



Grasshopper



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

Dear friends,

November has been dubbed by some as the month of remembrance. This year it actually begins with All Saints and All Souls on 30th October, the latter being the time when we remember in sorrow and thanksgiving our departed loved ones. It continues with Bonfire Night – “Remember, Remember the 5th of November” – one of the few dates in the year when we recall an event of historical importance.

But another one follows soon after, Armistice Day (11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month). These three occasions mark this time out as a special time for reflecting upon things that are past and people no longer with us.

Of course, this year we also remember another person, Canon Richard, although very much alive, he is missed and remembered, especially by me in these months of interregnum.

Each of them has, however, a rather different character. On All Souls Day we remember and pray for family members or friends who have passed from this life to the next. We once again place them trustfully into the hands of our loving God. Guy Fawkes Day is an annual remembrance of the deliverance of King and Parliament by the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot. On Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday we remember those who died in the wars this country was involved in the past one hundred years or so, in the main the First and Second World Wars. Understandably, given the terrible slaughter of the trenches, Armistice Day between the two world wars focussed very largely on remembering the young men who had died. After the Second World War, however, a slightly different character emerged on Remembrance Sunday. The fact that we and other European countries had gone to war twice within period of thirty years made people want to dedicate themselves to the pursuit of peace and reconciliation. Rightly this became part of the commemoration. Our Remembrance Sunday services now always include prayers asking God’s help to create a more peaceful world and one in which we are reconciled with former enemies.

But the work of peace and reconciliation cannot only be the subject of prayer. The Christian faith and our common human morality impel us to work for it with all our might. The Great War was described as “the war to end all wars.” Sadly this was far from the truth. Less than twenty years after the ink had dried on the post-war treaties the nations of Europe were once again in flames. The reason being, that there was little in those treaties to establish a state of affairs where war could be avoided. On the contrary, Germany, Austria and the other defeated nations were treated so punitively that the seeds of a second round were very soon sown.

After the Second World War lessons had been learned and leaders strove to put in place arrangements and organisations which would prevent an early descent into yet more catastrophic conflict. Winston Churchill, among others, worked to establish institutions to serve that purpose. Rather than punishing defeated nations, money was poured in to reconstruct their economies. This was the background to the creation of what we now know as the European Union. The origins of the European Union go back to the early 1950s. Its aim was and is the maintenance of freedom, justice and above all peace in a continent long divided by conflict. In this country we see the EU largely as a body primarily concerned with economics, the ‘Common Market’. But the vision behind the union of economies was the creation of a Europe in which national differences were no longer the grounds for armed conflict. The founding fathers of the movement towards ‘ever greater union’; men such as Jean Monnet, who was inspired by a Christian moral outlook, saw the maintenance of peace as the goal.

It is a shame that this part of our history was never remembered as we were encouraged to vote for ‘Brexit’, and now we face a very uncertain future as plans are made for us to leave the European Union and the Common Market.

So in this month of remembrance let us not simply recall the past and the departed sadly and sentimentally. Let us work to ensure that the peace which we have enjoyed in most of Europe during the past sixty or more years is preserved and that we never again have to confront the horrors faced in the two most terrible wars this world has ever seen.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P' and a trailing flourish.

*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.

11 Nov	Remembering the day the guns fell silent
12 Nov	Chris' birthday
14 Nov	In memory of Edith Milward's birthday
14 Nov	In loving memory of Roy Winterbotham
16 Nov	Remembering the Birthday of the late Anne Davies
21 Nov	Dad's birthday - in memory of Albert Harper

Recent Entries in our registers

Holy Matrimony

Please pray for those planning weddings at Hey this year

5 November - Leighton Toms & Carla Loftus

Street Prayers

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

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
6 Nov	Redwood Lane, Kingsley Drive Milford Brow
13 Nov	Holly Grove
20 Nov	Dowry Rd
27 Nov	Hey Crescent

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

6 Nov Third Sunday before Advent

Job 19.23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17

Luke 20.27-38

13 Nov Remembrance Sunday with Parade

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

John 14.1-8

20 Nov Christ the King

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Colossians 1.11-20

Luke 23.33-43

Word Service

27 Nov First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5 or

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

4 Dec Second Sunday of Advent Christmas Fair

Isaiah 11.1-10 or

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

Diary Dates

Major events during World War 1 will be shown on their centenary date			
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Wed	2 Nov	10am	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer
		11am	Holy Communion at Oakdene
Thu	3 Nov	7pm	Come & Praise!
		7.45pm	Wedding rehearsal
		7.45pm	PCC
Sat	5 Nov	1pm	Wedding of Leighton Toms & Carla Loftus

Sun 6 Nov The Third Sunday before Advent

		8am	Holy Communion - BCP
		9.30am	Parish Communion
		3pm	Churches Together United Service at Zion "For all the Saints"
Tue	8 Nov	7.30pm	Deanery Synod - St Mary's High Crompton
Wed	9 Nov	10am	Holy Communion
Thu	10 Nov	7pm	Come & Praise!

Sun 13 Nov Remembrance Sunday

		8am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Parish Communion

<p>WW1 - The Battle of Ancre. The fourth phase of the Somme Offensive is marked by the British capturing Beaumont Hamel and St Pierre Division, taking nearly 4,000 prisoners.</p>
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<p>WW1 - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial : Lance Corporal Frank Collier. Aged 19. 1st Battalion, The King's Own Liverpool Regiment. Somme, Thiepval Memorial Formerly 4610, Manchester Regiment. Son of Fred & Mary Collier , 27 Alexandra Terrace, Moorside</p>

Wed	16 Nov	10am	Holy Communion
		11am	Holy Communion at Millfield & Medlock
		7.30pm	Choir practice
Thu	17 Nov	7pm	Come & Praise! with Holy Communion
Sat	19 Nov	All day	Dance Exams

Sun 20 Nov Christ the King

		All day	Dance Exams
		8am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Come & Praise!
		11.15 am	Holy Baptism
Wed	23 Nov	10am	Holy Communion
Thu	24 Nov	7pm	Come & Praise!

Sun 27 Nov Advent

		8am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Parish Communion

Mon 28 Nov

WW1 - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial :
Private Joseph Wood . Age 28. 22nd Battalion, The Manchester Regiment. Somme,
Contay British Cemetery. Son of Maria Wood of 394 Huddersfield Road, Waterhead.

Wed 30 Nov 10am Holy Communion

7.30pm Choir Practice

Thu 1 Dec 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 4 Dec The Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion - BCP

9.30am Parish Communion

10.30am Christmas Fair

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For those who do not use the internet



Richard thanked Hazel for
35 years as Treasurer



The present bought for Richard
It is a mechanical clock

HEY WAR DEAD November 1916

15.11.16 LCorp Frank N Collier, aged 19, 52545 1 Kings Own Liverpool and 4610 Manchester Reg, of 27 Alexandra Terrace, Moorside. Son of Fred & Mary Collier. Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

After heavy losses during the Battle of the Somme, the Manchester Regiment sent 20 officers and 750 men to reinforce the Kings Liverpool Regiment. In October and November of 1916, they were in action near Beaumont Hamel on the Thiepval Ridge of the Somme battlefield. This action was known as the Battle of the Ancre Heights Action began from Courcelette near the Albert-Bapaume road, west to Thiepval on Bazentin Ridge.[a] British possession of the heights would deprive the German 1st Army of observation towards Albert to the south-west and give the British observation north over the Ancre valley to the German positions around Beaumont Hamel, Serre and Beaucourt. Many interruptions were caused by frequent heavy rain, which turned the ground and roads into rivers of mud and grounded aircraft. German forces in footholds on the ridge, at the east end of the Regina Trench and in the remaining parts of the Schwaben Redoubt) to the north and Stuff Redoubt (Staufen-Feste) north-east of Thiepval, fought a costly defensive battle with numerous counter-attacks and attacks, which delayed the British capture of the heights for more than a month.

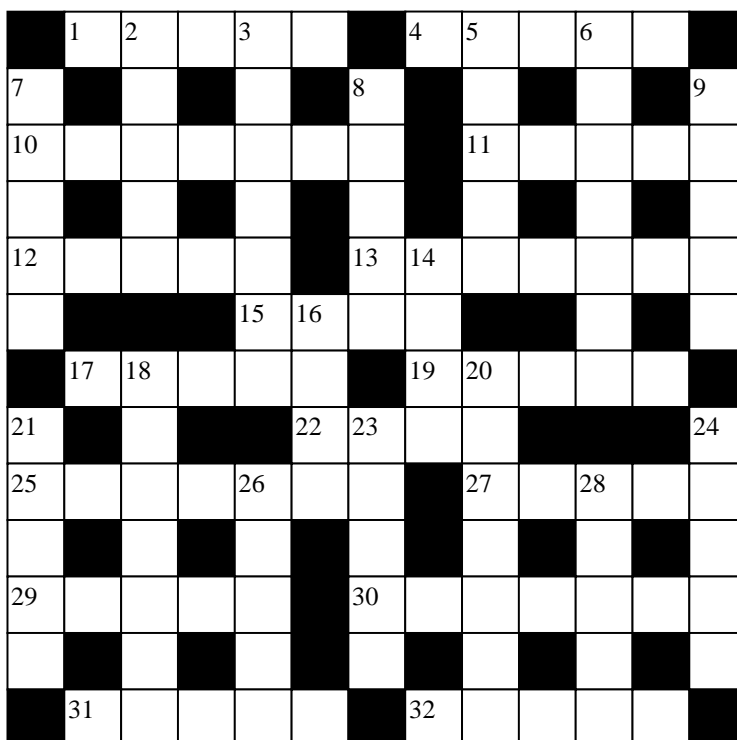
The German counter-attacks were costly failures and by 21 October, the British had managed to advance 500 yards (460 m) and take all but the last German foothold in the east.

28.11.16; Pte Joseph Wood, aged 28. 35820 22 Manchester Rg, of 394 Huddersfield Rd, Waterhead, Son of Martha, buried in the Contay British Cem, Somme

Contay is a village on the main road, Amiens to Arras. The site was chosen in August 1916 for burials from the 49th Casualty Clearing Station, which arrived at Contay at the end of August. It was joined by the 9th CCS in September to March 1917

The 22nd (7th City) Battalion, Manchester Regiment was raised in Manchester on the 21st of November 1914 by the Lord Mayor and City. They moved to Morecambe for training in January 1915 and in April joined 91st Brigade, 30th Division at Grantham. They moved to Larkhill, Salisbury Plain for final training in September 1915 and proceeded to France in early November, landing at Boulogne. In 1916 They were in action during the Battles of the Somme, including the capture Mametz, The Battle of Bazentin, the attacks on High Wood, The Battle of Delville Wood, The Battle of Guillemont and the Operations on the Ancre.

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



CLUES

- ACROSS**
1. Actor's remark to the audience (5)
 4. Glue a piece of wood (5)
 10. Football punishment (7)
 11. Bond picker (5)
 12. Very poor (5)
 13. Used to make porridge (7)
 15. Finishes the tips (4)
 17. Suit the shovel (5)
 19. Very happy period (5)
 22. Celebrity with heavenly body (4)
 25. Object to argument (7)
 27. Ironworkers block (5)
 29. Fabric with diagonal parallel ridges (5)
 30. Daily uniform (7)
 31. Supports breaks (5)
 32. Burn the midnight oil (5)

- DOWN**
2. By which the body perceives things (5)
 3. Made late (7)
 5. A surprise gift (5)
 6. Hide (7)
 7. Shell out (5)
 8. Official meeting of Christian ministers (5)
 9. Rings the ringers (5)
 14. Middle east (4)
 16. Set of tables for birds? (4)
 18. Inactive (7)
 20. Current of cool air (7)
 21. Revises a paper (5)
 23. Rips with cries (5)
 24. Look daggers (5)
 26. Dark and gloomy (5)
 28. Bona fide (5)

Solution to October crossword Across: 7.Trojan, 8.Manage, 10.Archaic, 11.Title, 12.Trap, 13.Forum, 17.Chide, 18.Sail, 22.Pleat, 23.Anxious, 24.Reader, 25.Degree. Down: 1.Stealth, 2.Conceal, 3.Canal, 4.Tactful, 5.Earth, 6.Beret, 9.Instrument, 14.Shatter, 15.Savoury, 16.Fluster, 19.Sport, 20.Sedan, 21.Excel.