



Grasshopper



St. John the Baptist, Hey June/July 2019
Receiving and Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Dear Friends

When we lived in semi rural Whitworth, Dave and I often had an early morning walk. One day we stopped to stare at five very tall trees which had fallen. We couldn't recall any winds that had been strong enough to cause such damage. On closer examination I was shocked to see how shallow the tree's roots were. The roots had spread fairly wide, though not as wide as I would have imagined, and there was no depth to them, they were only inches below ground. I just couldn't believe that such growth had appeared above ground while so little had gone on underneath. It's no wonder that it didn't take a gale force wind to uproot them. I was surprised that they had stood long enough to grow to the height that they did.

This got me thinking about our faith. I wonder how often we might show quite impressive growth, while at the same time, having little depth. If we are not well rooted we will surely fall sooner or later. The winds of change are liable to bring us crashing down even before the gales of adversity arrive. So how do we ensure that we have sufficient depth to stay upright as Christians? How do we ensure that we are well rooted?

No doubt you will be expecting me to say "Bible study and prayer" (because I always do) and to a great extent you won't be disappointed; but surely a Christian must be rooted in love; a genuine, deep love for the Lord Jesus Christ. Having said that, the relationship between love for the Lord and Bible study and prayer is rather like the "chicken and egg" situation; which comes first? Do you begin to really love the Lord as you study your bible and spend time with Him in prayer, or does your

love for the Lord promote a deep desire to learn more about Him and spend more time with Him. Even in non-religious terms, when you fall in love with someone you want to spend as much time as you can with them, you are eager to learn all that there is to know about them.

But, Bible study cannot be a prerequisite of love for the Lord. What about those for whom reading is difficult or those with limited cognitive skills? And what of prayer? Do you have to learn famous prayers or be articulate enough to express your love, your praise, your concern for others, your needs and your desires? Not according to a story I read recently (though I can't remember where I read it, even having checked all the obvious books) the story goes something like this:

A bishop decided to visit all the priests in his care. He found three priests in a very remote place on a tiny island. The priests had no parishioners and they seemed ill-educated. The Bishop was appalled to find that they didn't even know the Lord's Prayer. He stayed with them a few days to teach them. Whilst with them, the Bishop felt an overwhelming love coming from them; he wanted to stay with them longer but after three days he had to get into his boat and cross the water. When he was almost a mile away from the shore, he saw the three priests running towards him – on the water! "Bishop, Bishop", they cried, "we've forgotten the prayer you taught us". Seeing their great faith in being able to run across the water, the Bishop was completely puzzled about their prayer lives. "So how on earth do you pray if you can't remember words?" asked the Bishop "Oh that's easy" they replied, "several times a day we just tell Jesus how much we love Him, we thank Him for loving us and for giving us each other to love". "Then you need nothing more" said the Bishop.



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Day by Day Scheme

3 Jun	Loving memories of Richard on his birthday
5 June	Mother & father's wedding anniversary and in memory of Alan
10 Jun	My birthday - Thanks to Mum & Dad
13 June	Remembering with love Fred Thorpe's birthday
22 June	Albert Hacking's Birthday
26 June	Celebrating all children
17 July	Remembering Mum, Edith Hanlon, on her birthday
31 July	Dad'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.

Faithful departed

Jack Reeves died 7th March aged 83
Joyce Robinson died 1st May aged 86

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them"

Married Recently

Sat 27 th April	Greenhaulgh Garrett
Sat 18 th May	Shaun Slater & Alison Gaynon

Being married this year

Sat 27th July	Nicole Clark & Philip Morgan
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Baptisms

5 May	Teddy John Mercer-Barlow, son of Zackary David Mercer-Barlow and Jennifer Andrew
12 May	Demelza Elizabeth Joan Illingworth- Lomas, daughter of Richard Craig Lomas and Sandy Maria Illingworth- Lomas

Street Prayers

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
03-Jun	Vicarage Close
10-Jun	Little Oak Close
17-Jun	Hollins Ave
24-Jun	Hollins Rd & New Royd Avenue
01-Jul	Thorpe Close
08-Jul	North Nook
15-Jul	Thorpe Lane
22-Jul	Slack Hall Close & Old Lane
29-Jul	Huddersfield Rd Lower
05-Aug	Huddersfield Rd Middle

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

2 June The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

John 17:20-end

9 June Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

John 14: 8-17

16 June Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

John 16:12-15

23 June First Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 65:1-9 or Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

30 June Second Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-22 or Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

7 July Third Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 66:10-14 or Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

14 July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 or Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

21 July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 18:1-10 or Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

28 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 18:20-32 or Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

Diary Dates

June

Sun 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

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

Wed 12 10am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 13 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 16

Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Eucharist

Wed 19 10am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

11am Holy Communion Millfield

Thu 20 7pm Come & Praise!

Sat 22

Aftermath of WW1

German High Seas Fleet scuttled at Scapa Flow.

Sun 23

First Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

11.15am Baptism, Lettie Bradley

Mon 24 Birth St John the Baptist

Wed 26 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee & Chat
Thu 27 7pm Come & Praise!
Fri 28

Aftermath of WW1 Treaty of Versailles signed.
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Sun 30 Second Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion

July

Tue 2 7.30pm PCC

Wed 3 10am Holy Communion BCP
10.45am Coffee & Chat
11am Holy Communion Oakdene
Thu 4 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 7 Third Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion BCP
9.30am Family Eucharist

10.45am Church Fair

Wed 10 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee & Chat
Thu 11 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 14 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
11.15am Baptism Lottie Schofield

Wed 17 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee & Chat
11am Holy Communion Millfield
Thu 18 7pm Come & Praise!

Fri 19

Aftermath of WW1

Cenotaph unveiled in London.

Sat 20

WW1 - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial: Private Josiah Wood

Sun 21

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Eucharist

Wed 24 10am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 25 7pm Come & Praise!

Sat 27 Wedding, Clive Morgan & Louise Clarke

Sun 28

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Hands

Albrecht Durer painted the famous picture of the praying hands. Albrecht was born in the fifteenth century, near Nuremberg one of eighteen children. Albrecht's father, a goldsmith by profession, worked long hours and took any other paying chore he could find in his neighbourhood in order merely to keep food on the table for his family.

Two of the children, Albrecht and Albert were talented artists they both dreamt of pursuing their talent further, but they knew that their father would never be able to afford to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy. So the two boys worked out a plan. One would work in the nearby mines and support his brother with his earnings whilst the other would attend the academy. Then, when that brother had finished his studies in four years, they would swap. Albrecht won the toss of the coin and

attended the academy whilst Albert went down into the mines. Albrecht planned to swap places with his brother in four years, or, if successful, to fund Albert's training with sales of his artwork.

Albert's work in the mines financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate success. Albrecht's etchings, woodcuts, and his oils were often far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

After graduation, the young artist returned to his village, Albrecht was ready to pay for his brother's time at the academy. The Durer family held a festive dinner to celebrate Albrecht's return. After the meal, Albrecht rose to drink a toast to his beloved brother thanking him for his support for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfil his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you."

Albert rose and said, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! No, brother ... for me it is too late." The bones in every finger had been smashed at least once, and were now suffering from arthritis, the thumbs were bent and twisted, such that it was difficult even to hold the glass toasting his brother, much less a brush.

Albrecht paid homage to his brother for all he had sacrificed and painstakingly sketched his brother's hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward simply calling the drawing "Hands". If you look carefully at the picture, you can see the crooked thumb and the gnarled hands that could not close due to the abuse the mines had wrought. The world renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands".

God bless, Lyn

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing



But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus

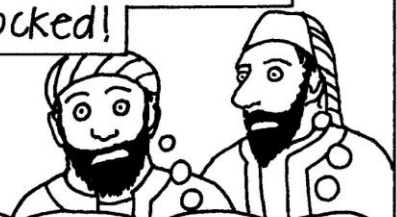


Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?

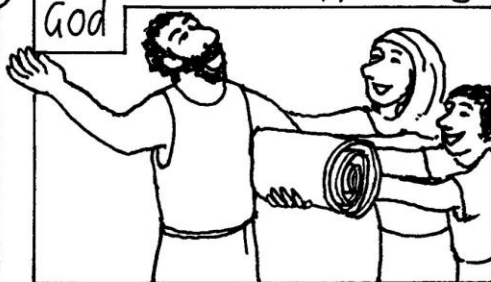


But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God



The crowd was amazed...



We have never seen anything like this!

The Tale of The Friend at Midnight



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD
RUN OUT OF BREAD...



...AND HE NEEDED PLENTY AS
A FRIEND WAS COMING TO STAY.

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS
MIDNIGHT...



... HE WENT TO HIS NEIGHBOUR'S
HOUSE AND BANGED ON THE
DOOR - LOUDLY!



WAKE UP!! I NEED
SOME BREAD

PLEASE WILL YOU LEND
ME THREE LOAVES?

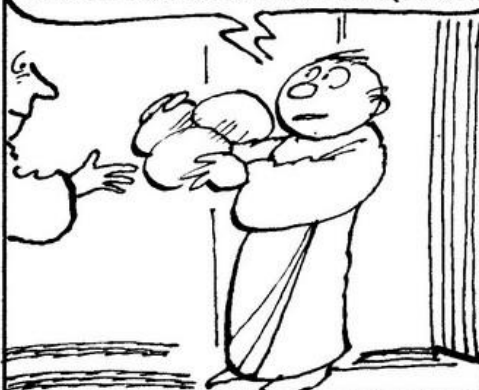


GO AWAY!! WE'RE ALL TRYING TO SLEEP!



OH GO ON... PLEASE I
REALLY DO NEED SOME!

ALRIGHT THEN! BUT I'M
ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I
WANT SOME PEACE AND QUIET!



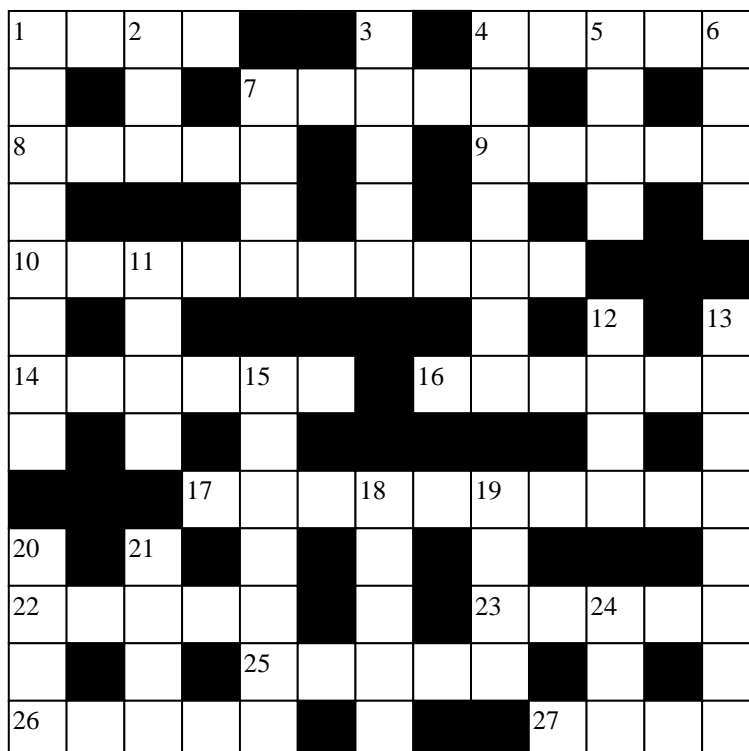
JESUS EXPLAINED - 'THE
NEIGHBOUR AGREED TO SHARE
HIS BREAD BECAUSE THE MAN
KEPT ASKING'



'DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK
TO GOD. HE LONGS TO HEAR
OUR PRAYERS.'



JUNE CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Ice cream holder (4)
4. Come together (5)
7. From a large US state (5)
8. Command (5)
9. From Erin Isle (5)
10. Builder of rocks (10)
14. Annoy someone (6)
16. Rest your eyes (6)
17. North West city (10)
22. Timepiece (5)
23. Fruit of the vine (5)
25. Call forth (5)
26. Daily (5)
27. Inflammation at base of eyelash (4)

DOWN

1. Way to get over (8)
2. Doze off (3)
3. More (5)
4. Mythical creature (7)
5. Large wading bird (4)
6. Repeated sound (4)
7. Accurate (4)
11. Finished (4)
12. Stronghold (4)
13. Get back (8)
15. Hide (7)
18. Light boat (5)
19. Sidle (4)
20. Exchange (4)
21. Halt (4)
24. Suitable (3)

Solution to May crossword. Across: 1.Chip,3.Promises,9.Nucleus,10.Usage,11.Postage stamp, 13.Recaps,15.Sierra,17.Ear-splitting,20.Crime,21.Popular,22.Register,23.Polo. Down: 1.Conspire 2.Incas,4.Roster,5.Mountain tops,6.Stammer,7.Step,8.Pedal pushers,12.Kangaroo,14.Ceasing, 16. Elapse,18.Igloo,19.Scar.

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