area. It was similarly focused on the legacy of Mary Sumner and also on the work and contributions made by the Branch in the past but unfortunately it had decided to close. The Members all became Diocesan Members so that they could continue to be part of this international and vibrant movement.

On Monday 15 September, we have a trip planned to go to Rochdale Town Hall....a beautiful looking building on their website and strongly recommended by Cherry as a place to visit. We are now going in individual cars and so this doesn't restrict the numbers of people who are going. We shall have a lovely day out together. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this trip....bring a friend or neighbour.

Those MU Members within the Huddersfield Area, many of whom are from Rastrick Branch, have received a wonderful card from the women in our local prison who are on a drug rehabilitation wing. It is a wonderful gesture. The card includes a copy of a heartwarming poem and also some words written by the ladies themselves thanking us for coming in with the ingredients and taking time to show how to cook different dishes. Many of the women have added in their own message of appreciation. The card sends their thanks and appreciation for all that we do. Members of the Mothers Union also visit the prison to either lead cookery sessions, make cups of teas for the visitors, or play with their babies in a creche.



With the card I was 'loaned' Riv the Bear. He was made by some of the women at the prison. The prayer attached around Riv's neck, from the women, is praying for recovery from an illness and thanking the Members for all of their support over the many years. Riv is to stay with a member who is not well at the moment and then for him to be passed to another Member as appropriate. I am not too well myself at the moment and so Riv is living with me for a few weeks. It is wonderful how prayer and hope for the future can sustain me and others as we face difficulties in our lives.

Riv makes me smile as I see him sitting there, and as I realise what a huge difference our visits to the prison make for the women who are there. He will soon be spending time with Cherry.

The women really appreciate the time we take to go in, and bringing all of the cookery ingredients with us. Our visits are practical prayers, a silent message of hope for a better future, a non-judgemental walk alongside them and the hope that this will be their last period of time in the prison.

Our prayers and hopes go out to Cherry for a full recovery. We give thanks for her fortitude and resilience and pray that she will be soon back with us. God bless her.

With Love, Julia



Shoebox Appeal 2025



Operation Christmas Child

We are filling shoeboxes with gifts again this year.

Deadline: Sunday 9th November

Made-up boxed, including shipping:

£16 from Gill Mills.

Please collect a leaflet from the back of church.

Thanksgiving for 75 years of Ministry

On Sunday, 28th September 1975, Michael Storey was ordained a deacon at Wakefield Cathedral, and 25 years later, on 1st October 2000, Alan Hoggard was licensed as a lay reader at Halifax Parish Church.

To mark what will be a combined 75 years of ministry, there will be a special service which will include thanksgiving for Michael and Alan's ministry, on 28th September 2025 at 11am, to which all are invited.

Michael – Ordained Deacon 28th September 1975

Curate at St Mary's, Illingworth – 3 Years

Vicar of St John's Rastrick - 9 years

Vicar of Crosland Moor – 19 years

Permission to Officiate – 19 years & counting!!



Alan - Licenced Lay Reader 1st October 2000

Lay Reader/Minister at St John's – 25 years & counting!!!

Michael and Alan invite parishioners and friends, old and new to join them for cake and a glass of wine after the service.

St. John's Rucksack Club

Full Day Walk - Saturday 6th September

Walk Leaders: - Jenny Rawson 07985232515 and Sandra Hollingdrake

Depart Church: - 9.30

Parking over the canal bridge in Copley (Specific directions will be given at church)

Walk Description:- Crossing the river Calder we climb up the hill and cross fields to the beginning of Norland Moor. Crossing the moor to the far end and down farm tracks, fields and woods. Dropping down to Sowerby Bridge and on the canal back to Copley

Distance :6.5 miles

Half Day Walk - Sunday 21st September 2025

'Mirfield Meander Mk II'

Distance: 3 miles

Leaders: Ken and Jill Swallow – 07967 796404

Meet at church for a 1.45pm departure.

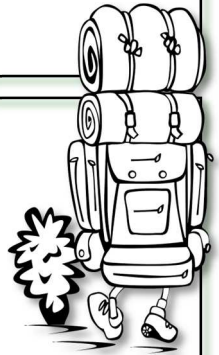
Starting from the Station Road car park (WF14 8NH) in Mirfield at approx 2.00pm.

This half-day walk goes the opposite way to our walk last year. We head off along the canal, then take a mixture of paths and roads crossing the railway line at one point. From the canal towpath we follow Steanard Lane for a short way over the River Calder and then up Sands Lane past Dewsbury District Golf Club. After a break we take a path over the golf course then down through Hagg Wood and from here we eventually rejoin Steanard Lane for the last part of the walk to take us back to the car park.

Directions:

Head to Mirfield and turn down Station Road and then take the first right into the car park behind Mirfield Library.

Park in the main car park on the left here, taking care not to stray into the Co-op car park beyond!





Shirley Stow

On the 17th September
I hope to be joining
the other members of our congregation
in the Nonagenarian Club !

To mark the occasion, I invite you to join me for Drinks and Cake
after the Morning Service on

Sunday 14th September

Come and help me celebrate

Shirley



FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Thank you to
Barbara Rukin
Roger & Margaret Ellis
for donating monies
to the Flower Fund in August
It is much appreciated

Missions and Charities

Mara Link



On September 27th, Margaret France is hosting a fund-raising event for the Safe House in Mara Diocese, at her home 39, Bolehill Park HD6 2RS from 10.30 - 2pm.

There will be a raffle, a stall and hot beef sandwiches plus tea and coffee.

All donations will go towards supporting the girls at the Safe House.

Oriel - Mara Link Officer



Harvest Appeal 2025

This year, it has been decided that all donations of goods and money will go to the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield.

Look out for the buckets in church for tinned and dried foodstuffs, toiletries and cleaning items.

Could you fill a bucket at home with some of the above items and bring it to church on Harvest Sunday, October 5th ?

Thank you from the Missions and Charities group



C.A.R.T. (Christian African Relief Trust)

Hand sewing machines are often sent on each container.

It is increasingly difficult, as obviously there is a shortage.

If you happen to have one you no longer need, or know someone who does, please let me know.

If they are not in working order, that isn't an issue.

They are checked and overhauled by a willing team.

Many thanks

Margaret Ellis

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

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

- Peanut butter
- Small cans of chicken
- Crackers/cheese biscuits
- Pasta sauce
- Custard

Thank you so much for your support.



Rosemary & Norman

What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...

Helped Derek to celebrate his 90th birthday!



Visited Philip Tordoff with Margaret Brown



Supported the Charity Jigsaw Festival with Michael Storey



Not much else to report this month, as the Vicar has had a well earned two week break during August. Ed.



Whilst on leave I went to see a performance of The Railway Children on the Worth Valley Railway with all the family and look who I bumped into!

Coffee and Conversation

Next Date:
Friday 26th September
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**

Hand to Mouth News

Hand to Mouth are celebrating their 25th Anniversary and as part of our celebrations we are holding a special event:





Hand to Mouth 25th Year Celebration

Saturday 27th September 2025
7-10pm at
The North Light Gallery
Armitage Bridge HD4 7NP



We hope that you will join us for this evening of celebration and fun!

Auction of Promises



Food provided by



Entertainment



TICKETS £17 EACH AVAILABLE NOW!

Scan the QR code

Use the link: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QNRAW3N7>

contact office@handtomouth.org.uk

Wanted - Wheelchair



There have been a couple of occasions when a wheelchair would have been useful in church/the hall.

If anyone knows of one that is surplus to requirements, then please can you let us know.

Thanks,

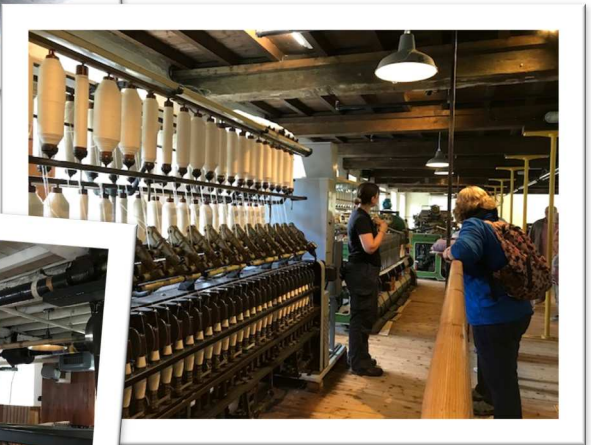
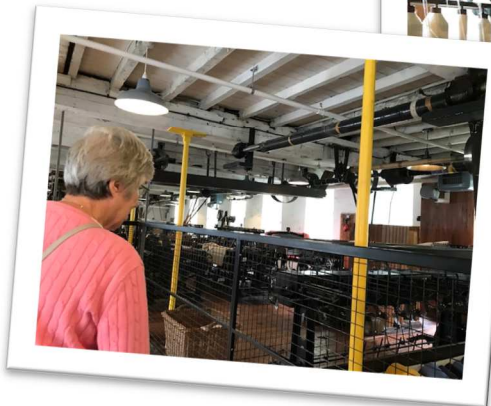
Alan

Wednesday Nighters trip to Quarry Bank on 6th August

Fourteen ladies and one very brave gentleman were taken by Ash to the village of Quarry Bank, near Manchester for their annual day out. Everyone enjoyed the experience that looking round the mill brought. To some it brought back experiences of seeing where their Mums had worked in similar surroundings in textile mills this side of the Pennines, and for some personal experiences of seeing similar frames and testing equipment as used in wool not cotton mills.

We had a conducted tour round the Apprentices house where 30 boys and double the number of girls were housed, fed and slept. They were

all well treated and had a better life than that of the workhouse, from where they were gathered. Certainly worth a visit to look at the past and realise what a lot we have today.



Barbara Rukin

Monday Meet 2 pm – 4 pm

From 29th September

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, tackle everyday dilemmas, drink coffee, and eat
cake

Faith, fun and fellowship



Marriage Encounter weekend

at the Holiday Inn, Brighouse

**The perfect opportunity to spend a weekend
learning and practicing new ways to deepen your
relationship, presented by a Christian team**

**Apart from a £50 booking fee, the weekend,
including accommodation and meals, is free.**

Book at

www.marriageencounter.org.uk,

or using the QR code



24th – 26th

October

If you'd like more details, phone Sue & Chris on 0798 676 5009



How to get along with others

19 August 2025

‘All of you be of one mind...love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous’

1 Peter 3:8 NKJV

Put yourself in the other person’s shoes and try to see things from their point of view. That’s one of the great keys to working with clients, pleasing customers, sustaining a marriage, raising children, pastoring people, helping those who are less fortunate, etc. Live by this Scripture: ‘All of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous.’

Try to look beyond yourself, your own pursuits, and your own world. When you decide to reflect upon an issue from every possible angle, a) look at it in light of another person’s history, b) find out the interests and concerns of others, and c) lay aside your own plan and try to see what others see. That’s a powerful thing because it means you are truly connecting with them.

If you join in any kind of group or team activity, you know how vital it is that each person sees the whole picture and not just their own part. Anytime a person doesn’t recognise how their work fits in with that of their teammates, then the whole team suffers. The better a team member grasps the big picture, the greater their potential to work with the team.

Getting along with people and working with them requires effort: getting to know their needs, their goals, their hurts, and their struggles. That’s what Jesus does with us. The Bible says that He can ‘sympathise with our weaknesses’ (Hebrews 4:15 NKJV). To follow in His footsteps, you must endeavour to do that with others.

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

FROM WEDDING DRESS TO COPE

HISTORY

Reverend David Ian Walker came to St John's as Vicar from Todmorden, where he had met and married his wife Jeannie, in 1972. Sometime later he approached Barbara Rukin with a request. Was there a possibility of making a Cope, a long cloak worn for ceremonial occasions, from his wife's wedding dress? On inspection of the dress and learning there was extra material available Barbara took on the challenge. The design of the Cope had to fit in with the design of the dress which had a dropped waist. After many hours of having the dress laid on the front room carpet, and sons asking when they returned from school, "Have you dared cut it yet Mum?" Barbara put the scissors in and started the process of making the garment which you see in the photo here.



RECENTLY

The years passed, and Ian, being a Mirfield “lad”, has kindly given the Cope to the vicar of Mirfield. So, on 27th July Barbara Rukin and Canon Michael Storey attended the 9.30am Holly Communion service at



St Mary’s Mirfield, during which the Cope was blessed by the vicar, Canon Hugh Baker, who put it on the curate, Reverend Graeme Blackwell. It being Canon Hugh and his wife Janet’s Ruby Wedding day, Rev. Graeme, wearing the Cope, lead the renewal of their Marriage Vows.

What a wonderful and very fitting occasion.

**Barbara Rukin
& Canon Michael Storey**

Wednesday Nighters



Wednesday Nighters next meeting is on
Wednesday 3rd September
 at 7.30pm in the Sturrock Room.
THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING.

A TALK BY SARAH TOMKINSON WHO IS A CHOCOLATIER.
EVERYONE WELCOME



Music News

Our organ is continuing to generate interest. Over the last two months, three organists have been tempted to come and have a go at playing this lovely refurbished Conacher; one of whom will be playing for a service for us in the future, and one who is considering a recital/concert which will include fundraising for the church.

David Price, who gave a recital in July as part of his UK tour, is now safely back home in Thailand. In a Facebook post he says,

"An enormous thank-you to all the venues who 'offered me a bench', those who so kindly & generously 'hosted' me, and all those who helped me at the console or who undertook the recording of events for posterity. Without you, and without so many FB 'friends', these tours wouldn't even begin to be possible!

You might be interested in a few of the statistical details?

In total, I drove 2,537 miles - fewer than might have been anticipated. I performed in 18 venues (one unfortunately had to be cancelled due to damage to the organ, with another rearranged) to a total of 692 people. That made an average of 41 per recital - a significant improvement on 2024!"

Musically, we'll be thinking about services in the Autumn, and even as far ahead as Advent and Christmas soon - as music needs to be planned and rehearsed. The Rastrick Voices also have a possible concert in the pipeline for the new year.

Pam





ECO CHURCH

SKIRCOAT REPAIR CAFE

BIN IT? NO WAY!

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH

a cd player that no longer opens?
a toaster that no longer works?
a jumper with moth holes?

REPAIR CAFE IS

repairing broken items together,
professional advice,
encounters and inspiration,
a place to have a cuppa, cake and catch up

COSTS?

A voluntary contribution (cash only please)

All Saints Parish Hall, Godfrey Road

skircoatrepaircafe@gmail.com

2025 dates:

Sat JUL 19th • Sat SEP 20th • Sat NOV 15th

1:30 – 4:30 PM (last entry 4pm)



CLOTHES • KNIFE SHARPENING • JEWELLERY • BIKES • FURNITURE
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES • TOYS • ECETERA
repaircafe.org/en

Tenth Rastrick St. John's Beer Festival

www.stjohnsbeerfestival.org.uk



**Friday 19th September
3:00pm - 10:30pm**

**Saturday 20th September
1:00pm - 10:30pm**

**REAL ALE, CIDER & FIZZ
FOOD AVAILABLE**

Entry £7

**Includes souvenir glass,
programme & half a pint**



**Supporting St. John's and
the Overgate Big Build Project**

**Community Hall
St John the Divine
Gooder Lane
Rastrick
HD6 1HN**

**2 min walk from
Brighouse
Railway Station**



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

Beer festival 19/20th September 2025

Our beer festival pre-COVID was a popular community event, attracting people from the parish and beyond. It was friendly and fun to be a part of. In the nine years that we ran the festival up to 2019, we raised over £50,000 for the church funds and local charities. The money raised for St. John's went towards the many projects we developed in those years, starting with the hall kitchen, conference suite, car park, and the church servery and toilets. Some of the money this year will go towards completing the internal church porch. The festival will also be supporting the Overgate Hospice Big Build Appeal



Organising and promoting the festival takes time, and so we are asking everyone to get involved where they can. We need volunteers to be at the door, sell vouchers, serve food, be in the church, and of course, pull pints! - church members, relatives, or friends are all welcome.

Volunteering is broken down into 2-hour slots: If everyone could volunteer for at least one slot, that would really be appreciated. Church will be open during part of each day as an overflow from the hall, so for those less mobile, volunteering to be in church would be appreciated – please sign up on the schedule at the back of the church.

Finally, add the date to your diary and encourage others to join in – it is a great event for the whole community, and for further details, contact Alan 07756035591 or email info@stjohnsrastrick.org.uk.

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.

Have a go!

Send your suggestions to: stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com with the heading, 'Caption'. Deadline: Saturday 20th September

Last month's photo prompted some very good captions, but the winning caption (in the form of speech bubbles) was chosen by Cherry from all of your (anonymous) replies.

Suggested by Melody Hopkins



Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next
Eco Church
Swap Stall

13th -14th September



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch
will be on Tuesday 2nd September, 12:00
Followed by the Reminiscent Cinema, 1:30



COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake in Church
will be on Saturday 13th September, 10:00 - 12:00
Hosted by the MU.



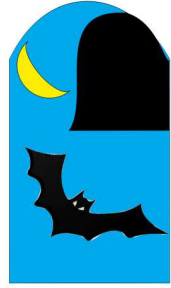
COFFEE & CONVERSATION

The next Coffee & Conversation will be at
the Platform Café, Railway Bridge View,
on Friday 26th September, 12:30 - 1:30



PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Beltry

September and of course, it's the revived beer festival month. Let's hope it's a success. Anyway after raising a glass, try these two puzzles



25 – 17 Logically speaking

1) A girl meets a lion and unicorn in the forest. The lion lies every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the other days, he speaks the truth. The unicorn lies on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and the other days of the week, he speaks the truth. “Yesterday, I was lying,” the lion told the girl. “So was I,” said the unicorn. What day is it?

2) This famous river crossing problem is known as the “bridge and torch” puzzle. Four people are crossing a bridge at night, so they all need a torch—but they just have one that only lasts 15 minutes. Alice can cross in one minute, Ben in two minutes, Cindy in five minutes and Don in eight minutes. No more than two people can cross at a time; and when two cross, they have to go at the slower person's pace. How do they get across in 15 minutes?

3) Three animals—an elephant, a lion, and a monkey—are weighed in pairs on a scale:

The elephant and the 2 crocodiles together weigh 1,200 kg.

The 2 crocodiles and 4 monkeys together weigh 400 kg.

The elephant and 4 monkeys together weigh 1,000 kg.

What is the individual weight of each animal?

25 – 18 Second best

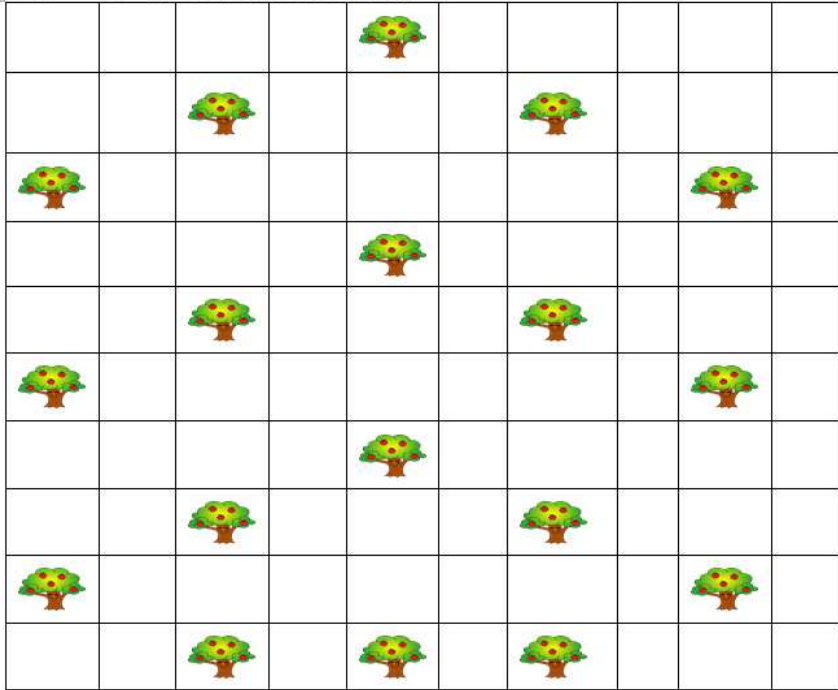
We can often remember the first of everything, but how about the second. Here are some questions about seconds.

- 1) Second James Bond film to star Roger Moore
- 2) Second “Carry On” film to be made
- 3) Second highest mountain in the World
- 4) Second most mentioned man in the Bible
- 5) Second actor to play Dr. Who on TV
- 6) Second longest river in the UK
- 7) Second explorer to circumnavigate the world

- 8) Second fastest land mammal
- 9) Second man in space
- 10) Second oldest Grandchild of the Queen

Last month's answers

25 – 15 Tree Dimensional



25 – 16 Old Occupations

- 1) **KISSER - A** - An armour maker 2) **SLUBBER DUFFER - A** - Bobbin remover 3) **LOBLOLLY MAN - B** - Ship surgeon's assistant 4) **HANKYMAN - C** - Travelling magician
- 5) **ARBALESTER - A** - Crossbow user 6) **GRIMBRIBBER - A** - Lawyer 7) **BANDSTER - A** - Wheatsheaf maker
- 8) **BOTTOM KNOCKER - A** - Pottery maker assistant
- 9) **PUREFINDER - B** - Collector of dog droppings (for use in tanning) 10) **CORDWAINER - A** - Shoe maker

MORE NEXT MONTH

SHIRLEY...

A Season to plant for Growth

Gosh, three quarters of the year has gone so quickly! It is now back to school again for our young people; some eager and some fearful. It is a pity that we do not realise how important our education is whilst we are growing up. Some of us are more academic in our learning ability whilst others have physical skills needing to be developed. However, I believe that the foundation of all education should be based on the benefits it produces. It shouldn't be left only to school teachers. I think it should begin



at home. Children should experience love as soon as they are born. Then as they become a little older, they begin to learn how to share with others. Training a child is both challenging and rewarding. Shaping their underlying learning system, enables their moral, spiritual and personal growth, particularly in the early years.

How many of us, I wonder, would consider giving a young child a Christian story book instead of nursery rhymes or fairy tales as a birthday or Christmas present? Lots of the Old Testament stories capture the imagination such as, Joseph and his wonderful dream coat, or David and Goliath, Noah's Arc etc. I can even remember seeing Bibles stories depicted on cinema screens as great epics; for example, MGM produced several notable films based on biblical stories, with "King of Kings" (1961) being a prominent example. There was also Samson and Delilah, the biggest moneymaking movie of 1949 and is considered the picture that sparked the biblical-epic film craze of the 1950s.

My reason for writing the above is the sadness I feel for our younger generation. What is influencing them today besides violence, drugs or experimental sex? Where is the patriotism experienced by those of us brought up during World War II in a one parent family? The Scouts and Guides promising allegiance to God and the King; singing the National Anthem before a concert began; prayers and hymn during morning assembly? I cannot explain the feeling of pride and sense of belonging I experienced during my youth.

I am saddened to learn that the St John's scout company has disbanded. It is a wonderful movement, although to suit today's children, modified since I was involved.

I have, therefore, suggested it would be lovely to introduce a 'Youth Club' at St John's Church. It would be called The Equals. E-Equality, Q-Questioning; U-Understanding; A-Actions; L-Liking; S-Staying in touch. All these qualities, hopefully, would be learned during activities and games. It would be even better if we could open or close with a suitable prayer; although I understand there could be alarm bells rung with some people regarding this!

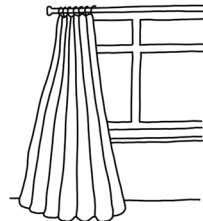
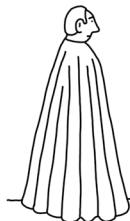
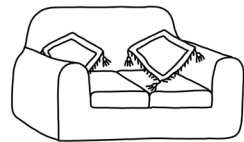
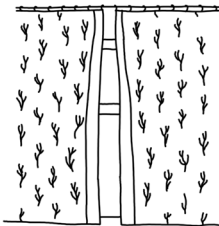
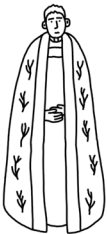
In our Mission Statement we ask God to help our church to grow in numbers. The above is my prayer too. Could you also be part of this?

Shirley

AND FINALLY.... *Inspired by the article on page 24*

COPES

AND THE HOME FURNISHINGS THAT INSPIRED THEM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3rd September

Wednesday Nighters talk by chocolatier Sarah Tomkinson 7:30

Thursday 4th September

Quiet Day at the Community of the Resurrection 10:00

Tuesday 2nd September

Community Lunch 12:00 / Reminiscent Cinema 1:30

Saturday 6th September

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk 9:30

Saturday 13th September

Coffee & Cake, hosted by the MU 10:00 - 12:00

ECO group Swap Stall

Sunday 14th September

Shirley's 90th Birthday celebration after the 11:00 service

Eco Group Swap Stall

Monday 15th September

MU Visit to Rochdale

Friday 19th / Saturday 20th September

10th Rastrick St John's Beer Festival (*see p 28 for times*)

Sunday 21st September

Prayer Ministry during the 11:00 service

Healing and Wholeness service 4:00

Rucksack Club Half Day Walk - Mirfield Meander 1:45

Friday 26th September

Coffee & Conversation at Railway Bridge View 12:30

Saturday 27th September

Safe House Fundraising event at 39 Bolehill Park 10:30

Sunday 28th September

11:00 Service includes Thanksgiving for the Ministries of Canon Michael Storey and Alan Hoggard

Monday 29th September

Monday Meet resumes, 50 Archbell Ave 2:00

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