



Grasshopper



St. John the Baptist, Hey February 2016
Receiving and Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Dear Friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Welcome to the new format. We hope that we will reach a much wider readership by giving away a monthly newsletter which is slimmer than the old magazine but still containing matters of interest / concern to the Parish.

Christmas already seems a long time ago as we turn our focus towards Lent. Lent is a time of reflection - looking back over the last year and saying sorry for the things we have done wrong and the things we have failed to do. But we must also use the time to be constructive, considering how we can amend our lives, what we should be doing and how we can help the church and community in which we all live.

I wrote on 18 January to the Diocesan Bishop formally informing him that I will retire on 25 September this year - my departure is approaching quickly and there is so much that needs to be done if St John's is to continue to thrive. We are or will shortly be seeking a new Church Warden, new PCC members, new Sunday school leaders, new people to run events, new people to lead worship, new ways of doing all the administration, and so on - if you are thinking "well I haven't been here that long and I only come on Thursdays" then you are just the people who need to come forward with everyone else bringing new ideas, breathing new life into the church. Don't sit there thinking "well somebody else always steps

forward" - well perhaps they are tired and have done too much
- is it your time?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

What part will you play in taking the parish forward?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Recent Entries in our registers

Day by Day Scheme

Thank you to all those who are helping to ensure the future fabric of our church by supporting the Day by Day Scheme.

- 5 February - Birthday memories of Uncle Albert
- 15 February - Stewart & Janet's Wedding Anniversary
- 23 February - Gareth's Birthday
- 6 March - In loving memory of David Hawkins

The Faithful Departed

The under named who died on the date shown were laid to rest

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| 8 November | Mary Worthington | Aged 86 |
| 26 December | Eva Bardsley | Aged 91 |
| 4 January | Brian Clegg | Aged 83 |

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

Holy Matrimony

Please pray for those planning a wedding at Hey in 2016

- Sun 6 March - Kevin Douglas & Rachel Mellor
- Sat 19 March - Rebecca Brierley & Andrew Birch
- Sat 21 May - Neil Hartley & Helen Williams
- Sat 18 June - Andrew Reilly & Patricia Tattersall
- Sat 6 August - Michael Bearpark & Natasha Birchenough
- Sat 13 August - Bradley Parry & Hannah Garside-Coneron

Holy Baptism

We welcomed into our worshipping community

- 17 January Richard John James Illingworth-Lomas
Infant son of Richard Lomas & Sandy Maria Illingworth

Flowers for November 2015

In loving memory of Terry's mum

In loving memory of Auntie Kitty

In loving memory of Nan, Dad and Michael

Street Prayers

Please join us if you can especially if you live
in the street being prayed for.

Check the pewsheet for details of where / when to meet.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
7 February	Ashfield Cres North & Ashdene
14 February	Ashfield Cres South & Bateson Drive
21 February	Birks Avenue
28 February	Carr House Road
6 March	Heywood Fold Road

Any requests for specific prayers please speak to the clergy

Let us witness to our faith publicly and make the church real for everyone.

Smile of the Day

A mother concerned about her young son's safety walking to school, but not wanting to embarrass him, asked a neighbour if she would follow him, but not too close for him to notice.

The neighbour, Mrs Goodness said "no problem" since she needed to take her toddler, Mercy, for a walk.

The next day Mrs Goodness and her daughter Mercy, followed the boy, after a week of being followed, a friend asked Timmy if he noticed the lady following him. Timmy said "yes, she is Shirley Goodness and her daughter Mercy". His friend asked why she was following them, Timmy answered, "well, every night my mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, and in the Psalm it says 'Shirley Goodness and Mercy shall follow me all the days of my life' so I will just have to get used to it!"

Mrs B Ripley

Diary Dates

For the next 5 years major events during World War I will be shown on their centenary date

Sun 31 Jan	The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple / Candlemas
	8am Holy Communion
	9.30am Parish Communion
Wed 3 Feb	10am Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer
	11am Holy Communion at Oakdene
	7.30pm Full PCC meeting - church
Thu 4 Feb	7pm Come & Praise!
Sun 7 Feb	The Sunday Next before Lent
	8am Holy Communion - BCP
	9.30am Parish Communion
	11.15am Holy Baptism
Wed 10 Feb	Ash Wednesday
	10am Holy Communion with Ashing
	7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashing
Thu 11 Feb	7pm Come & Praise!
Fri 12 Feb	Hey with Zion half term starts
Sun 14 Feb	The First Sunday of Lent
	8am Holy Communion
	9.30am Parish Communion
	11.15am Holy Baptism
Tue 16 Feb	Noon CT Lent reflection at Zion Methodist church
Wed 17 Feb	10am Holy Communion
	11am Holy Communion at Millfield & Medlock
	7.30 Choir practice
Thu 18 Feb	7pm Come & Praise! with Holy Communion
Sun 21 Feb	The Second Sunday of Lent
	8am Holy Communion
	9.30am Come & Praise!

WW1 - The Battle of Verdun starts with a German offensive against the Mort-Homme Ridge. The German plan is to bleed the French dry of men and resources. The battle lasts 10 months and over a million men become casualties.

Mon 22 Feb		Hey with Zion term restarts
Tue 23 Feb	Noon	CT Lent reflection at Zion Methodist church
Wed 24 Feb	10am	Holy Communion
Thu 25 Feb	7pm	Come & Praise!
Sun 28 Feb	The Third Sunday of Lent	
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Tue 1 Mar	Noon	CT Lent reflection at Zion Methodist church
Wed 2 Mar	10am	Holy Communion - BCP
	11am	Holy Communion at Oakdene
	6pm	Wedding rehearsal
	7.30	Choir practice
Thu 3 Mar	7pm	Come & Praise!
Fri 4 Mar	2pm	CT Women's World Day of prayer - Zion Methodist
Sun 6 Mar	Mothering Sunday	
	8am	Holy Communion - BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	2.30pm	Wedding Kevin Douglas & Rachel Mellor

Future dates

Confirmation at St John's Friday 27 May 2016

Principal Festivals	2016	2017	2018	2019
<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	10 Feb	1 Mar	14 Feb	6 Mar
<u>Easter Day</u>	27 Mar	16 Apr	1 Apr	21 Apr
<u>Pentecost</u>	15 May	4 Jun	20 May	9 Jun
<u>Advent</u>	27 Nov	3 Dec	2 Dec	1 Dec

Rotas

If you have not received a copy of a rota that you may be on, a copy of all the rotas is on the notice board at the back of church

Bible Readings

7 Feb Next Sunday before Lent

Exodus 34.29-35

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Luke 9.28-43

10 Feb Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58.1-12

Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21 or John 8.1-11

14 Feb First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Romans 10.8b-13

Luke 4.1-13

21 Feb Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.31-end

28 Feb Third Sunday of Lent

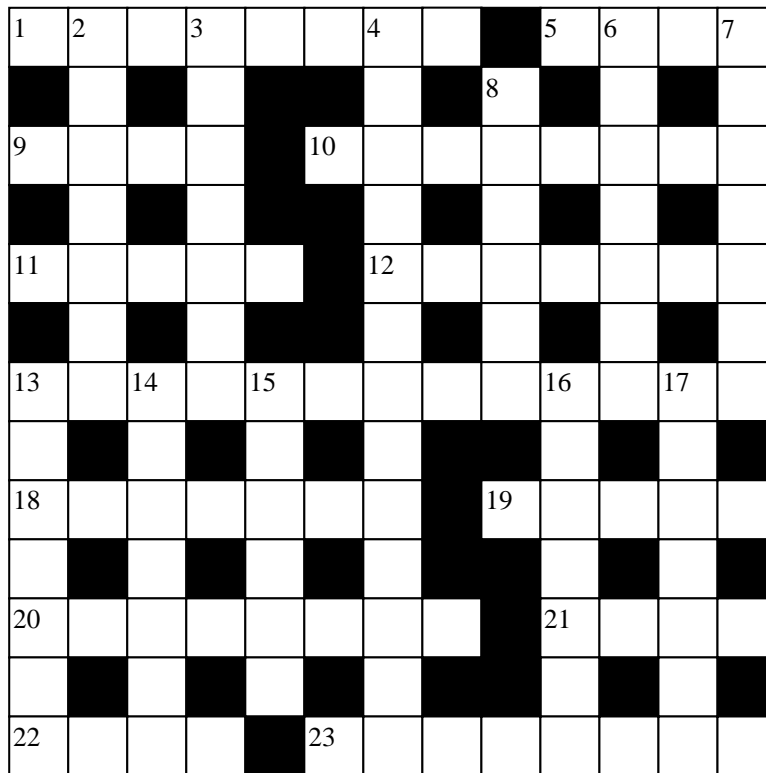
Isaiah 55.1-9

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9



FEBRUARY CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Annoy (8)
5. Espy (4)
9. Small insect (4)
10. Make valid from an earlier time (8)
11. Wizardry (5)
12. Give a right to do (7)
13. Booking costs (7,6)
18. Housebreaker (7)
19. First appearance (5)
20. Disney film (8)
21. Snacks (4)
22. Try to find (4)
23. Walks unsteadily (8)

DOWN

2. Set free (7)
3. Picture (7)
4. Circus performer (7,6)
6. Mouldable material (7)
7. Native American homes (7)
8. Winter sportsman (6)
13. Rejects unkindly (7)
14. Odd (7)
15. Replenish ammunition (6)
16. Frozen danger to shipping (7)
17. Imaginary line round middle earth (7)

Solution to December crossword Across:7.Advent,8.Stable,9.Sty,10.Herod,11.Inn,14.Crook,15.Anoints,17.Wise men,19.Camel,22.Boy,23.Carol,24.Oil,27.Gifted,28.Candle. Down:1.Editor,2.Tea,3.Steer,4.Astound,5.Cat,6.Planet,12.Comet,13.Lilac,16.Heralds,18.Ironic,20.Edible,21.Torch,25.Etc,26.End.