



Grasshopper



St. John the Baptist, Hey Feb 2018
Receiving and Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Dear Friends,

I need to begin my first letter for 2018 with some very much needed thank-yous for all that happened over Christmas and 2017 as a whole, and as the combined Parish letter for December and January were written in November, it would be wrong for me to not reflect on the previous couple of months too.

Last year gave us all some challenges to be faced, be it from the National Elections, Brexit, the US Elections, the bad weather and in trying to maintain a lovely parish and a warm, welcoming worship community, that we have here at St. John's.

With the interregnum now approaching midway through its second year, we have at times all felt frustrated, at times upset and therefore it has been necessary to be restrained, patient, prayerful and hopeful that 2018 will be the start of something good when a new vicar finally arrives. It hasn't been from the lack of effort on our behalf, but sometimes life just doesn't work out the way you want or expected. Therefore, firstly I need to thank all concerned for your help, your love and your continued commitment to St John's, and to the support that you have given to me and Suzanne.

I was hoping that Christmas would allow me a few days to relax a bit more and recharge the batteries ready for this year, however the demands of Church, secular employment and a very challenging pastoral situation that has been required to be worked through following the death of one of my soldiers in the Regiment, has meant that for now at least we just carry on as before. But all that being said I have really

enjoyed being in Church over Christmas and I'm sure that the 'life sized Christingle' brought a smile to the 270+ that attended the service, it probably shocked a few too!

And as for 2018, what will that bring. Well it has brought 'big' birthday milestones for Suzanne and myself (she is 5 weeks older than me), and our son Callum will have his 21st. But I expect that there will be other celebrations too.

And what of St John's, well we are now on our 3rd attempt to recruit a new vicar but am still hopeful that the right person will be called to this place to continue our development and growth, both spiritually and as a community.

I saw a funny poster in the New Year that made me chuckle. "Church is for life, not just for Christmas", and on that theme, I would like to say that during February, Ash Wednesday falls on St Valentine's Day this year, so you can have an Ashing (A cross shape on your forehead) and maybe a hug from your loved one too on the same evening. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and following this we slowly build up our preparations towards Holy Week and Easter, reflecting on our own faith journeys.

Lent and Easter are probably the most important times of the year and so why not join us for the services.

With my love and prayers, as ever

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul." with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a period at the end.

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Day by Day Scheme

05 February	Birthday memories of Uncle Albert
15 February	Stewart & Janet's Wedding Anniversary
17 February	Margaret Crompton a much loved, mother, grandmother and great grandmother
23 February	Gareth's Birthday

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

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 24th March	Paul Owen and Ellen Sampson
Friday 27th April	Daniel Fothergill & Kim Saxon

Please pray for those to be married at Hey this year

Recent Flower Donations

Nov: Donation by Guy Smith

12 Nov: In loving memory of Dad, Nan and Michael

Street Prayers

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
04-February	Thorpe Lane
11-February	Slack Hall Close & Old Lane
18-February	Huddersfield Rd Lower
25-February	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

4 Feb Second Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

Colossians 1.15-20

John 1.1-14

11 Feb Next Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Mark 9.2-9

14 Feb Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2,12-17

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

or John 8.1-11

18 Feb First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9.8-17

1 Peter 3.18-22

Mark 1.9-15

25 Feb Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

Romans 4.13-25

Mark 8.31-38

4 Mar Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20.1-17

1 Corinthians 1.18-26

John 2.13-22

Diary Dates

Major events during World War 1 will be shown on their centenary date
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Thu 1 Feb	Hey with Zion School in the hall
Sun 4 Feb	The Second Sunday before Lent 8am Holy Communion –Book of Common Prayer 9.30am Parish Communion
Wed 7 Feb	10 am Holy Communion - BCP 11am Holy Communion at Oakdene
Thu 8 Feb	7pm Come & Praise!
Sun 11 Feb	The Sunday Next before Lent 8am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
Wed 14 Feb	Ash Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion with Ashing 7pm Holy Communion with Ashing
Thu 15 Feb	7.30pm Come & Praise! With Holy Communion
Sun 18 Feb	The First Sunday of Lent 8am Holy Communion 9.30am Come & Praise!
Tue 20 Feb	12pm Churches Together Lent Lunches, Zion Based on 'The Theory of Everything'
Wed 21 Feb	10 am Holy Communion 11am Holy Communion at Millfield
Thu 22 Feb	7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 25 Feb **The Second Sunday of Lent**
 8am Holy Communion
 9.30am Parish Communion
Tue 27 Feb 12pm Churches Together Lent Lunches, Zion
 Based on 'The Theory of Everything'

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

Thu 1 Mar 7pm Come & Praise!
Fri 2 Mar 1pm Women's World Day of Prayer,
 St Thomas, Leesfield.

Sat 3 Mar

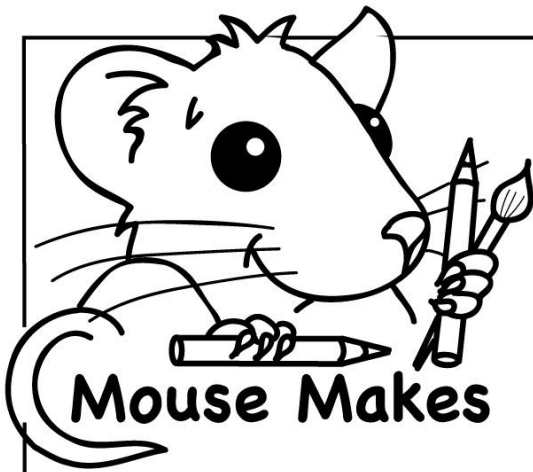
WW1 - Soviet Russia concludes separate peace at Brest-Litovsk with Germany and her allies.

Sun 4 Mar **The Third Sunday of Lent**
 8am Holy Communion - BCP
 9.30am Parish Communion

Christingle

In his letter, Rev Paul mentioned himself dressed as a Christingle, so here he is for those who missed the show!



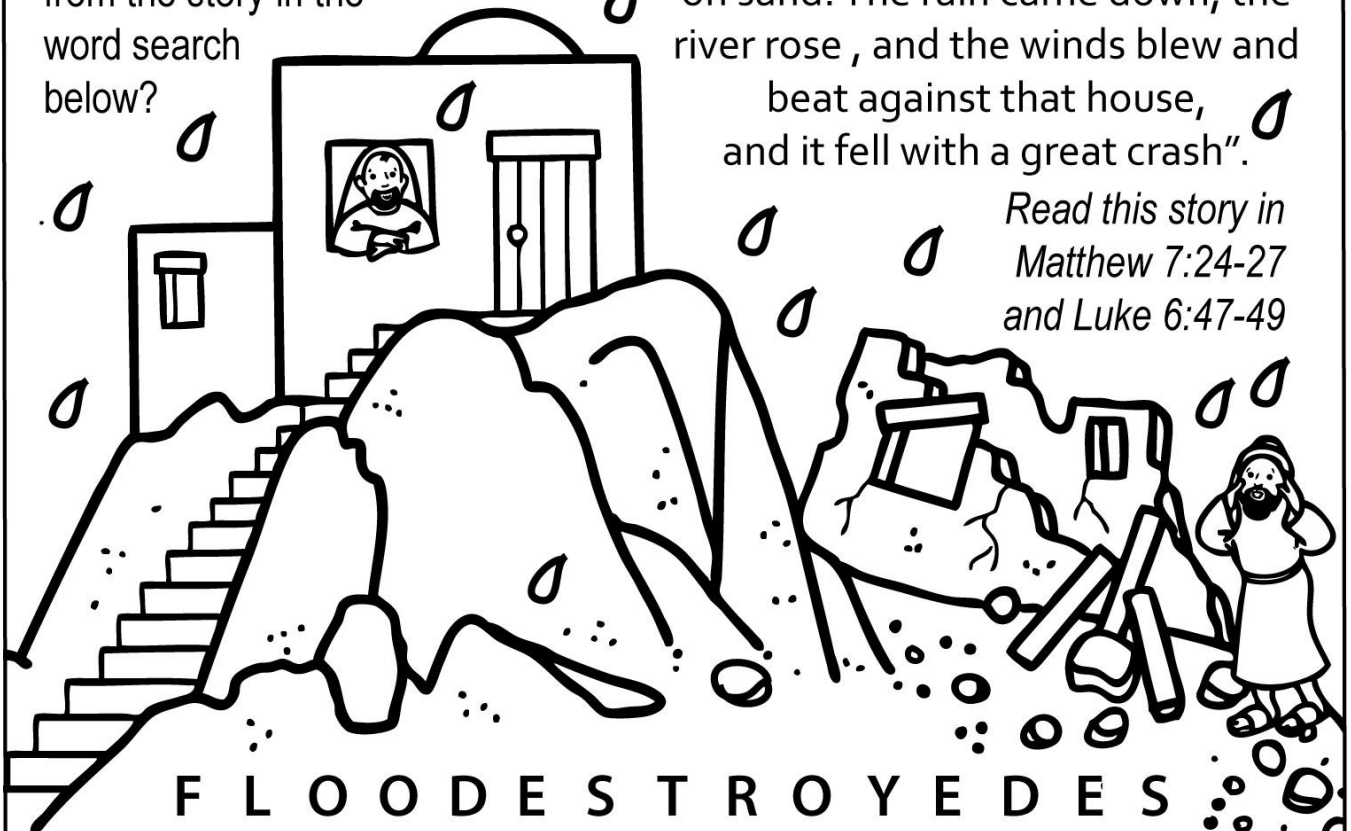


Mouse Makes

Can you find the words from the story in the word search below?

Jesus taught his disciples...
 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain came down, the river rose and the winds blew and beat against the house it did not fall. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the river rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash".

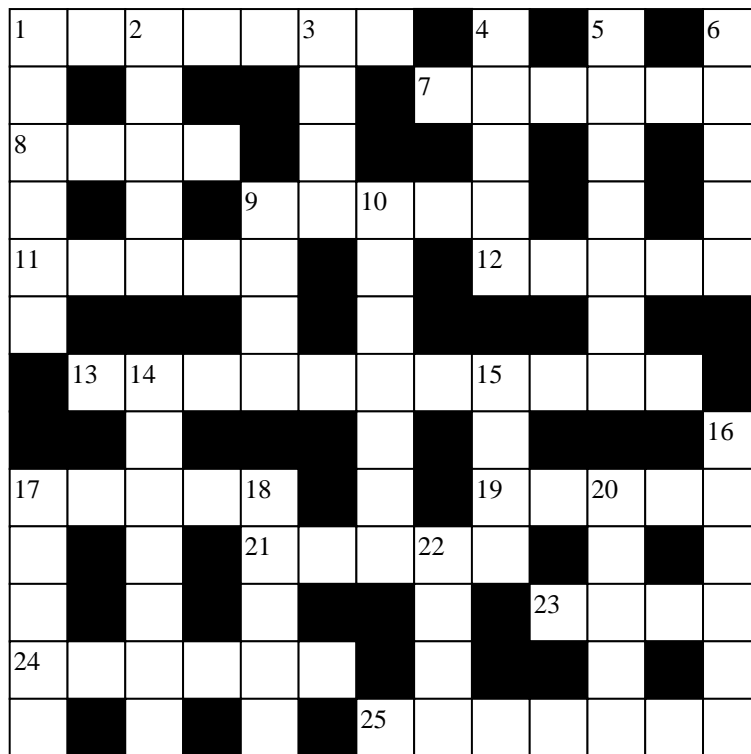
Read this story in Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:47-49



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 FOUNDATION • ROCK • RAIN • WIND • FLOOD • RIVER • BURST • FOOLISH
 SAND • GROUND • COLLAPSED • FELL • DESTROYED • RUIN

FEBRUARY CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Performance of music (7)
7. Pair of upright supports (6)
8. In charge of metal (4)
9. Hot vapour (5)
11. Solar system traveller (5)
12. Called by name (5)
13. Car foot pedal (11)
17. Lively when full of these (5)
19. Take out (5)
21. Iron trousers, say (5)
23. Sail support (4)
24. Good health (6)
25. Plead with (7)

DOWN

1. Holy remains (6)
2. Profess as truth (5)
3. Assist (4)
4. Postal mark (5)
5. Music at a brisk speed (7)
6. Requested (5)
9. Inflamed swelling on eyelid (4)
10. Plant extract used for perfume (7)
14. Sea passage (7)
15. Small insects (4)
16. Sudden pain in the side (6)
17. Jet colour (5)
18. Show mercy to extra (5)
20. Make happy (5)
22. Rescue from harm (4)

Solution to December crossword Across: 7.Flat,8.Cloister,9.Tommy rot,10.Exit,11.Fresh,13.Company,15.Address,17.Store,20.Half,21.Nativity,23.Bogeyman,24.Rare. Down:1.Alto,2.Stamps,3.Acorn,4.Portion,5.Asleep,6.Designer,12.Radiator,14.Tsunami,16.Reflex,18.Tavern,19.Stand,22.Tore.