

# St. John the Divine, Rastrick

13th December 2009



3rd Sunday of Advent

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Storey  
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion led by Canon Michael Storey and Alan Hoggard and BAPTISM of Caitlyn May Goacher  
6.30.p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols Service at St. Matthew's, Northowram  
Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 page 946 Graham Readshaw  
Philippians 4: 4-7 page 1180 Soo Sykes  
Luke 3: 7-18 page 1029 David Marshall  
Sidesmen: Margaret Raine, Simon Davis, Derek Davis and Doreen Davis  
Prayers: David Marshall  
Chalice: Richard Mason and Barbara Rukin  
JUNIOR CHURCH AND YOUTH  
Hymns: Old & New- Organ played by *Gordon Balmforth*  
1. 182 Hark! A herald voice is calling  
2. 430 Rejoice in the Lord always (*as a round*)  
3. 470 Take my life (*Nottingham*)  
4. 100 Do not be afraid  
5. 316 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep  
6. 302 Lord, Jesus Christ  
7. 140 Give me joy in my heart  
*(extra Communion hymn if required : 573 When a knight won his spurs)*



## Prayers for the week:

**Collect for today:** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

We pray for our community, especially the needs of those people who live in The Nursing Homes in Rastrick, Aspinall Fold, Common Road, Wilderness Road, Banks End and East View



We pray for the suffering, especially Cynthia Jagger, John Howarth, Holly Ferguson, Geoffrey Nicholson, Douglas Hartley, Marie Mayhew, Olive Breen, Ruth Helliwell, Ruth Sandiford, Penny Bell, Geoff Hudson, Mrs. Eagan, Roderick & Elsie Barton, Susan Brown, David Roberts, John Heyworth and Richard Mills

We pray for the work of SCARD (Support and Care after Road Death and Injury) and CADD (Campaign against Drinking and Driving). They support the victims of road deaths and injuries and help those caught up in the tragedy of road death.

We welcome the family and friends of Caitlyn May Goacher, and parents Samantha and Daniel

We pray for the families and friends of those recently departed: Brian Holdsworth

## Next week: 20th December 2009

4th Sunday of Advent

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion led by Rev. Stephen Hannam  
10.15 a.m. Family Worship, Parade and Nativity led by Alan Hoggard  
6.30.p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols Service at St. John's  
Readings: Micah 5:2-5a page 933 Margaret Ellis  
9 a.m. ONLY Hebrews 10: 5-10 page 1207  
Luke 1: 39-45 page 1026 Norman Lake  
Sidesmen: Shirley Stow, Raymond Raine. Nina Nicholson, and Julia Tum  
Prayers: Julia Tum  
Brasses: Wednesday Nighters



**Muriel Coop celebrates her special 80th birthday on 22nd December. All Welcome to celebrate with wine and cake in the Church Hall after the service TODAY.**



A very warm welcome to everyone attending any of our services today, or throughout the coming week. Please stay for coffee, tea or juice, biscuits and fellowship after 10.15 a.m. Worship in the Church Hall.



### 90th birthday

Thank you for coming to my home and helping to celebrate my special birthday. I thoroughly enjoyed my day. £124 has been raised for the Toilets Fund.

Violet Davey



### The Blood Transfusion Services Can you help?

Stock gets extremely low over Christmas. Sessions in the Church Hall:

26th December 10-1pm.  
31st December 10-1p.m.

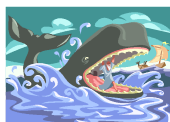
### Christmas Dinner

A HUGE Thank you to Cherry, Ella, Margaret Raine and Barbara Rukin for working hard to produce a lovely meal and opportunity for fellowship. A fantastic £160 was raised for Church Funds.



### SPONSOR A STONE

A wonderful £600 has been raised so far. If you wish to sponsor a stone see Barbara Rukin or phone 718993.



'JONAH' HOUSEGROUPS start on Wednesday 13th January 2010 for 4 weeks at Dianne Bates's home and Thursday 14th January 2010 for 4 weeks at Shirley Stow's home. Sign up on the list

**Christmas Brass concert at St. John's Church** promoted by the Brighthouse Lions Club on Friday 18th December at 7.30 pm. Admission £4.00 including programme. Mince pies, wine and hot drinks available during the interval. Doreen Davies has tickets.



### Christmas Flowers

There will be a plate at the back of Church throughout Advent for the collection of donations. Thank you.

### RUCKSACK CLUB

St John's Day Rucksack Club Walk is on Monday 28th December.

Leave Church at 10 a.m. Park on Old Lindley Road for a 4 3/4 mile, 3 hour walk in Jagger Green area.

Hot beef sandwiches, chips and gravy will be served at 2p.m. at Bradley Park Golf Club, costing £4.50 each. Please put your names on the list in Church (essential for catering purposes) and pay Anne or Robert Beaumont (01484 716871) by Sunday 20th December.



### FAITH IN ACTION DECEMBER 2009

We are collecting *toothpaste* this month please. All contributions are greatly appreciated.



### St. John's Recipe Book



Buy or order your beautifully presented books from Julia Tum at £5 each. They are excellent Christmas presents.

### DIARY 2009

#### Wednesday 16th December

9.30a.m Morning Prayer  
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

#### Thursday 17th December

9.45-11.15 a.m. Parents and Toddlers in Church Hall  
7.30.p.m. PCC

#### Friday 18th December

7.30.a.m. Morning Prayer  
7.30.p.m. Concert at St. John's

**Christmas Eve CHRISTINGLE SERVICES** at 3p.m. and 5 p.m.

11.30.p.m. Midnight Communion

#### Christmas Day

10.15 a.m. Family Communion Service



### SMARTIES TUBES

Please hand your tubes filled with 20 pences to **SOO SYKES**

Purchase goods from the well stocked stall in Church and help to make a difference to people in developing countries. See **Dianne and Alice** to order goods.



**Photography of all kinds (still, digital or video) is not allowed in this service.** There is a crèche in the lady chapel (on the right at the front) if your young children (**under 5**) need a break. The nearest toilet is through the vestry (front left), down the steps & on the right. There are also toilets in the church hall. Concerning matters relating to worship (weddings, baptisms, funerals etc.) please contact **Rev. Matthew Pollard (713386)**. For other administrative matters contact the church wardens, **Roger Ellis (718013)**, or **Graham Readshaw (713699)** or please have a word after church. Website: [www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsrastrick.org.uk), email [alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alan.hoggard@blueyonder.co.uk) to promote events or provide information and for Matthew's page email [matthewpollard@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:matthewpollard@ukonline.co.uk).

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