



# Grasshopper



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

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## **St Luke, 18<sup>th</sup> October: Beloved physician and historian**

We know a good doctor when we meet one! He or she will ask lots of questions and carefully observe how we are feeling. They will look and listen; administer tests and accurately record their findings.

Unlike the Gospel writers Matthew, Mark and John, Luke was not a disciple of Jesus. He was trained as a doctor, probably a Gentile and certainly an educated Greek. As Luke didn't know Jesus personally, he needed his interview skills as a physician to speak with people who knew Jesus. He listened to their stories and identified the truth from hearsay.

Luke's Gospel has a very human touch to it and begins with two detailed descriptions of the births of two important babies! He often writes about our Lord's encounters with individuals; men, women, children, the poor and the rich, the sick and the strong. He showed Christ's sympathy for people who were underprivileged, hurting and weak. Luke was a keen observer and wrote both as a careful historian and with the heart of a loving physician.

If we didn't have Luke's Gospel we would lack so much. For example, we wouldn't know about: the angels' and shepherds' visit at the birth of Jesus; the visit by the boy Jesus to the temple; the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son; the encounters of Jesus with Zacchaeus, and the two men on their walk to Emmaus.

Luke's tenderness is revealed with his emphasis on prayer, the Holy Spirit, the role of women in the ministry of Jesus and God's forgiveness of sins. He describes Jesus' compassion for the widow of Nain and our Lord's mercy to the dying thief on the cross.

Luke also wrote the Book of Acts. This is another trusted record about the beginnings of the early Church. Luke was a companion of Paul and was with him on many journeys. Without the Book of Acts, we would know very little about Paul's life and other followers of Christ including Barnabas, Silas and Timothy. Luke was a man not writing about distant historical figures or dramas, but about people he knew first-hand.

Luke wrote his Gospel so that there would be an accurate and an orderly account of the life, ministry and message of Jesus. He carefully researched his material and spoke to eye-witnesses. He listened to those who had been with Jesus and worked alongside leaders and workers of the fledgling church.

A physician identifies our need and helps us to get well. Luke saw our need to have Jesus as our heavenly Physician. Our eternal life and salvation can only be found through faith in Him.

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## 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.

15 October	Celebrating Audrey's 80th Birthday
17 October	Anniversary of My husband Michael Booth's birthday
20 October	In memory of Horace Bennett - his 106th birthday
21 October	Sarah & Simon's Anniversary
24 October	In memory of great grandfather
25 October	Birthday, Alan Forster
29 October	Norma's birthday - on behalf of Bill's girls

## Holy Baptism

We welcomed into our worshipping community

26 Aug	Roman Lucas Loftus, Son of Anthony and Jade Loftus.
27 Aug	Hazel Halliwell, daughter of Christopher Halliwell and Bethany Roberts.
27 Aug	Thomas Jason Wilcock-Wood, son of Philip and Harriet Wilcock-Wood.
10 Sept	Theo Oscar Gartside, son of Dominic Gartside and Danielle Tetlow.
10 Sept	Danielle Tetlow mother of Theo Gartside.
10 Sept	Frankie James Tuite, son of Lee Tuite and Julie Gordon
10 Sept	Julie Gordon, mother of Frankie Tuite

## Holy Matrimony

Please pray for those married at Hey this year  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> August Tom Dransfield & Emma Shepard

## Street Prayers

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
08-October	The Rise
15-October	Ivy Green Drive
22-October	Pineway
29-October	Peels Avenue & Lathom Hall Avenue

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

## **1 Oct Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32 or  
Philippians 2.1-13

Matthew 21.23-32

## **8 Oct Harvest**

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

Luke 17.11-19

## **15 Oct Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 25.1-9 or  
Philippians 4.1-9

Matthew 22.1-14

Word 9.30

## **22 Oct Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 45.1-7 or  
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-22

## **29 Oct Bible Sunday**

Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12 or  
Colossians 3.12-17

Matthew 24.30-35

*or Last after Trinity  
Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18 or  
1 Thessalonians 2.1-8*

*Matthew 22.34-46*

## **5 Nov All Saints**

Revelation 7.9-17 or  
1 John 3.1-3

Matthew 5.1-12

# Diary Dates

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

Sun 1 Oct		<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
	8am	Holy Communion - BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	11.15am	Baptism Isla Lilley Bithell
Wed 4 Oct	9am	Hey with Zion
	10.15 am	Holy Communion - BCP
	11am	Holy Communion at Oakdene
Thu 5 Oct	7pm	Come & Praise!
Fri 6 Oct	10.30am	Funeral Jonathan Paul Hurd

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

Sun 8 Oct		<b>Harvest</b>
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion

Mon 9 Oct

**WW1** - The third phase of the Ypres Offensive begins with British and French troops taking Poelcapelle. 25mm of rain falls in the next 48 hours on already saturated ground. The previous bombardments smashed the drainage systems and the battlefield turns into a quagmire.

Wed 11 Oct	10 am	Holy Communion
Thu 12 Oct	7pm	Come & Praise! with Holy Communion

**WW1** - The British launch their latest assaults at Ypres against the Passchendaele Ridge. New Zealand and Australian divisions in the vanguard of the attack take terrible casualties, then are bogged down in the mud and are forced back to their start lines.

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

Sun 15 Oct		<b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Come & Praise!
Wed 18 Oct	10 am	Holy Communion
	11am	Holy Communion at Millfield

Thu 19 Oct 7pm Come & Praise!  
7.45pm PCC

**WW1** - The last airship raid on Britain is carried out by 11 Zeppelins.

Sun 22 Oct **The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Parish Communion  
11.15am Baptism Slater Twins

**WW1** - Death recorded on this day a century ago and related to a parishioner: **Private Osmond Bentley**

Wed 25 Oct 10 am Holy Communion

Thu 26 Oct 7pm Come & Praise!

**WW1** - The Second Battle of Passchendaele begins with 20,000 men of the Third and Fourth Canadian Divisions advancing up the hills of the salient. It cost the Allies 12,000 casualties for a gain of a few hundred yards.

Sun 29 Oct **Bible Sunday**  
*(The Last Sunday after Trinity)*  
8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Parish Communion  
11.15 am Baptism Hewitt

Mon 30 Oct

**WW1** - Reinforced with the addition of two British divisions, a second offensive is launched in torrential rains to capture Passchendaele. The Allies hold the town for the next five days in the face of repeated German shelling and counterattacks.

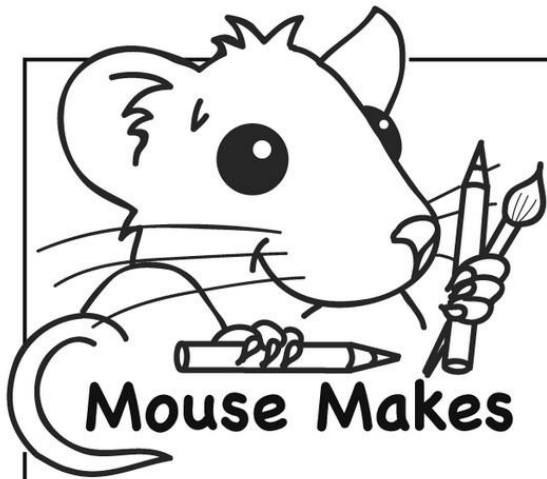
Tue 31 Oct

**WW1** - Battle of Beersheba, Palestine. British forces take the town capturing 1,800 Turkish troops. This leaves the way open for the advance on Jerusalem.

Wed 1 Nov 10 am Holy Communion - BCP  
11am Holy Communion at Oakdene

Thu 2 Nov 7pm Come & Praise!  
7.30pm PCC meeting tbc

Sun 5 Nov **All Saints / All Souls**  
8am Holy Communion - BCP  
9.30am Parish Communion  
11.15am Baptism, Collin  
3pm Commemoration of Faithful Departed



## Mouse Makes

**Ezekiel** the prophet had a special dream from God. In his dream he stood in the middle of a **valley full** of a **great** many **bones**. God made him **walk** around them, then God said;

“**Son** of man, can these bones **live**?” Ezekiel replied;

“**Sovereign Lord**, you know.”

God told Ezekiel to **prophesy** over the bones, to tell **them**;

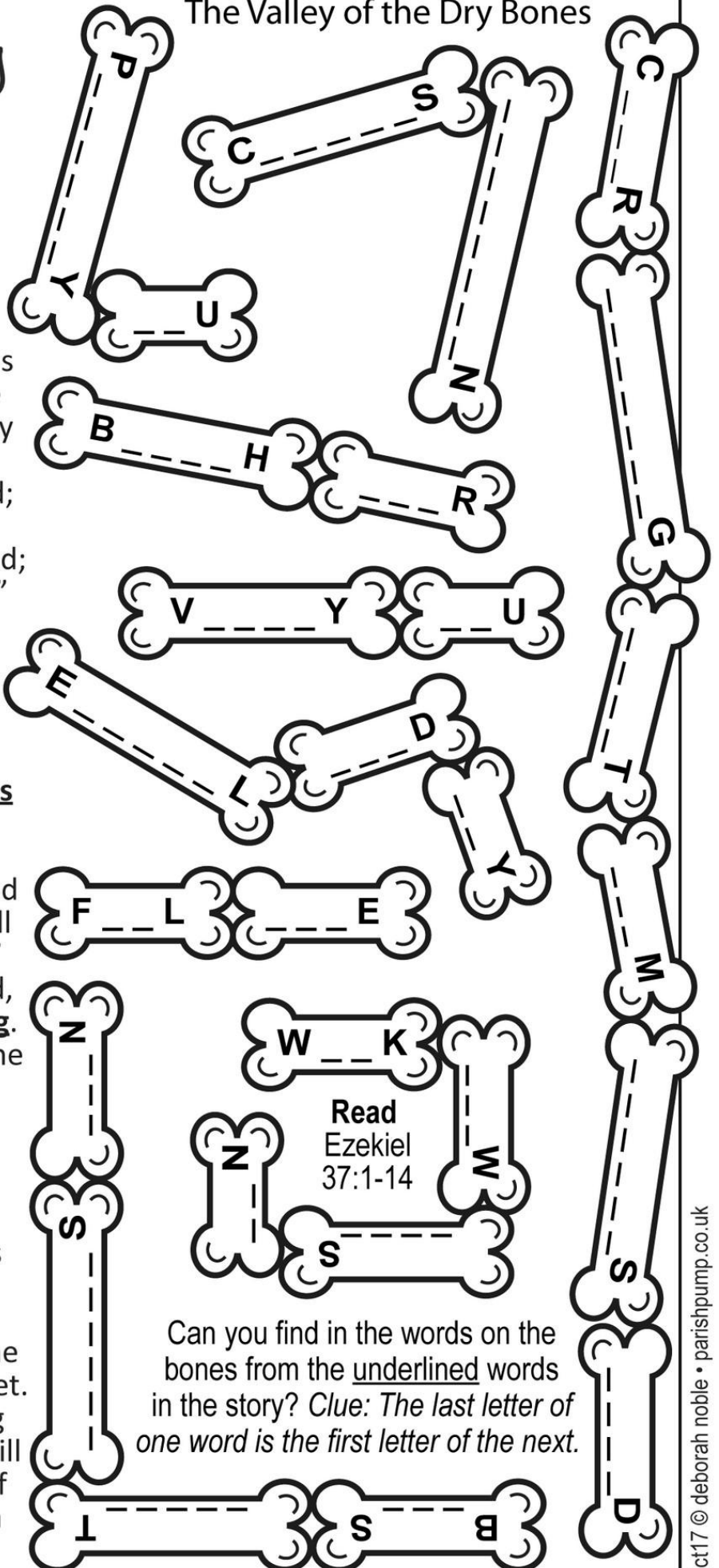
“**Dry** bones, **hear** the word of the Lord, I am about to put **breath** into **you** and you will live. I will put **tendons** on you and **muscles** over you and **cover** you with **skin**,

I will put breath in you and you will live. Then **you** will **know** that I am the Lord.”

So Ezekiel did as God had said, he heard the **sound** of **rattling**. The bones came together bone to bone, then tendons and muscles and skin appeared on them. God told Ezekiel to say to the breath; “Come, breath, from the four **winds** and breathe on these corpses so that they may live.”

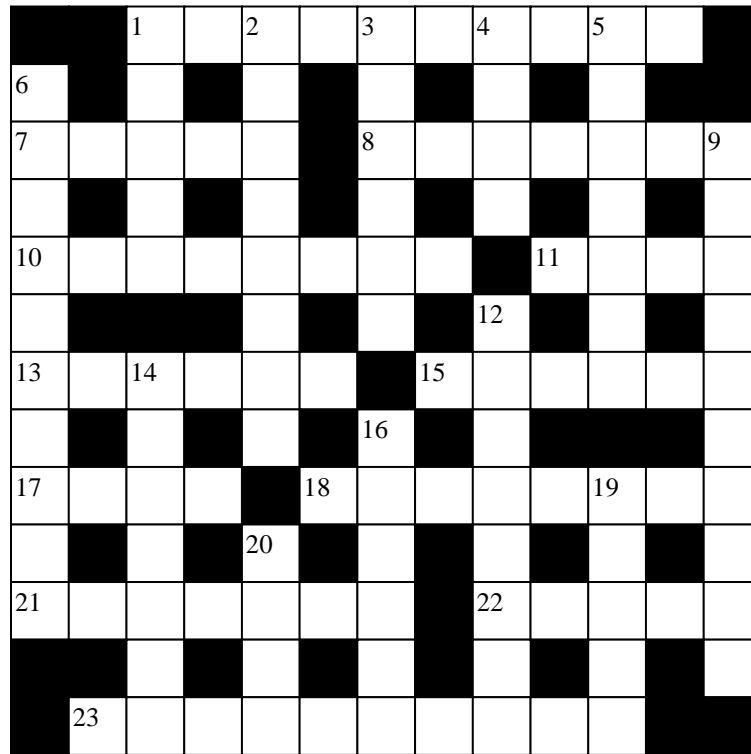
Ezekiel spoke what God had told him and the **corpses** came alive and stood on their feet. God explained the meaning of the dream and said; “I will put my **Spirit** in the people of Israel and they will know I am the Lord and they will live.”

## The Valley of the Dry Bones



Can you find in the words on the bones from the underlined words in the story? *Clue: The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next.*

## OCTOBER CROSSWORD



### CLUES

#### ACROSS

1. Noble (10)
7. Eight musicians (5)
8. Devotee (7)
10. Outbursts of temper (8)
11. Medal (4)
13. Spread throughout (6)
15. Announces (6)
17. Head covering (4)
18. Fruit dessert (5,3)
21. Cheat (7)
22. Space by side of fireplace (5)
23. Threw the gauntlet down (10)

#### DOWN

1. Du Beke (5)
2. Hobby (8)
3. Deeply distressing experience (6)
4. Live in a tent (4)
5. Heathrow (7)
6. Stage illumination (10)
9. Enrolled (10)
12. Following stealthily (8)
14. Silly (7)
16. Globe (6)
19. Called over a public address system (5)
20. Effigy (4)

Solution to September crossword. Across: 3. Carpenter, 8. Aunt, 9. Scalloped, 10. Breath, 11. Still, 14. Ozone, 15. Easy, 16. Paste, 18. Lees, 20. Birch, 21. Shawl, 24. Feudal, 25. Cardboard, 26. Brig, 27. Sou-wester. Down: 1. Bamboozle, 2. Antelope, 4. Arch, 5. Pilot, 6. Noodle, 7. Eden, 9. Steep, 11. Sisal, 12. Labradors, 13. Mythology, 17. Ebbled, 19. Shadow, 22. Woods, 23. Sago, 24. Free.