



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)
- 1:00 p.m. BSL (*British Sign Language*) Service (2nd Sunday)

Mondays in the Community Hall

- 6:00 p.m. Rainbows and Brownies
- 7:30 p.m. Guides
- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday Meet - 50 Archbell Avenue
- 7:00 p.m. Beer & Banter Men's Group (Various Mondays, monthly
at The Four Sons, Clough Lane) - Alan: 07756 035591

Tuesdays in Church

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

Tuesdays in the Community Hall

- 12:00 noon Community Lunch (1st Tuesday in the month)
- 1:30 p.m. Reminiscent Cinema (1st Tuesday in the month)
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Tai-Chi

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

- 8:00 a.m. Prayers for our parish & people (by Zoom).
Alan: 07756 035591

Rev'd Michelle writes



August is traditionally a time of rest from regular routines. The schools and colleges are out for summer, and many people go away on holiday with family or friends.

We often forget, but one of the holiest things we can do is rest. To spend time with those we love. To walk in nature. To leave space in our lives to be creative, reflective, or simply to 'be'.

And yet how often do we associate holiness with activity. We live in a 24/7 world that often leaves us weary, distracted and stretched thin. We admire busyness. We measure ourselves by what we achieve. And yet in the Bible God gives us the gift of sabbath and rest. God's example of rest is a gift that we should all embrace.

We are reminded that we are human beings, not human doings. Our value comes not from what we produce but from who we are: people made in the image of God and loved by him.

The Bible's vision of rest extends beyond people. In ancient Israel, the land itself was given a Sabbath. Every seventh year fields were left fallow (Leviticus 25). The Jubilee continued this pattern of rest, release and renewal. God knew that endless productivity eventually exhausts both people and the world around them.

A field left fallow is not wasted. Beneath the surface, renewal is taking place. The same is true of our lives. Time spent in prayer, worship, silence, family life or simply enjoying God's creation may appear unproductive, yet it is often in these moments that our souls are restored.

As summer continues and many people enjoy holidays, perhaps we might hear again the wisdom of rest. In a world of endless busyness, choosing to create space is a profoundly Christian act. Sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is stop, rest, and remember that the world continues to turn by God's grace, not by our efforts.

With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

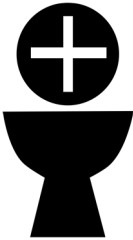
SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - AUGUST

Sunday 2nd - 11:00 - 9th Sunday after Trinity - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 9th - 11:00 - 10th Sunday after Trinity - Morning Worship

Sunday 16th - 11:00 - 11th Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd - 11:00 - 12th Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - AUGUST

Wednesday 5th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 12th - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 19th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 26th - 10:30 - St John's

NEXT UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE

◇ Sunday August 30th - 10:30 - Joint Benefice Service (St J's)

NEXT SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S WITH PRAYER MINISTRY

* Sunday 16th August (11:00)

NEXT HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE

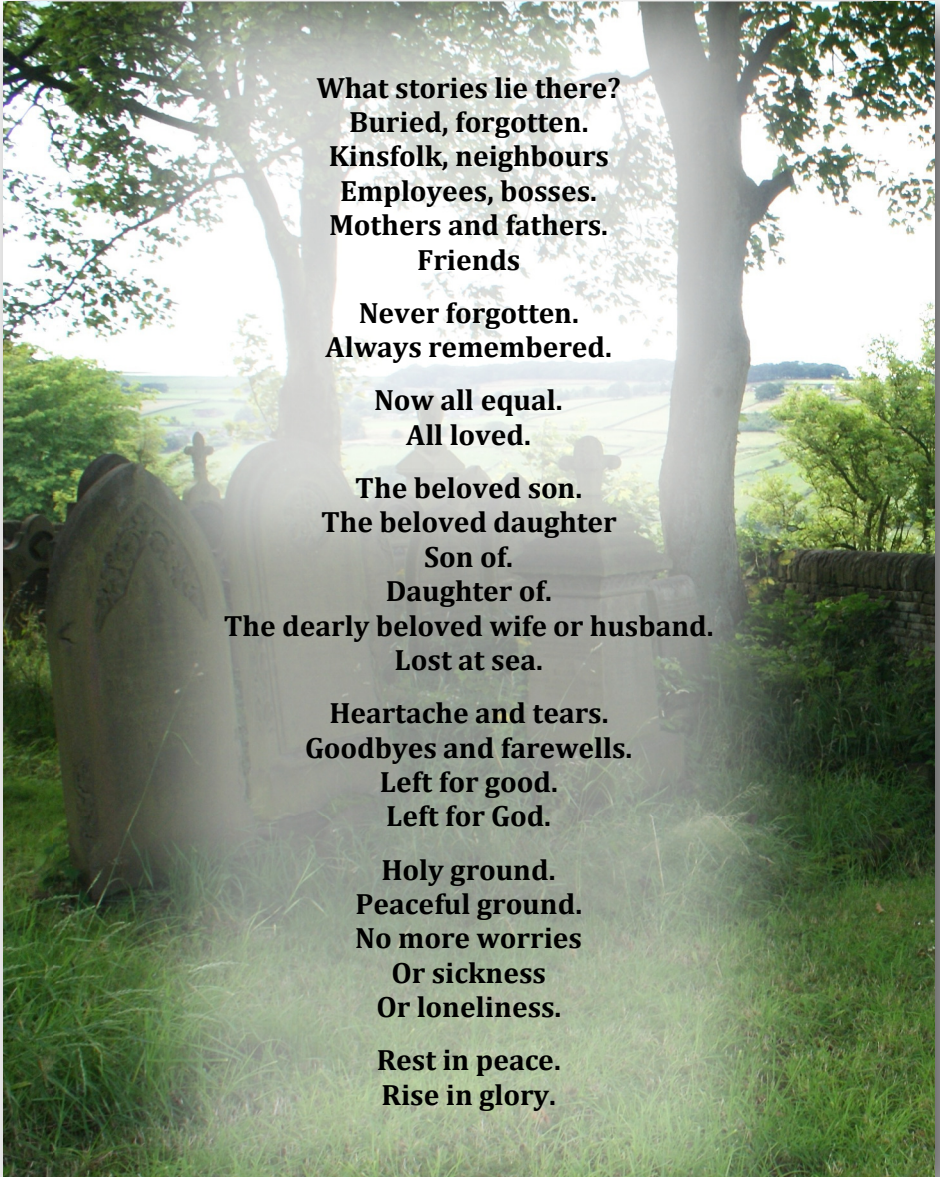
* Sunday 27th September (4:00)



PRAYER PAGE

St Mary's Graveyard - Any Graveyard

Instead of a Prayer this month, Julia has sent this Reflection,
written by a Mothers Union Member, Trees Fewster, from Gomersal.



What stories lie there?

Buried, forgotten.

Kinsfolk, neighbours

Employees, bosses.

Mothers and fathers.

Friends

Never forgotten.

Always remembered.

Now all equal.

All loved.

The beloved son.

The beloved daughter

Son of.

Daughter of.

The dearly beloved wife or husband.

Lost at sea.

Heartache and tears.

Goodbyes and farewells.

Left for good.

Left for God.

Holy ground.

Peaceful ground.

No more worries

Or sickness

Or loneliness.

Rest in peace.

Rise in glory.

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.

Next service with Prayer Ministry

♦ 16th August

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 2026

Sundays @ 4 pm

Feb 15th, April 26th, June 28th, Sep 27th, Nov 22nd

An informal gathering with music and videos to reflect, to pray and receive prayer for our Community, Our World, Others, and Ourselves.

For further information, contact Alan 07756035591

All welcome

Daily Lectionary Readings August 26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
03-Aug	04-Aug	05-Aug	06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug
Psalm 44 1 Samuel 19.1-18 Acts 1.1-14	Psalms 48 1 Samuel 20.1-17 Acts 1.15-end	Psalm 119.57-80 1 Samuel 20.18-end Acts 2.1-21	The Transfiguration 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36	Psalms 51 1 Samuel 22.6-end Acts 2.37-end	Psalm 68 1 Samuel 23 Acts 3.1-10
10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug
Psalm 71 1 Samuel 24 Acts 3.11-end	Psalm 73 1 Samuel 26 Acts 4.1-12	Psalm 77 1 Samuel 28.3-end Acts 4.13-31	Psalm 78.1-39* 1 Samuel 31 Acts 4.32 – 5.11	Psalm 55 2 Samuel 1 Acts 5.12-26	Blessed Virgin Mary Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 1.46-55
17-Aug	18-Aug	19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug
Psalms 80 2 Samuel 3.12-end Acts 6	Psalms 87 2 Samuel 5.1-12 Acts 7.1-16	Psalm 119.105-128 2 Samuel 6.1-19 Acts 7.17-43	Psalms 90 2 Samuel 7.1-17 Acts 7.44-53	Psalms 88 2 Samuel 7.18-end Acts 7.54 – 8.3	Psalms 96 2 Samuel 9 Acts 8.4-25
24-Aug	25-Aug	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug
Bartholomew Acts 5.12-16 Luke 22.24-30	Psalm 106 2 Samuel 12.1-25 Acts 9.1-19a	Psalms 110 2 Samuel 15.1-12 Acts 9.19b-31	Psalms 113 2 Samuel 15.13-end Acts 9.32-end	Psalm 139 2 Samuel 16.1-14 Acts 10.1-16	Psalms 120 2 Samuel 17.1-23 Acts 10.17-33
31-Aug	01-Sep	02-Sep	03-Sep	04-Sep	05-Sep
Psalms 123 2 Samuel 18.1-18 Acts 10.34-end	Psalms 132 2 Samuel 18.19 – 19.8a Acts 11.1-18	Psalm 119.153-end 2 Samuel 19.8b-23 Acts 11.19-end	Psalms 143 2 Samuel 19.24-end Acts 12.1-17	Psalms 142 2 Samuel 23.1-7 Acts 12.18-end	Psalm 147 2 Samuel 24 Acts 13.1-12

Other Apps and websites that are worth exploring: 'Everyday Faith', 'Our Daily Bread', 'Lectio 365', 'Daily Prayer', 'Word for Today'

Google search or find them on play store or

Join Michelle online Tuesday - Saturday on Facebook: [sjiohnthedivinerastrick](https://www.facebook.com/sjiohnthedivinerastrick)

Monday Meet 2 pm – 4 pm

All Welcome

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

For further information or to confirm location
 call Shirley (01484 714209 or Alan (07756 035591)

I would like to thank you for all of your prayers, love and support for me during my illness over the last 18 months or more. They have been an immense support for me and have strengthened me in my fight to beat the cancer. I think I am on the winning stretch but I have not yet received the all clear. Whilst the cancer may, I hope, be on the retreat there is collateral damage which is life changing but not life threatening.

But very sadly and tragically as I am recovering, Edwin deteriorated due to his heart failure, and he died peacefully on Thursday 23 July. A terrible loss. His funeral is on Friday 14 August at our Church at 1.45 pm. You are all welcome.

Julia

Rastrick Benefice Quiet Day

Friday 9th October
10 am. - 4:00 pm.

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

**Lighting the way
for generations
to come**



Organised and led by Rev'd Michelle Petch

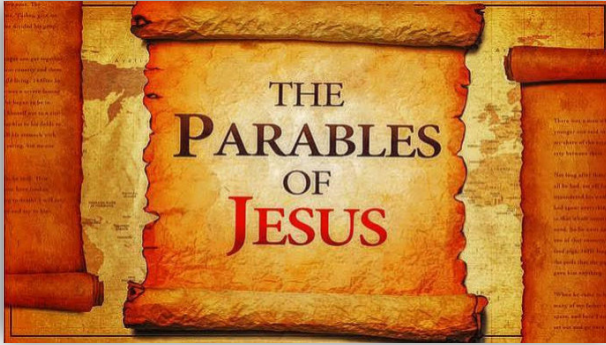
The cost this year will be £12.

Bring a packed lunch.

Numbers limited to 20, so book your place early

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

Rastrick Benefice - Summer groups



Groups at home are a great way to get together informally and to have fellowship with friends we often only see on a Sunday morning. For 6 weeks during the summer, there will be two groups meeting, and both will explore what Jesus was really getting at when he told a parable.

Some of the parables have intricate characters and storylines, while others are moments of imagery. They contain a mix of encouragement, warnings and revelations—and all of them display the heart of God. Jesus told the parables to give us little windows through which to glimpse who God is and what His kingdom is like. And as such, Jesus had a specific meaning to convey in the stories He told. Each one enables us to reflect more deeply on individual aspects of God's character and ways. But that doesn't stop them from being tricky to get our heads around sometimes!

Remaining:

Thursdays, 6th, 13th & 20th August 10:30 am – 12:00
@ 7 Oaks Green Mount HD6 3LS (Cherry Fancourt)

Mondays, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th August 2 pm – 3:30 pm
@ 50 Archbell Avenue, HD6 3SU (Shirley Stow)

Each week we will look at different parables, drink tea or coffee, and eat cake, so if you are around all or part of the summer, why not come along and enjoy some faith, fun and fellowship in an informal (no expectations!) setting

For further information, get a lift or to confirm the location,
call Julia (07773334771) or Alan (07756035591)



MU MATTERS

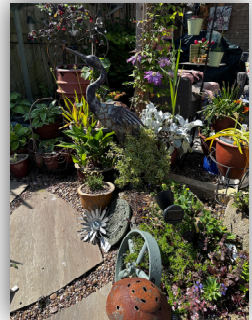
**Mothers' Union Matters,
Join us, join in.....we are changing lives.**

We seem to have been a little bit busy here at St John's MU; all good fun !!

Sheeple Drive after our service of the word on Tuesday the 16th was a great success with lots of laughter. We made £149 for the sheep for Rorya in Tanzania. Thank you to Margaret Hitchcock for bringing it all together and for her and Jennifer donating the prizes. Thanks also to all you who made cakes and helped with the refreshments. First prize went to Oriel Kelly and Graham Readshaw's table. Booby prize; well no name, no shame (just joking !!!)



Tuesday the 19th May was our annual coffee day at the home of Margaret France. It was a " tad " hot to say the least but still people arrived and a good time was had by all. This raised nearly £400 Thank you to all who contributed in any way cakes, goodies, raffle sandwich makers, tea/coffee makers. Big thank you to Margaret for hosting on a very, very hot day.



The 150th anniversary service at St Pauls Cathedral and the Annual Gathering at The Emmanuel Centre was covered by Julia in the July magazine issue. Thank you Julia. You all obviously had a couple of days to remember forever. Once in a lifetime !!



Julia speaking at the Annual Gathering

Thank you Julia for your leadership until you had to step down due to illness but you have continued to be very supportive and for this the committee and myself are very grateful. Thank you also for leading our monthly midday prayers at Halifax Minster on Monday the 6th July. We all partook in a very enjoyable shared lunch afterwards. A lovely afternoon .

Our appeal for glasses (reading or otherwise) was very successful - a big box full !!!
Thank you, and thank you again to Julia for collecting these and I think delivering if not already to Armley.



On Saturday the 8th August it is our coffee and cake morning 10 am until 1pm. The time has been extended to 1pm as this is our fundraising contribution to 150 years of MU. The invitation has been extended to other branches. Please do come along and support us all as you always do.



St John the Divine - Rastrick Coffee & Cake

Hosted by the Mothers' Union



Saturday 8th August
From 10:00 - 1:00

MU MATTERS Contd.

NOW... CHERRY AS A MOTHERS UNION MEMBER



The birthday girl . Here as some snippets as promised after the service on the 5th July when we all joined in celebrating with Cherry. Apologies Cherry if I have not got some of it absolutely spot on !!

Cherry joined the MU in 1983 the same time as Ella, inspired to join by Muriel Walker. I am sure lots of you will remember Muriel !!! In 1991 Greta Imeson became the branch leader (R.I.P) but in 1996 Cherry took over the role and continued for 20 years before she stepped down. She has been involved in the MU in many different ways. The MU is a worldwide organisation and Cherry has travelled along albeit not always far far away apart from MARA not once but twice !!!

Isle of Man – Portsmouth – Belfast twice the first time travelling alone – Glasgow along with Cherry's good friend Alison . She has attended all (up until her illness) the Annual Gatherings Portsmouth and Llandudno to name but a couple.

In the year 2000 Millennium year she travelled to Holy Island and a meal at Alnmouth.

In 2012 Cherry was invited to Queen Elizabeth II jubilee . She took along her friend Freda Broadbent and they have wonderful memories of sitting on The Mall watching the proceedings, eating the delicious contents of the hamper they were provided with. They even wore the provided plastic macs as needless to say the rain came down that day !!!

Cherry was also involved along with Jane Senior in speaking to couples preparing for marriage and offering guidance.

Cherry has always been an active faithful spiritual member of the MU. We all have many happy memories of fun filled branch meetings with various and interesting speakers. She was the one who encouraged me to volunteer in the mother and baby unit at Newhall Prison and for this I am eternally grateful Cherry. It is a privilege to talk to the mums and babies.

There is probably a lot more Cherry has done in her role in the MU. If I learn more, watch out for a continuation !!!

God Bless you Cherry from all of us you truly are an inspiration and are, and always will be, dearly loved by us all, and thank you personally from myself for 40 years of friendship. Xxxxx

If anyone feels they would like to join us as members of our branch please get in touch with myself or members of the committee.

God Bless,

Ann J



Cherry's birthday cards and cake!

Even more Cherry!

Just a few photos from my own collection, celebrating this amazing lady!

Pam



Afternoon Tea 2021



Afternoon Tea 2023



Christmas Lunch 2024



Open
Gardens
2025



Sunrise Service
Easter 2025

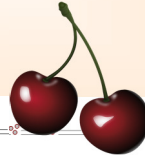


Soup &
Sandwich
2024

...and from Cherry herself...

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful service for my 90th birthday. It was so good to be welcomed by so many, and for the Birthday Cakes (I'm still eating it up) and for all your cards (over 50) and gifts. It has been overwhelming - and to Ann Johnson for her speech about all my achievements (I have a copy to keep). She didn't know about my sewing prowess. I used to make tutus for my daughters and their friends who were dancers when they were younger.

Thank you again once more xxx



Cherry's photo - Centre Parks with the family

What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...



Visit to Cygnet Lodge



Celebrating Cherry's 90th



Historical
Society
Walk



Overgate Big Brew at
Margaret F's



MU Area Gathering at
Heckmondwike

Leading the START
course at St Matthew's

Start!

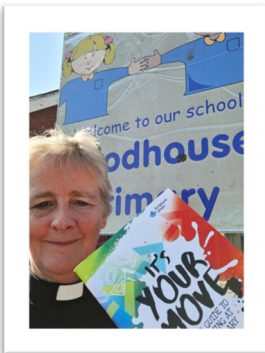


Taking part in the Longroyde
School Leavers' Assembly



Leading the
MU Eucharist
for the monthly
meeting.

Parables Home Group
at Cherry's
joining in / leading



Field Lane Primary



Giving *It's Your Move* booklets
to Yr. 6 leavers at Woodhouse, Field Lane,
Carr Green and Longroyde schools.

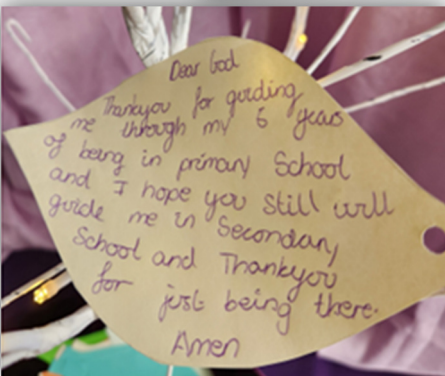
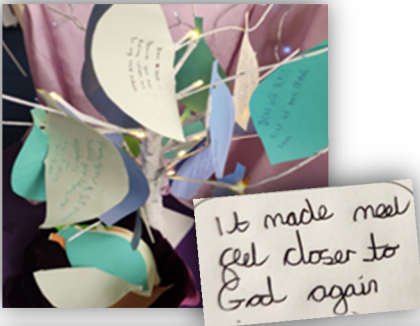


Hand to Mouth News

Snippets - Summer 2026

We have been privileged to visit **64 schools** this academic year, working with 1000's of children and staff. We thank God for His faithful provision. He has continually provided the people, opportunities, and resources needed for this ministry, and we are so grateful for His guidance and blessing.

On the 17th June we delivered our annual **Church Schools Partnership Day** at Lindley Methodist Church in Huddersfield. We had a great day with the six schools who attended, our theme for the day was 'Respect' and we explored this through workshops, craft activities, games and our Amazing 'Respect' Journey.



This term we have worked with **36 Year 6 classes** as they prepare for moving on to high school in addition to some Year 5 classes preparing to move to middle school and three Year 2 classes moving to Junior school. Our **'Moving On'** Amazing Journey helps the students celebrate their time in primary school whilst also encouraging them to think about how they are feeling about starting a new chapter and a new school. We provide space, time and activities for the children to reflect, respond and process how they are feeling about this.

Would you be interested in volunteering with us?



• Could you volunteer with us in school? If you would like to find out more please contact the office.

• We need volunteers to prepare the materials we take into school, this can be done at home or come along to our **next prep day on 20th October 2026** at Huddersfield Mission, Lord Street, Huddersfield from 10am-2pm.

As we come to the end of the 2025–2026 academic year, we give thanks to God for all that He has done through the ministry of Hand to Mouth over the past year. We have been encouraged to witness His faithfulness and the power of answered prayer in so many ways.

As we begin our summer break and look ahead with anticipation to all that God has planned for the coming year, we would be grateful if you would **join us in prayer** for the following areas:

- *Pray for us as we explore new opportunities to provide support with mental health and well being in schools.*
- *Pray for our first visit to a High School in September to deliver our 'My Own' Amazing Journey to the Year 7's.*
- *Pray for a good break and rest for Hand to Mouth staff and our volunteers over the summer break.*

The Hand to Mouth team hope that you all have a blessed summer and thank you for your continued support.

Hand to Mouth continue to work in over 60 schools throughout Kirklees, Calderdale, Bradford, Wakefield, Oldham, Sheffield and the Diocese of Leeds. Our aim is to share the love of Jesus, helping children to understand the Christian faith as well as grapple with social and ethical issues.

St. John's Rucksack Club

Sunday 9 August - HALF DAY WALK

Leader: Helen Wilson **Contact Number:** 07530 484592

Depart: Leave church at 1.30pm

Details: Skelmanthorpe Village Trail - length 3 miles

Parking at the Council Offices Car park, New Street, Skelmanthorpe HD8 9DA (Full directions will be provided on the day)

We'll be walking through the village and the surrounding area on good field paths and tracks, and some lovely shady bits through woodland. I'll also be able to give you a few little snippets about the history of the village and the textile trade that took place here too.

Saturday 22nd August - FULL DAY WALK

Leader : Sheila Tatham **Contact Details:** 07716847163

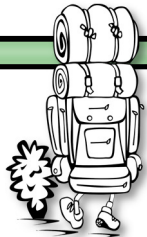
Leave Church : 9.30

Walk Details: It is a circular walk starting and finishing at Mount Zion Chapel, Per Lane, Halifax, HX2 8XG. We make our way through Brockholes to Ogden Water then up the hill to what was the Withens pub. We then cross over the road and make our way down past Cold Edge Dams then up Hunter Hill and back to Brockholes. The walk is approx. 7.5 miles.

At the end of the walk I have arranged for the Chapel to be opened and tea and cake will be served!

There is also the opportunity to look inside the chapel. Mount Zion is now a Heritage Chapel. John Wesley preached and stayed there and the chapel owns a lot of interesting Methodist pottery.

Voluntary donations for the work of the chapel will be welcome but not compulsory.



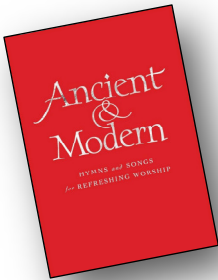


Music News

At the beginning of July, we once again welcomed Concert organist David Price to St John's, where he gave the first recital of his 2026 UK tour. In his Facebook 'blog' he describes his visit as "... greatly enjoyed, having been made extremely welcome!"



Thanks to our ever-willing group of volunteers, we concluded the rather warm evening with cheese and wine!



You may remember the organ loft hymn book you helped us to buy by supporting the musicians' coffee morning. We used it for the first time on 5th July, when the Music Group played/sang the lovely hymn, "The love of God comes close", written by John Bell and Graham Maule from the Iona Community.



Listen out for another (different) rendering of the hymn later in the year, by the Rastrick Voices, before we introduce it as a congregational hymn. We've had some lovely comments about the hymn already. I think you'll like it.

There are also other well-loved hymns in the book, which we will be able to sing at St John's. I think it's a very good sequel to *Ancient and Modern* which 'ticks more boxes' (has more scope) than *Hymns Old & New*.

"O sing to the Lord a new song". Psalm 96: 1a



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PERFORMANCES

- ★ **Saturday 10th October | 2.30pm**
St John's, Rastrick, HD6 1HT
- ★ **Sunday 11th October | 2.30pm**
St Jude's, Halifax, HX1 2XE

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Just a reminder...

I'm very careful that all the images I use myself in the magazine are with permission or copyright free. If you send me items with images, I'm leaving that responsibility to you.

Pam

Missions & Charities

Our collection throughout Lent of foreign and British coins and notes no longer in use was sent to a collection point for processing which is used by Mary's Meals. This amounted to two cardboard boxes totalling 15kgs.



We have been informed that the total donation raised is a fantastic £457.01. This is enough to provide at least 23 children with a daily meal in their place of education for a whole school year. Our collection was made up of currency from more than 30 different countries.

Fran, on behalf of the charity, wishes to pass on sincere thanks to everyone in our church community who contributed and for the generous support we have given to Mary's Meals and its mission.

If anyone has any foreign coins/notes or British coins/ no longer in use please hand to me by the end of **September** please. I have some coins handed in after the deadline which amount to nearly 1 Kg in weight. The minimum amount which can be sent is 2kgs.

Margaret Ellis

Missions and Charities committee

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

We are grateful for all your contributions to the Brighouse Central Foodbank. We have been incredibly busy for the last few weeks.

Lots of suntan lotion given out!

In August we would particularly appreciate the following:

- Cans of minced beef and onion
- Cans of macaroni cheese
- Cup-a-soups

Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



ECO Group

Why we're petitioning against Rosebank - by John

Great idea! Let's expand our very own British oil and gas fields in the North Sea! Forget the Straits of Hormuz; what could be wrong with reversing a previous decision and going ahead with Rosebank?

You'd think it would make sense. But did you know that:

- the fields will be exploited largely by Norwegian and Israeli/Italian companies (although Shell does have a share).
- UK taxpayers will shoulder 80% of the development costs via generous tax breaks for these companies.
- It's much more an oil than a gas field, and the oil will mostly be exported, not sold to UK consumers at beneficial prices.

So why are we considering this? Firstly, there's a questionable perception that it'll provide energy security. Secondly, it'll employ limited British manpower. Thirdly, it will – eventually – provide some tax revenue.

Fourthly, it'll please President Trump, who –

love him or loathe him – UK politicians have to work with.

Most importantly, the oil company lobbyists have been working overtime to convince our government that we need Rosebank



But opening this new oilfield flies in the face of our Net Zero commitments. It locks us into planet-heating fossil fuel burning. For us, the People's Emergency Briefing made us shudder at the thought, as have the wildfires on our TV screens. However, for us, the most compelling reason to petition against Rosebank is that it threatens the Creation that God loves, and the lives of our global neighbours in far-flung countries who are on the front line of Climate Change.

Church Coffee Mornings

Coffee & Cake!

Held on the second Saturday each month. 10:00 - 12:00

Here's the complete list for the year.

January 10th:	Hosted by the Wednesday Nighters ✓
February 14th:	Hosted by the Church Musicians ✓
March 14th:	Hosted by Missions & Charities ✓
April 11th:	Hosted by Wednesday Nighters ✓
May 9th:	Christian Aid ✓
June 13th:	Turning Point ✓
July 11th:	Cancelled
August 8th:	Hosted by the Mothers' Union
September 12th:	Hosted by the Mara Group
October 10th:	Hosted by the Rucksack Club
November 14th:	Hosted by the ECO Group
December 12th:	Hosted by the Mothers' Union



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: Thursday 27th August

Thank you for all of your suggestions.

The winning caption for last month's photo was sent in by

Melody

and was chosen by Alan and Ann.



**Open wide,
the choo choo train is coming!**

COFFEE & CAKE

A stylized illustration of a white ceramic cup filled with dark brown coffee, topped with a thin layer of foam and a small wisp of steam. The cup sits on a matching saucer. Scattered around the base of the cup on the saucer are several dark brown coffee beans and two green coffee leaves. The entire illustration is set against a plain white background.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

FLOWERS FOR A SPECIAL MEMORY

Beer Festival



We are now preparing for this year's Beer Festival, which will take place on 18th and 19th September 2026. As you know, the festival plays an important role in supporting the work of St John's and a chosen local charity, which in 2026 will be the Cromwell Bottom Local Nature Reserve. The festival is also a great way to bring our community together by creating a welcoming space where people can enjoy time together.

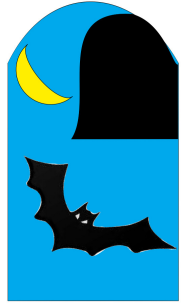
There are several ways you can support:

- Tell your family and friends to put the date in their diaries and plan to spend time with them over the weekend.
- Take posters (available in church) to local shops, cafes, and places where people gather.
- Take a pile of fliers from church to hand out to friends, family, and neighbours.
- Follow and share us on Facebook: search for 'St. John's Beer Festival'.
- Offer to help over the weekend – we need lots of volunteers – details later.
- Consider sponsoring the festival. (details in church)

Alan

PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Beltry

August and I trust we are all enjoying the summer sunshine. Try these two if you have the time between pina colodas.



26 – 15 If music be the food of love...

As we are having quite a few concerts in church, here are a few questions on music. See if you can answer them all.

1. Which Italian composer was known as "The Red Priest"?
2. Who wrote the opera "Don Giovanni"?
3. Kochel numbers are usually associated with which composer?
4. To what does Rossini's opera "La Gazza Ladra" translate in English?
5. By what name is Schubert's "Eight Symphony" better known?
6. Who composed the opera "Billy Budd"?
7. "The Tales Of Hoffman" was a work by which composer?
8. By what name is Haydn's "Symphony No. 101 in D Major" better known as a result of the ticking rhythm in the second movement?
9. Which composer put together a musical version of ten of the pictures by Russian artist Victor Hartmann?
10. Who composed the "Minute Waltz"?



26 – 16 Spot the difference

In the pictures below, there are 12 differences. Can you spot them. Be careful, some are quite subtle.



Last month's answers

26 – 13 Ditloids

1) (2 = OEPN) 2 is the only even prime number 2) (4 = H of the A) 4 Horseman of the Apocalypse 3) (7 = H of R) 7 Hills of Rome 4) (12 = A at the LS) 12 Apostles at the Last Supper 5) (15 = M on a DMC) 15 Men on a Dead Mans Chest 6) (20 = Q in a R) 20 Quires in a Ream 7) (66 = B of the B) 66 Books of the Bible 8) (118 = E in the PT) 118 Elements in the Periodic Table 9) (8 = N in an O) 8 notes in an Octave 10) (3 = T a L) 3 Times a Lady

26 – 14 Sudoku

2	5	1	4	7	8	3	6	9
3	4	7	1	9	6	2	5	8
8	6	9	3	2	5	4	1	7
1	7	3	5	8	9	6	2	4
4	9	2	6	3	7	5	8	1
5	8	6	2	4	1	7	9	3
6	1	8	7	5	4	9	3	2
7	2	5	9	1	3	8	4	6
9	3	4	8	6	2	1	7	5

MORE NEXT MONTH

SHIRLEY....

God is with us *always* - whether we acknowledge Him or not!

We have just started our new House Group sessions using The Parables as our subject. Jesus told these stories to help his listeners understand



the Kingdom of God in metaphorical terms.

Julia has given us a list of questions related to each parable, to discuss and interpret the meaning of each one for us today.

Stories in books or films or reports in newspapers will result in different interpretations of the contents, depending on the reader's understanding. In the bible Jesus

explains God's goodness and protection for those who believe and follow Him, by using the parables. I feel sure as we discussed them, they helped us too!

I went to see the ABBA concert in Halifax Minster last month with Julia. It was packed! Although every seat was sold, very few were used. Why? From the first note played everyone was on their feet, hands waving in the air and every voice resounding up to the ancient rafters! What joy erupted. All the music from the Mama Mia film was played and sung by four look-a-likes of the ABBA group. In amazement we looked at each other thinking, "Why can't we fill our churches to the rafters each Sunday in this way, **praising God with joy and the clanging of cymbals....?**" Just a thought.

Shirley

Image: Pixabay

AND FINALLY....

VESTMENTS CARE INSTRUCTIONS

	FULL IMMERSION		SPRINKLING		ASK SOMEONE FOR ADVICE		ASK SIX PEOPLE FOR ADVICE		DON'T WEAR AT CHRISTMAS		WARNING: YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO RUIN IT
	PUT ON SOME LAUNDRY-DAY MUSIC		NAP WHILST DRYING		SHOULD BE DRY BEFORE THE CRICKET FINISHES		SEALED ENVELOPE IN EXCHANGE FOR LAUNDRY SERVICES		THROW IT IN THE CORNER AND HOPE FOR THE BEST		LOOK UP WAX-REMOVAL ADVICE ONLINE
	DO I NEED TO IRON THIS?		NO, I THINK YOU'RE FINE		DRY CLEAN (ORDINARY TIME)		DRY CLEAN (PENTECOST)		SEPARATE ADVENT AND EASTER BEFORE WASHING		TRY NOT TO SPILL TEA ON IT

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUGUST

Monday 3rd *(and every Monday)*

Monday Meet/Home Group. - The Parables of Jesus 2:00- 4:00

Tuesday 4th

Community Lunch & Reminiscent Cinema 12:00

Thursday 6th *(and next 2 Thursdays)*

Home Group - The Parables of Jesus 10:30-12:00

Saturday 8th

Coffee & Cake (Hosted by the MU) 10:00-12:00

Swap Stall

Sunday 9th

Swap Stall

Rucksack Club half day walk - depart church 1:30



Sunday 16th

Prayer Ministry during the service

Saturday 22nd

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk: depart church 9:30

Sunday 30th

Benefice Service 10:30

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by 9:00 a.m. **Thursday 27th August** please.

Please note the change of deadline day, due to holidays! Thanks.



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