



Grasshopper



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

Dear friends,

“You never know what’s round the corner”, not a quote from the bible just a statement which we know to be true. That was the experience of everyone living through the first Easter – from the Pharisees who hoped their troubles were over as Jesus’ body was buried – to the Roman soldiers guarding the tomb, never expecting they would still be talked about 2,000 years after their own deaths – to the disciples who moved from devastation to confusion then to delight in the space of a few days.

But Jesus’ resurrection was not the end of the disciples’ problems. Not everything became straight forward and easy for them. Life remained as unpredictable and at times risky, perhaps even more dangerous than it had been before. What changes at the resurrection for the disciples is their confidence in Jesus – not the miracle working parts – but the sense of realising that they had been in the presence of someone so special. And therefore, that what he had been teaching was not just a good idea but THE way to live – the life of love and forgiveness, for them and for everyone.

And so they followed in Jesus' footsteps – trusting when things were difficult – getting things wrong (read the Book of Acts to see how) and somehow coping when life was hellish.

I don't know what lies around the corner for me, or you or for the world ? The last 12 months for me has taken me to the extremes of joy and of sadness, but life gives you these surprises. We have lost some very dear people, both in the public eye and those much closer to home who were very much loved. And as for the global picture, well at times it is very scary when discussing terrorist action and nerve agents and the threat of military action.

Maybe, they are all challenges sent to test our faith, values and moral courage and to give us the opportunity to glorify God, as Jesus did in John 12.27-29 when just a few days before he was to be crucified, Jesus said, "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Jesus knew that he was going to die on the cross. He could have asked God to save him. Instead, he only asked that his Father's name would be glorified.

It is an example for us all and I do know I would rather face whatever it is in the company of the risen Christ and follow in his footsteps which is, of course, Jesus' invitation to us all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul." with a stylized flourish above the name.

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Holy Matrimony

Friday 27th April

Daniel Fothergill & Kim Saxon

Please pray for those to be married at Hey this year

Day by Day Scheme

- 4 April Mum's birthday
- 11 April Jean & Tom Needham's wedding anniversary
- 12 April Remembering with love Ronnie & Flora Giles
- 13 April Loving memories of my Darling Barrie
- 19 April Norma & Bill's Wedding anniversary

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

Street Prayers

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
1st April	Dixon St
8th April	Smith Street
15th April	Redwood Lane, Kingsley Drive Milford Brow
22nd April	Holly Grove

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 Apr Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43

Mark 16.1-8 or John 20.1-18

8 Apr Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-35

John 20.19-31

15 Apr Third Sunday of Easter Word

Acts 3.12-19

Luke 24.36b-48

22 Apr Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.5-12

John 10.11-18

29 Apr Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-40

John 15.1-8

6 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-48

no second reading

John 15.9-17

Diary Dates

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

Sun 1 Apr

Easter Day

8am Holy Communion - BCP

9.30am Parish Communion

11.15am Baptism Arundel

Baptism Hampson

Wed 4 Apr

10 am Holy Communion – BCP

10.45 Coffee and a chat in the hall

11am Holy Communion at Oakdene

Thu 5 Apr

7pm Come & Praise!

WW1 - The German Spring Offensive halts outside Amiens as British and Australian forces hold the line. The second 1917 battle of the Somme ends, as Germany calls off Operation Michael.

Sun 8 Apr

The Second Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Mon 9 Apr

WW1 - The Battle of the Lys, marked by Operation 'Georgette', is the second German Spring Offensive.

Tue 10 Apr

12.30 Churches Together ministers meeting at Edith's Vicarage

Wed 11 Apr

10 am Holy Communion

10.45 Coffee and a chat in the hall

Thu 12 Apr

7pm Come & Praise! With Holy Communion

Fri 13 Apr

WW1 - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial: **Lance Corporal James Garlick**

Sun 15 Apr

The Third Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Come & Praise!

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

Tue 17 Apr

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

Wed 18 Apr 10 am Holy Communion
 10.45 Coffee and a chat in the hall
 11am Holy Communion at Millfield
 7.30pm Churches Together Open evening, St Thomas
Thu 19 Apr 7pm Come & Praise!
Sat 21 Apr

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

Sun 22 Apr **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

 8am Holy Communion
 9.30am Parish Communion
 11 am APCM

WW1 - Allies carry out raids against the harbours of Ostend and Zeebrugge. Obsolete vessels are driven ashore and blown up in order to blockade the entrances. Zeebrugge is partially successful; the Ostend raid fails.

Wed 25 Apr 10 am Holy Communion
 10.45 Coffee and a chat in the hall
Thu 26 Apr 7pm Come & Praise!
Fri 27 Apr Wedding Daniel Fothergill & Kim Saxon

Sun 29 Apr **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

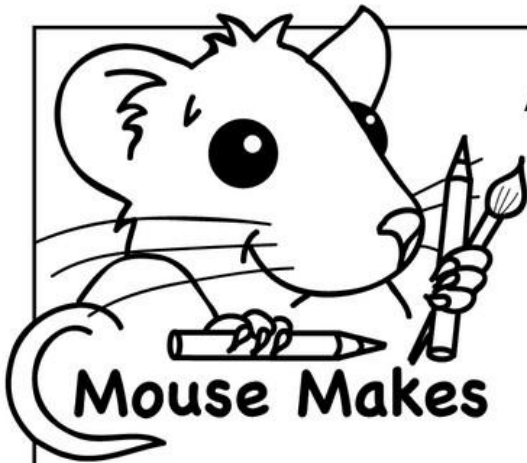
 8am Holy Communion
 9.30am Parish Communion
 11.15 am Jankowski Baptism

WW1 - The Battle of the Lys ends. Three British Divisions hold off 13 German divisions, inflicting crippling loss.

Wed 2 May 10 am Holy Communion - BCP
 11am Holy Communion at Oakdene
Thu 3 May 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 6 May **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

 8am Holy Communion
 9.30am Parish Communion
 11.15 Summers Baptism
 11.15 Grady Baptism



Mouse Makes

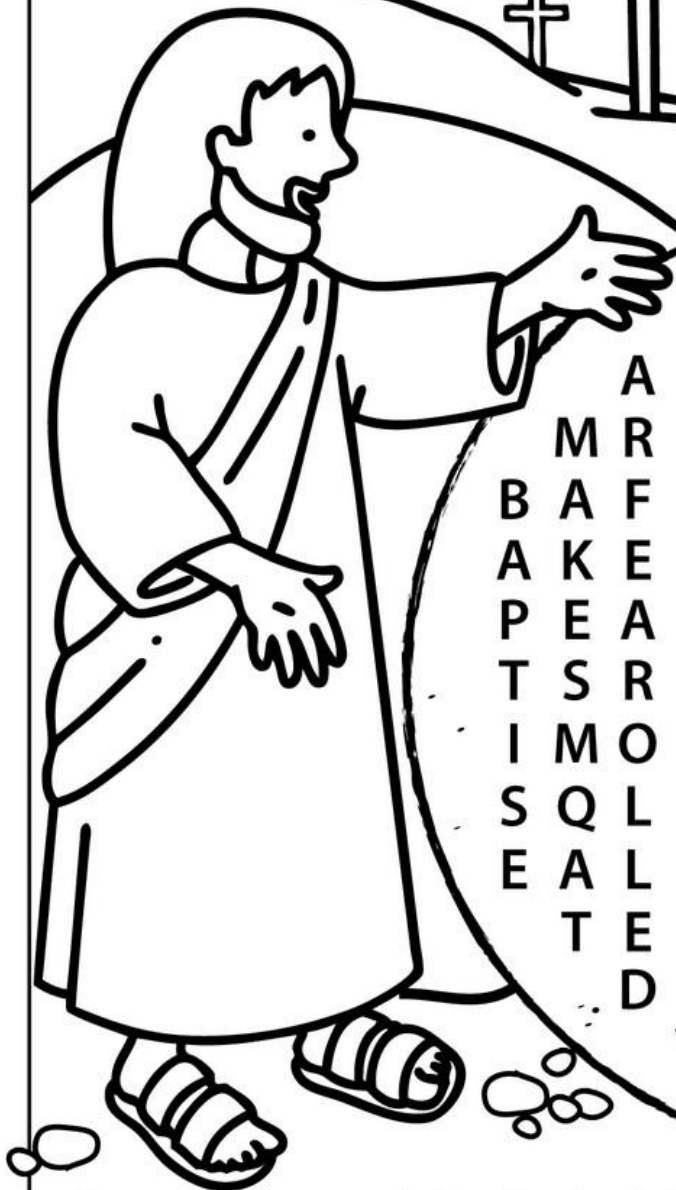
Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*

JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

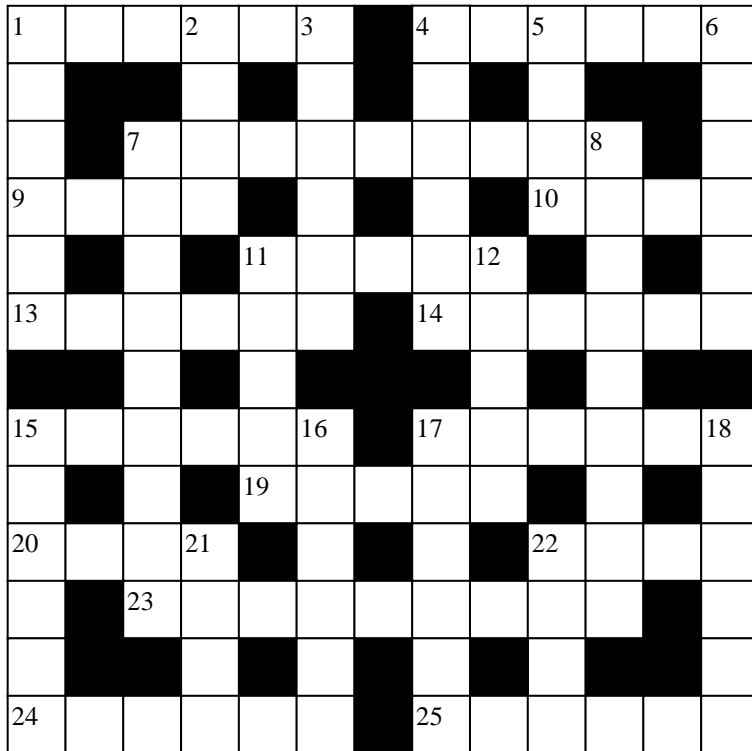
And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."



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Can you find these words from the story in the word search above? EASTER • DAWN DAY • MARY • TOMB • EARTHQUAKE • ANGEL • HEAVEN • ROLLED • STONE • GUARDS JESUS • RAISED • FEAR • JOY • RAN • GREETINGS • TELL • DISCIPLES • SEE • ELEVEN GALILEE • MOUNTAIN • WORSHIP • ALL • GO • MAKE • BAPTISE • TEACH • END • AGE

APRIL CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Dance (3-3)
4. Type of electricity (6)
7. Happen (9)
9. No charge (4)
10. Rod between wheels (4)
11. Herb from Fawlty Towers (5)
13. Good looker (6)
14. Serenely (6)
15. To the back (6)
17. Religious figure description (6)
19. Give lessons (5)
20. Ice cream holder (4)
22. Card game (4)
23. Holding close (9)
24. Tries food (6)
25. Employ (6)

DOWN

1. Drink (6)
2. Centre (4)
3. Every year (6)
4. Infected with bacteria (6)
5. Invisible force surrounding one (4)
6. Salad vegetable (6)
7. Dog and bone (9)
8. Testing (9)
11. Scorched (5)
12. Bar for fastening a gate (5)
15. Spades' partner (6)
16. Pieces of rubbish (6)
17. Frozen drip (6)
18. Type of match (3-3)
21. Send out (4)
22. Hitch (4)

Solution to March crossword. Across: 1. Slender, 5. Chess, 8. Eagle, 9. Brittle, 10. Digital, 11. Inner, 12. Paddle, 14. Behold, 17. Among, 19. Tractor, 22. Adamant, 23. Alibi, 24. Drive, 25. Compete. Down: 1. Speed, 2. Engaged, 3. Dwelt, 4. Rabble, 5. Cuisine, 6. Eaten, 7. Steered, 12. Placard, 13. Luggage, 15. Outline, 16. Static, 18. Okapi, 20. Alarm, 21. Raise.