



Grasshopper



St. John the Baptist, Hey May 2019
Receiving and Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Report from the Parish Priest To the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

First and foremost, thank you to all who have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome, those who have supplied with me with necessary information as I have settled in (long may that continue) and those who have offered encouragement in my early days here. It feels odd writing an annual report when I'm only six months into the post but sometimes, fresh eyes can see what familiarity hides.

I am trying to go along with services as set, for this first year, to see how they feel, then make changes as and when necessary. I have identified one or two possible changes already, mainly concerning the Thursday Evening service and the third Sunday service. All will be revealed in due course. Having experienced your set pattern of Christmas services, I look forward to experiencing your Lent and Easter patterns in 2019. Speaking of experiencing, one change I have made has been the introduction of the "Experience" range. This began with "Experience Christmas", which seems to have been well received by school children, staff and volunteer helpers from church, who, it has to be said, felt nervous at the thought but did a superb job, gained confidence and enjoyed their time with the children. Thank you so much, I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks also go to those who didn't do "customer facing" jobs but worked hard in the background producing props.

My arrival coincided with the departure of Helen, your organist of some years (pure coincidence I assure you). The loss of Helen's ministry as organist was bound to have a detrimental effect but we are doing our best to find a suitable replacement, and in the meantime, we are making alternative arrangements. Please pray about this situation as it would be good for the choir to have a sense of both continuity and further development.

Before my arrival, I was pleased to see your Mission Action Plan. At interview, I asked what progress had been made towards it. A MAP should be a working document, constantly monitored and reviewed. Along with all other clergy in this Deanery, I will be looking, early in 2019 at how the various Parish MAPs will fit into the Deanery MAP. News on this will be given at PCC meetings under "Deanery Synod and DMPC" reports. Steve Croft was our MAP Champion but as he is no longer on PCC, we need to consider a replacement. Once the Deanery MAP is in place, at every PCC, we will look at not only our progress towards our parish goals but also our progress towards Deanery goals.

Richard's final report mentioned that "people come and go" this will always be so, but let's give thanks for the faithful people who are here year in and year out and let's do all that we can to welcome newcomers and grow together in discipleship. Richard also mentioned being "liberated to let go of things that are failing and try new, sometimes scary things, as we adapt to the changing needs of society and of our world". May I echo that sentiment, let's be bold together, making changes, but at the same time, keeping all that is good and honouring to God. I was attracted to this post due to the diversity of service styles, let's offer old and new and attract as many people as possible.

What is my vision for the future? I intend to consider a Stewardship Campaign, Messy Church, Messy Eucharist, Messy Sheep trail, changes

to services as already mentioned, the building up of our members through small groups and the building up of our leadership team through new Curacies – to mention but a few ideas. They may not all be successful but if we don't try, we will never succeed.

Before closing this report I must give thanks, not just to those mentioned above but to all who help this church to run smoothly, in no particular order: cleaners, coffee makers, PCC members, ALMs, Associate Priest, musicians (including choir) social committee members, Baptism visitors, sidespersons, parish listeners, floral arrangers, sound technicians, Treasurer, Administrator (thank heavens) and our absolutely wonderful Church Wardens and their wives. May God bless us all as we seek to further His Kingdom.

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Day by Day Scheme

15 May	Remembering Dorothy Ranson with love and gratitude
16 May	In memory of Elsie & Edward Clague
19 May	Remembering what would have been Joan & Eddy's Wedding anniversary
29 May	Bryn's birthday

The running costs of the church, which include the upkeep of the buildings and grounds, light and heat and costs of the services, amounted to £30,795 in 2018 – just over £84 a day.
Thank you to all those who are supporting the Day by Day Scheme which is used towards these costs.

If you would like to help please speak to a warden or our administrator.

Married this month

Sat 6th April 2019	Jason Atkinson & Katie Bigland
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Being married this year

Sat 27 th April	Greenhaulgh Garrett
Sat 18 th May	Shaun Slater & Alison Gaynon
Sat 27 th July	Nicole Clark & Philip Morgan

Street Prayers

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
06-May	Heywood Avenue
13-May	Top o' th' Meadows, Two Acre Lane,
20-May	Cooper St & Wainwright Close
27-May	Walkers Lane, Walkers Court & Hollins St

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

The Faithful Departed

The Rev'd Canon Alan Butler
"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them"

The Float

On Mothering Sunday we had the reading of Exodus 2:1-10 and learnt that the Pharoah wanted boy-babies to be thrown into the Nile and Moses' resourceful mother saved his life by making a float - a watertight basket out of reeds.

I was lucky enough to work in Cairo and visit some reed beds on the Nile while acting for the British Council on an Educational Project. One of the Christian churches I attended was a small church by the side of the river and there was a poem on the outside of the church:

Now is the only time you own!
Decide now what you will
Place faith not in tomorrow
For the clock
May than be still!

Unfortunately there is a lot of conflict in Egypt at the moment and although we have friends in Cairo asking us to visit my wife and I feel we would need an enormous float to keep us safe.

Alan Forster

Bible Readings

5 May The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 or

John 21:1-19

12 May The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-end

John 10:22-30

19 May The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-35

26 May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

John 5:1-9

2 June The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

John 17:20-end

Easter Lilies

Donations for Lilies were made in memory of:

Frank Rigby, Eric and Dorothy Elstub, Margaret Crompton, Michael Gaynon, Albert & Mary Hacking, Michael Molloy, Brian Clegg, Ronnie & Flora Giles, Roger Farrand, Sam & Emily Hindley, Stuart & Joan Hindley, Alan Goldthorpe, Henry Ballantyne, Bill Cullen, Reg Firth, Myra Bradley, John Bradley, Karlis Birzneiks & Zenta Birzneiks, Nicola D'Adamo, Jessie & Ernest Whittaker, Hetty Jones, Barrie Smith, Liam Glynn, Douglas & James Drake, Eileen Kinder, Arthur & Annie Thomas, Nicola Graham, Stuart Hurdus, Ben & Annie Thompson, George Scriven, Bill Nixon, Frank Buckle.

Diary Dates

May

Wed 1 10am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
 10.45am Coffee & Chat
 11am Holy Communion Oakdene
 7.30pm PCC

Thu 2 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 5 **Third Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion BCP
9.30am Parish Communion
11.15am Baptism Mercer-Barlow

Mon 6 Aftermath of WW1 - Under conditions of the Peace Conference, German colonies are annexed.

Wed 8 10am Holy Communion
 10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 9 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 12 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
11.15am Baptism, Denelza Illingworth-Lomas

Wed 15 10am Holy Communion
 10.45am Coffee & Chat
 11am Holy Communion Millfield

Thu 16 7pm Come & Praise!

Sat 18 1pm Wedding Shaun Slater & Alison Gaynon

Sun 19 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Eucharist

Wed 22 10am Holy Communion
 10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 23 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
4pm Confirmation

Wed 29 10am Holy Communion
 10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 30 Ascension Day
 7pm Come & Praise!

June**Sun 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion BCP
9.30am Parish Communion 1st communion

Mon 3 7.30pm PCC

Wed 5 10am Holy Communion BCP
 10.45am Coffee & Chat
 11am Holy Communion Oakdene

Thu 6 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 9 Pentecost Sunday

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion **Followed by Whit Walk**
11.15am Baptism, Jasper Mundy

2 May Athanasius

The theologian who gave us the Nicene Creed

This is the name behind the Athanasian Creed. Athanasius (296-373) was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, studied in the Christian school there and entered the ministry. He was twenty-nine years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325.

Although Athanasius could not take part in the Council's debates because he was a deacon and not a bishop, Alexander consulted him on the meaning of biblical texts and theological distinctions. With Emperor Constantine sitting as President, three hundred bishops argued about the Person of Christ. How is He the Son of

God? Is He God or man or both together? Did He exist before He was born? If we worship Him does that mean we are worshipping two Gods?

The young Athanasius saw that some bishops wanted to impose the teaching of Arius on the Church. Arius was a popular preacher in Alexandria who taught that Christ was not eternal but was a 'Saviour' created by the Father. Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

When Bishop Alexander died in 328, Athanasius succeeded him as Bishop by popular demand. For the next 45 years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of 17 years in flight and hiding. It was his uncompromising stand for Nicene theology that gave rise to the familiar saying, Athanasius contra mundum, 'Athanasius against the world.'

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism. Of his many writings the most significant was his great study on the person and work of Christ; 'On the Incarnation of the Word of God', written before he was 30 years old. The whole Church of Christ is always in need of bishops, leaders and theologians in the mould of Athanasius.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
John chapter 5 verses 1-18

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda. People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

Sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.



Jesus went up to a man who had been sick for 38 years.



Do you want to be healed?

I've got no-one to put me in the pool, so I can never get in first.



Pick up your mat and walk!



He was healed! The man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath.

God had given the Law that the Sabbath day was a rest day (Ex 20: 8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Jewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rules so that anything that even might be work was banned.

The Jewish Leaders saw the healed man.



It's the Sabbath! You can't carry a mat, that's 'work'!

The man who healed me told me to carry it.



Which man?

I don't know.

Later, Jesus found the man in the temple.



You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

Now the man knew who Jesus was...



he went straight back to the Jewish leaders to tell them.

and they went to Jesus



You were working on the Sabbath!


My father, God, doesn't stop working on the Sabbath so I keep on working as well

Not only does he disobey our Sabbath rules, but he says he is equal to God!

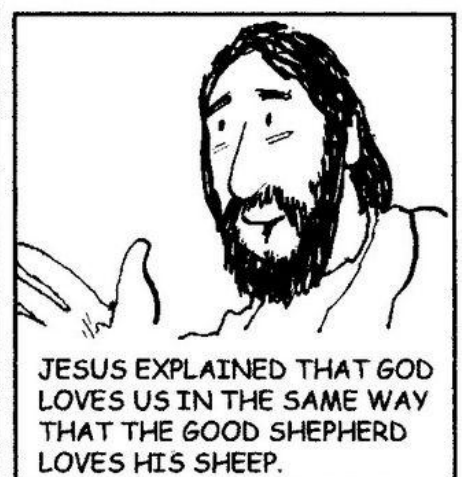
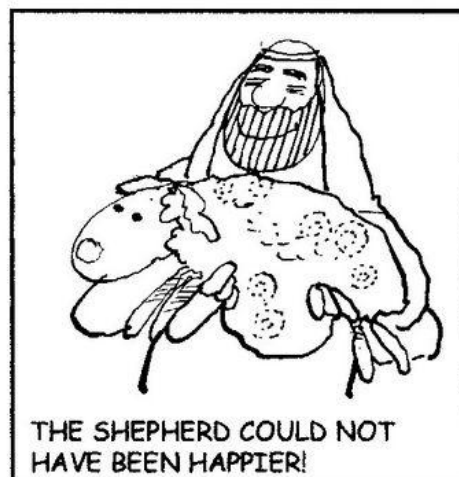
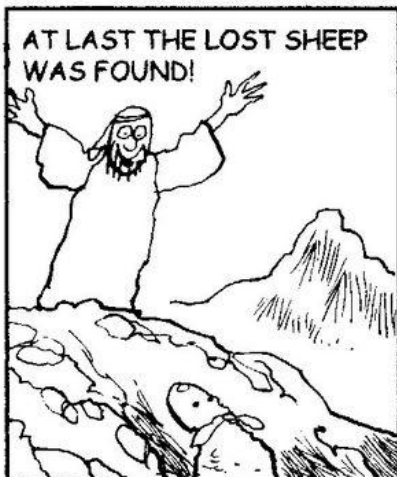
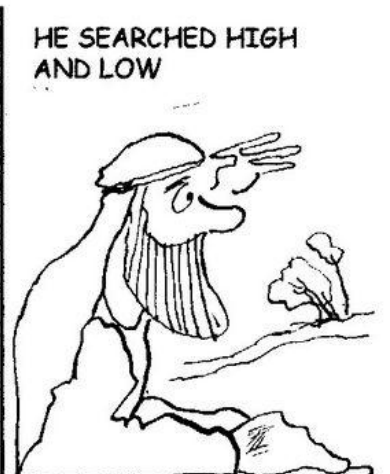
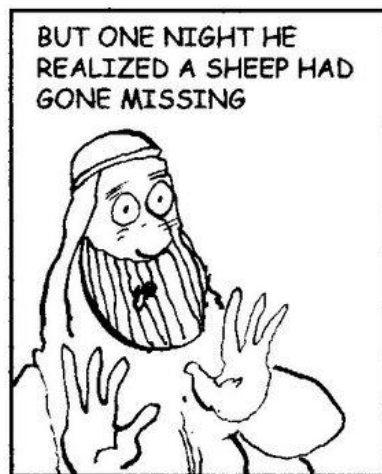
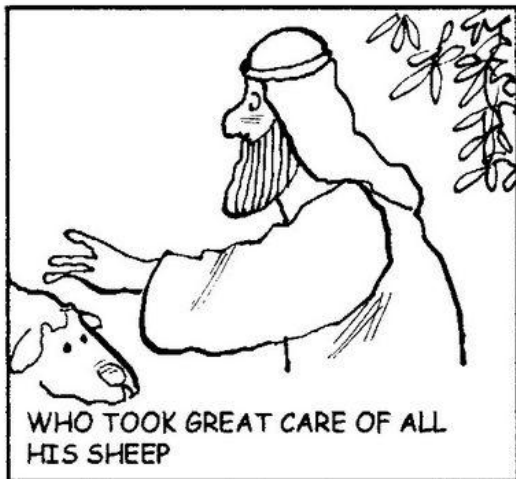
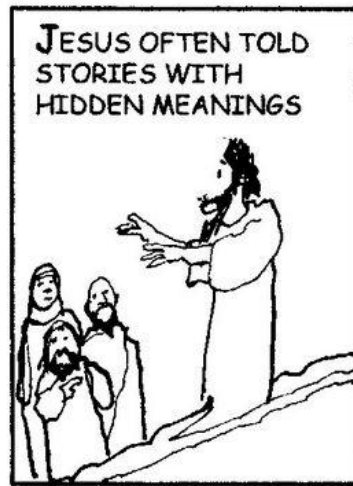


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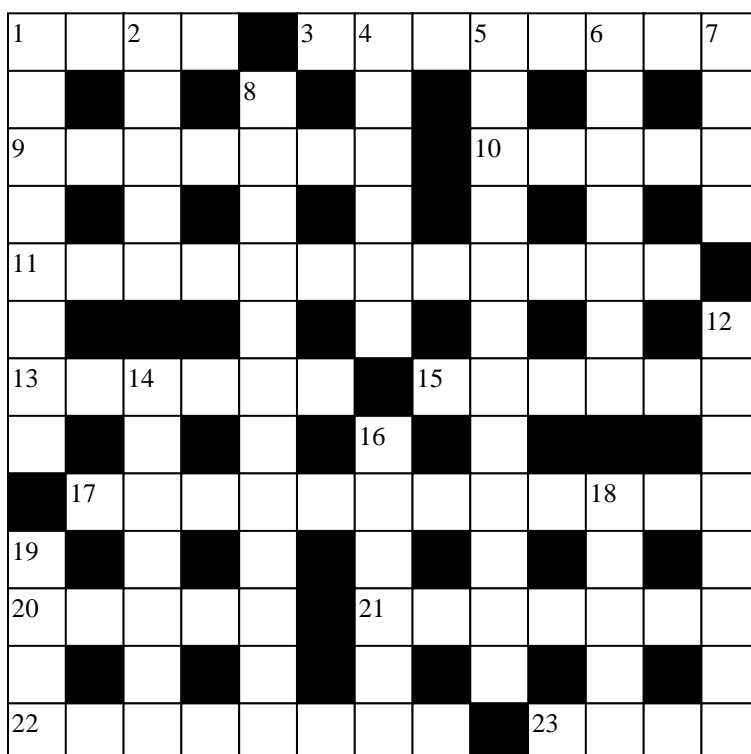
The tale of the Lost Sheep



Baa!
Baa!



MAY CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Gambler's counter (4)
3. Vows (8)
9. Centre of growth (7)
10. Customary practice (5)
11. Proof of payment for mail (7,5)
13. Restates main points (6)
15. Range of mountains in Spain (6)
17. Very, very loud (3-9)
20. Illegal act (5)
21. In demand (7)
22. Range of a voice (8)
23. Minty game (4)

DOWN

1. Act together (8)
2. South American Indian people (5)
4. Peoples' work schedule (6)
5. Peaks of great height (8,4)
6. Stutter (7)
7. Dance movement (4)
8. Women's calf length trousers (5,7)
12. Australian marsupial (8)
14. Stopping (7)
16. Time to pass by (6)
18. Eskimo home (5)
19. Mark (4)

Solution to April crossword. Across: 1. Walker, 4. Camper, 9. Figure skating, 10. Lateral, 11. Shoal, 12. Knife, 14. Idiom, 18. Again, 19. Leather, 21. Latin American, 22. Rhymed, 23. Twelve.
Down: 1. Waffle, 2. Light Infantry, 3. Error, 5. Amassed, 6. Philosophical, 7. Regale, 8. Psalm, 13. Finance, 15. Sailor, 16. Clamp, 17. Trance, 20. Arrow.

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