



Grasshopper



St. John the Baptist, Hey Mar 2017
Receiving and Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Dear Friends,

We promised at the start of our interregnum (the period without a permanent vicar) that we would do our best to keep you up to date with what is happening, so here's a summary of the latest news.

Most people are wondering when we might have a new vicar and at Thursday's PCC we read a letter from our Archdeacon Cherry explaining progress of the recruitment process. In short the post will be advertised during March aiming to appoint somebody during summer.

In the meantime we continue working hard to maintain a vibrant Christian presence in our local area. One of the things people tell us they like about our church is that we are welcoming of everyone, whatever race, ability, gender or sexuality. That's why we often display the message 'Everyone is Welcome Here' on our notice board. It's also why our church is a member of the Inclusive Church network.

We were disappointed, to say the least, at the news that the long awaited report to the House of Bishops on same sex marriage had recommended that there be no change to the status quo in the Anglican Church. The reaction of members of our own congregation was much stronger, so we resolved as a PCC to write to our General Synod representatives and urge them to vote against accepting the report at next week's Synod. Though not everyone finds all of the issues easy to think about or discuss we all agreed that a better way of being accepting and loving to all our fellow Christians is overdue and that the report falls well short of it. You can read the letter we sent at the back of church.

As usual at the PCC meeting we reviewed our expenditure and financial position, we have had some routine maintenance

carried out recently but are managing to keep on top of the challenges of maintaining a historic building. We have been in touch with our diocesan stewardship officer to make sure we keep up to date with the most effective ways of funding the work we do at St John's. One notable and interesting point is the preference for people under 40 to be able to give money on line, in preference to cash. Given that the majority of adults at our Thursday service are under 40 (not counting the wardens and music group!) we decided to investigate on-line giving methods. We will soon have an account with BT MyDonate which is, in our view, the most cost-effective way for charities to collect on-line donations.

We also hope that by communicating with all of our congregations you will understand better where your money goes and also what work we are carrying on doing. That way you can make better decisions about how and what to donate to support the work of St John's. To help us to do that we are establishing a communications group to review all of the ways that you get information and to make sure that everyone is catered for in the way we share messages.

Our young people's groups are as popular as ever with the children and young adults that attend them. Unfortunately it is looking increasingly unlikely that we will be able to sustain all of them unless we have any volunteers to take over in the coming months. Please, if you are thinking about where to give your volunteering time, consider this important work.

Don't forget if you use the internet regularly you can keep up to date with church events on our Blog, on our Facebook page and of course there is a host of information on our website. The full minutes of all PCC meetings are in a folder at the rear of church. In the meantime if you have an opinion or a suggestion about church let us know, or let one of the members of the PCC know.

With best wishes,
Brian and Eddie

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*If you wish to read **Crux** the Diocese of Manchester newsletter, you will find a link to it on the newsletter page of our web site: st-john-hey.org*

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.

- 12 March Brenda's birthday & her sad passing
- 16 March Remembering Annie & John Wolfenden's wedding anniversary
- 20 March In memory of Ann
- 23 March Would have been Brenda Hall's birthday
- 25 March Wedding Anniversary - Steve & Olivia Cocker
- 28 March Birthday memories of Grandad Len
- 28 March Richard & Val's wedding anniversary
- 30 March Kerry & Mum's Birthday
- 31 March Geoff & Hazel's Wedding Anniversary

Recent Entries in our registers

Holy Matrimony

Please pray for those planning weddings at Hey in 2017

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| Sat 27 th May | Andrew Burgess & Jade Lees |
| Sat 17 th June | Alex Arundel & Sarah Hilton |
| Sat 5 th Aug | David Clarke & Laura Miller |
| Sat 26 th Aug | Tom Dransfield & Emma Shepard |

The Faithful Departed

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

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| 19 Jan | Raymond Buckley |
| 30 Jan | Margaret Potter |
| 2 Feb | Bill Tunicliffe/ Memorial |
| 9 Feb | Eric Norton |

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

Street Prayers

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

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
5 March	David's Lane
12 March	Bracken Close
19 March	The Sycamores
26 March	Oldham Road

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

Holy Baptism

9 Feb Joe Steven Whitmore
 Son of Steven and Caroline Whitmore



Bible Readings

5 Mar First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7

Or Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

12 Mar Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1-4a

Or Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

John 3.1-17

19 Mar Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1-7

Or Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

Word 9.30

26 Mar Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1.20-28

Or Colossians 3.12-17

John 19.25b-27

2 Apr Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Or Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45

Diary Dates

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

Wed 1 Mar	Ash Wednesday	10 am	Holy Communion with Ashing – Book of Common P
		11am	Holy Communion at Oakdene
		7.30pm	Holy Communion with Ashing
Thu 2 Mar		7pm	Come & Praise!
Sun 5 Mar	The First Sunday of Lent	8am	Holy Communion - BCP
		9.30am	Parish Communion
		11.15am	Baptism Lindup
Mon 6 Mar		7.30pm	PCC
Wed 8 Mar		10 am	Holy Communion
Thu 9 Mar		7pm	Come & Praise!

WW1 - Baghdad is taken by the British after three days fighting.

Sun 12 Mar	The Second Sunday of Lent	8am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Parish Communion
		11.15am	Baptism Lowe
Wed 15 Mar		10 am	Holy Communion
		11am	Holy Communion at Millfield

WW1 - Tsar Nicholas II abdicates as Moscow falls to Russian Revolutionaries.
Demise of the Russian Army frees German troops for the Western Front.

Thu 16 Mar	7pm	Come & Praise! with Holy Communion
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Sun 19 Mar	The Third Sunday of Lent	8am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Come & Praise!
Wed 22 Mar		10 am	Holy Communion
Thu 23 Mar		7pm	Come & Praise!

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

Sun 26 Mar	Mothering Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Parish Communion

WW1 - The First Battle of Gaza, Palestine, as the British attempt to cut off the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia from their homeland. They fail to take the town and are forced to withdraw.

Wed 29 Mar 10 am Holy Communion
Thu 30 Mar 7pm Come & Praise!
Fri 31 Mar Hey with Zion term ends

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

Sun 2 Apr **The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)**
8am Holy Communion - BCP
9.30am Parish Communion: Bishop David Presiding
Wed 5 Apr 10 am Holy Communion - BCP
11am Holy Communion at Oakdene
Thu 6 Apr 7pm Come & Praise!

WW1 - US declares war on Germany. Troops begin to mobilise immediately.

Sun 9 Apr **Palm Sunday**
8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion

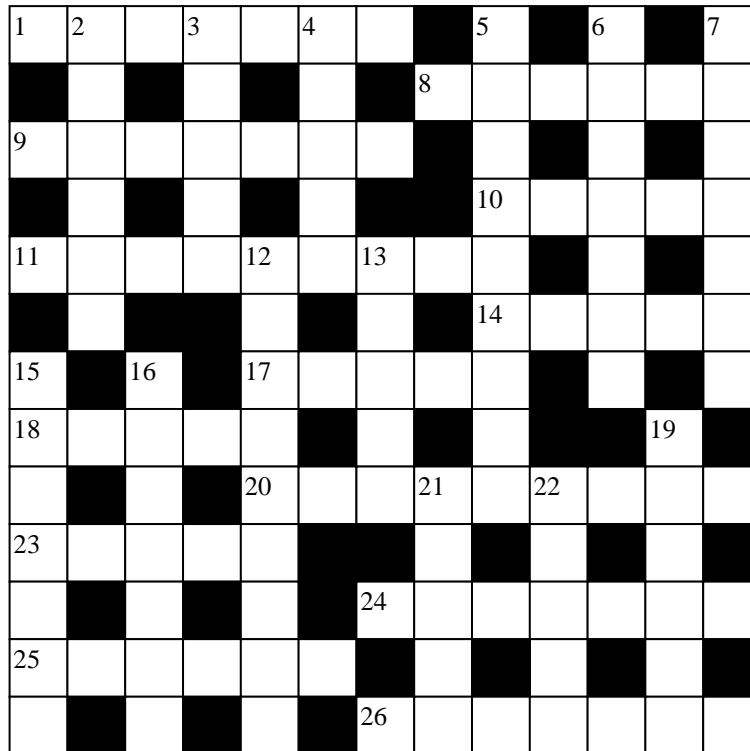
WW1 - The Battle of Arras. The British successfully employ new tactics of creeping barrages, the 'graze fuse' and counter battery fire.

WW1 - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial:
Private Bernard Horsfall
Private Samuel Hayes

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MARCH CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Emotional strain (7)
8. Bird house (6)
9. Confidential hints (3-4)
10. Of the countryside (5)
11. Latest news (4,5)
14. Sails into the wind (5)
17. State your mind (5)
18. Play a guitar (5)
20. Irons in the fire (9)
23. Tree sap (5)
24. Picture (7)
25. Sharp tooth (6)
26. Ancient tales (7)

DOWN

2. Lives (6)
3. Deep shovel (5)
4. Propose a payment (5)
5. Turn too far (9)
6. Criticize loudly (7)
7. Rider with pedal power (7)
12. Standing out (9)
13. Throw out (5)
15. Big bird (7)
16. Here (7)
19. Leave helpless (6)
21. Top drawer (5)
22. Bird of prey (5)

Solution to February crossword. Across: 1. Stopcocks, 8. End, 9. Motorcycles, 11. Adamant, 12. Apron, 13. Vapour, 15. Temple, 17. Noose, 18. Inprint, 20. Fire engines, 22. Gnu, 23. Hoardings. Down: 2. Two, 3. Circa, 4. Coyote, 5. Salvage, 6. Description, 7. Adornment, 10. Teaspoonful, 11. Advantage, 14. Unearth, 16. Cinema, 19. Paged, 21. Egg.