

# Grasshopper



St. John the Baptist, Hey October 2018
Receiving and Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Dear Frances

With a change in the weather, today I found my garden furniture overturned and blown across the garden. It reminded me of a story I heard which I will print below:

Years ago, a farmer on the Anglesey coast advertised for farm hands. On seeing the location of the farm, many applicants didn't want the job as they dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Irish Sea wreaking havoc on buildings, crops and livestock. One small, older man applied, saying that he was a good farm hand because he could always sleep when the wind howled. The farmer thought this a little odd but was desperate for help so he employed the man.

The man worked well around the farm. The farmer was pleased until one night when the wind howled in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, he grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the farm hand's sleeping quarters. He shook the man and yelled, "Get up, a storm is coming. Tie things down before they blow away". The farm hand rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No sir, I told you, I can always sleep when the wind howls". Enraged by his response the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot but instead he hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins, the cows were in the barn,

the chickens were in the coop and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down. Nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand had meant, so he returned to his own bed to also sleep while the wind howled.

Can you sleep when the wind blows through your life? What preparations can you make to secure yourself against the storms of life? Try daily communication with the one who stilled the storm - Jesus.

God bless you all



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#### **Holy Baptism**

26 August Ava Rose Taylor

Daughter of Christopher and Sarah Taylor

2 September Evelyn Rose Hurdus

Daughter of Thomas Hurdus and Bethany Dale

16 September Gracie Belle Rothwell

Daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Rothwell

23 September Freddie Eric Howard Kershaw

Son of Adam Kershaw and Laura Jones-Kershaw

23 September Ronnie Peter Batley-Czajkowskyj

Son of Lee Batley and Jennifer Czajkowskyj

#### **Day by Day Scheme**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the October list will be in the next issue

### **Street Prayers**

Week	Street
07-Oct	Rowlands Way & Sunfield Way
14-Oct	Crossbank Ave
21-Oct	Link Road
28-Oct	Shiloh Lane, Green Lane, Cabin Lane, Dirty Lane

Prayers for these streets will be offered in Church on the Sundays shown

Any requests for specific prayers

please ring the parish office 626 3630

Let us witness to the presence of the church to all in Hey Parish

#### **Bible Readings**

#### 7 Oct Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 2.18-24

Mark 10.2-16

#### 14 Oct Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 4.12-16

Mark 10.17-31

#### 21 Oct Twentyfirst Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 5.1-10

Mark 10.35-45

#### 28 Oct Bible Sunday

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

John 5:26b-end

#### 4 Nov All Saints Day

Hebrews 12:18-24

Matthew 5:1-12

## Diary Dates

#### Major events during World War 1 will be shown on their centenary date

Mon 1 Oct

**WW1** - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial: **Private Albert Knott** 

Tue 2 Oct

**WW1 -** Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial: **Corporal Albert Taylor** 

Wed 3 Oct 10 am Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer

10.45am Coffee & Chat

11am Holy Communion at Oakdene

Thu 4 Oct 7pm Come & Praise!

**WW1 -** The German and Austrian peace proposal is sent to the American President, Woodrow Wilson, requesting an armistice.

Sun 7 Oct The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion - BCP

9.30am Parish Communion

Mon 8 Oct

**WW1** - The Allies advance along a 20 mile front from St Quentin to Cambrai and drive the Germans back 3 miles, taking Cambrai and le Cateau. Over 10,000 Germans are captured.

Wed 10 Oct 10 am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 11 Oct 7pm Come & Praise!

Sat 13 Oct

**WW1** - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial: **Private Thomas Dunkerley** 

Sun 14 Oct The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Wed 17 Oct 10 am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

**WW1** - British and American troops launch attacks at the Battle of the Selle. The British liberate Lille and Douai. Belgians retake Ostend and reach Zeebrugge the following day. The whole of the Channel coast in the west of Flanders is liberated.

Thu 18 Oct 7pm Come & Praise! With Holy Communion

Sat 20 Oct **Deanery Day at St John** 

Sun 21 Oct The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 9.30am Come & Praise!

Tue 23 Oct

**WW1** - The British launch a night attack with all three of their armies, the First, the Second and the Fourth. This time the British advance six miles in two days. The British are now 20 miles behind the rear of the Hindenburg Line.

Wed 24 Oct 10 am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

11am Holy Communion at Millfield

Thu 25 Oct 7pm Come & Praise!

Sat 27 Oct

WW1 - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our

memorial: **Private Edgar Thompson** 

Sun 28 Oct The Last Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion

Mon 29 Oct

**WW1** - German sailors aboard the High Seas Fleet at Jade mutiny and refuse to engage the British Fleet.

Tue 30 Oct

**WW1** - The Turkish army surrenders to the British in Mesopotamia. Turkey signs an armistice with the Allies. Fighting ceases the following day.

Wed 31 Oct 10 am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 1 Nov 7pm Come & Praise!

Sat 3 Nov

**WW1** - At Kiel, German sailors mutiny. Austria-Hungary signs an armistice with the Allies.

All Saints / All Souls Sun 4 Nov Holy Communion - BCP 8am 9.30am Parish Communion 3pm Commemoration of the Departed Mon 5 Nov 7.30pm PCC 10 am Holy Communion - BCP Wed 7 Nov 10.45am Coffee & Chat Holy Communion at Oakdene 11am Thu 8 Nov 7pm Come & Praise!

**WW1 -** Armistice negotiations between the Allies and Germany begin in Ferdinand Foch's railway carriage HQ at Compiègne



...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity'...

## We are all Disciples

## Deanery Day 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at St John the Baptist Church and Hall, Hey

The question is, "How does knowing that we are all disciples affect how we live our lives, not just on Sunday, but on Monday to Friday too?" That's a pretty big question and the subject of a major piece of research produced in February 2017 by the Archbishops Council entitled "Setting God's People Free".

The Vocations Group of Oldham East Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee has been considering how we can help people to understand their role as Christians and how they can be resourced and set free to act out their faith every day. We are making a start with a Deanery Day on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at St John's Church entitled "We are all Disciples". We will gather for coffee at 10 am and have a programme of worship and talks that will finish at 3 pm.

The keynote speakers are Bishop Mark (Middleton), who will lead our session on "Understanding St Luke's Gospel Better", and Jamie Mackenzie, Diocesan Local Ministry Officer, who will lead the session entitled "Be More Comfortable as Disciples".

Do please put the date in your diary and make sure that you don't miss out on the start of this exciting new programme.

Deanery DMPC Vocations Group

## Vicar joke:

A little boy told a preacher that when he grew up he would give him some money. When the preacher asked why, the boy responded, "Because my Dad says you're the poorest preacher we've ever had".

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#### OCTOBER CROSSWORD

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**CLUES** 

#### **ACROSS**

- 3. Second colour of the spectrum (6)
- 6. Alternative (7)
- 8. Used to turn light into spectrum (5)
- 9. Holiday hut (6)
- 10. Without pretence (7)
- 11. Snakelike fish (3)
- 13. Publish in instalments (9)
- 15. Sports equipment (3)
- 16. Hoax (3-4)
- 18. Field of influence (6)
- 20. More than that (5)
- 22. Stone fruit (7)
- 23. Person's position (6)

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Attacks (7)
- 2. Small lake (4)
- 3. Strange (3)
- 4. Extra information at end of book
- 5. Ingrained dirt (5)
- 6. Disbelief (11)
- 7. Cheeky (11)
- 10. Individual sales location (5)
- 12. Row (8)
- 14. Concentrated extract (7)
- 17. Deathly vision (5)
- 19. Public garden (4)
- 21. Talk lengthily (3)

Solution to September crossword. Across:3.Negotiate,8.Ring,9.Gathered,10.Cancel,13.Icing, 14.Weather,15.For,16.Article,17.Cream,21.Reason,22.Absentee,23.Kind,24.Celebrity. Down: 1.Practical,2.Enunciate,4.Eagle,5.October,6.Item,7.Tree,11.Sheepskin,12.Promenade, 14.Woe,15.Flatter,18.Treat,19.Able,20.Here.

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