



Grasshopper



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

Dear Friends

May already!! Where is the year disappearing to? I am already enjoying some warmer weather as well as lighter mornings and evenings. I so look forward to even more daylight hours and those long summer evenings.

As in our calendar of the months and seasons of the year, so too in the church's calendar we are now entering into the long summer months of Trinity which is a time when we are able to rediscover and learn more deeply what it means to be a follower of the Risen Christ in today's world.

Our Sunday Bible readings have taken us on a long journey through Lent and the glories of Easter through to the Ascension and now into the birth of the church at Pentecost, which we celebrate on Sunday 20th May this year, and the growth of the early church across the known world. At Pentecost the early disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem and were filled with the Holy Spirit which enabled them to witness and share the good news. This marked a turning point in God's dealings with the world as a once small, inward looking group of followers of Jesus became a movement that was on fire, sharing God's passion for mission throughout the world.

Witnessing to the good news is what we are all called to do too, no matter what age we live in, nor where we live. We are all called to be God's ambassadors by what we do even more than perhaps by what we say.

We all live increasingly complex and busy lives, we live with worries and stresses which can weigh us down and which can narrow our vision of who we are (God's children) and what we are called to be (God's messengers). The feast of Pentecost reminds us that we are never alone but have access to a never ending source of strength and power and energy which is God's gift to us. Tapping into that source is ours for the taking, if we just ask God for it - and it's free too!

There is a very good Pentecostal affirmation that I use;
In our moments of chaos... God is with us.
In our moments of calm... God is with us.
In our moments of life. God is with us.
Alleluia!

We go as a Pentecost people, touched by fire, stirred by wind, to mend the world. Alleluia!

Perhaps these are words we can use throughout this season to remind us that God is with us, that we are changed, and that we have a purpose and a message to live out, that we are sent and equipped for this by the Holy Spirit's energy and power.

With every blessing

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

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Easter Lilies in memory of

Eileen Kinder, Sybil Buck, Stuart Hurdus, Lily & Jane Jolley,
Frank Rigby, Albert & Myra Taylor, Arnold & Edith Green,
Bryn Heap, Douglas & James Drake, Joan Casey,
Ronnie & Flora Giles, Nicola Graham, George Makinson,
Kenneth Dunkerley, Dorothy & Eric Elstub,
Barrie Smith, Susan Cain, Margaret & Harry Crompton,
Zenta & Karlis Birznieks, Nicola D'Adamo, Roger Farrand,
Brian Clegg, Hetty Jones, Sam & Emily Hindley, Liam Glynn
Stuart & Joan Hindley, Jack Harrison, Joe & Sal Hibbert, Reg Firth,
John & Myra Bradley, Bill Cullen, Kitty Storey, Alan Goldthorpe,
Frank Buckley, Albert Hacking, Michael Gaynon, Michael Molloy,
Jessie & Ernest Whittaker, Arthur & Annie Thomas

Holy Matrimony

24th March	Paul David Owen & Ellen Claire Sampson
	To be Married
27th April	Daniel Fothergill & Kim Saxon

Please pray for those to be married at Hey this year

Faithful Departed

Joan Walker

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

Day by Day Scheme

9 May	In memory of Annie Bennett
15 May	Remembering Dorothy Ranson with love and gratitude
16 May	In memory of Elsie & Edward Clague
19 May	Remembering what would have been Joan & Eddy's Wedding anniversary
29 May	Bryn'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.

Street Prayers

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
06-May	Hey Crescent
13-May	Stamford Rd Higher
20-May	Stamford Rd Lower & St John's Court
27-May	Taylor Green Way
03-Jun	Brighton Road, Whitegates Lane

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

6 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-48

John 15.9-17

13 May Sunday after Ascension

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

John 17.6-19

20 May Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21

John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

Whit Walk

27 May Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8

Romans 8.12-17

John 3.1-17

3 Jun First Sunday after Trinity

1 Samuel 3.1-10[11-20]

2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Mark 2.23-3.6

Diary Dates

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

Wed 2 May	10am	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer
	10.45am	Coffee & Chat, everyone welcome.
	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
	11.15am	Baptisms Jack William Summers, Minnie Amor Grady
Wed 9 May	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Coffee & Chat, everyone welcome.
Thu 10 May		Ascension day
	7pm	Come & Praise!

WW1 - The British launch a second raid on Ostend. HMS Vindictive is this time successfully scuttled in the harbour entrance. German cruisers are no longer able to use the port.

Sun 13 May		The Sunday after Ascension
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	11.15	Baptism Joseph Michael Bearpark
Wed 16 May	10 am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Coffee & Chat, everyone welcome.
	11am	Holy Communion at Millfield
Thu 17 May	7pm	Come & Praise! with Holy Communion
Sat 19 May		

WW1 - The German Air Force launches its largest and last raid on London. Out of the 33 aircraft, 6 are lost, while 49 civilians are killed and 177 wounded.

Sun 20 May		Pentecost
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Come & Praise! Followed by Whit Walk
Wed 23 May	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Coffee & Chat, everyone welcome.
Thu 24 May	7pm	Come & Praise!

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

Sun 27 May		Trinity Sunday
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	11.15am	Baptism, Eliza Rae Muller

WW1 - Operation Blucher, the third German Spring Offensive assaults the French army along the Aisne River. The French are forced back to the Marne but hold the river after being reinforced by American troops.

WW1 - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial: **Driver Travis Taylor**

Wed 30 May	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Coffee & Chat, everyone welcome.
Thu 31 May	7pm	Come & Praise!

Sun 3 Jun		The First Sunday after Trinity
	8am	Holy Communion - BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Wed 6 Jun	10 am	Holy Communion - BCP
	11am	Holy Communion at Oakdene
Thu 7 Jun	7pm	Come & Praise! with Holy Communion!

The parable of the FIG TREE



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS

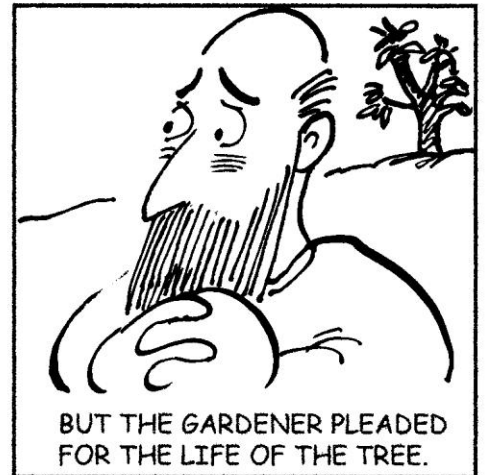


ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A FIG TREE

THE MAN WHO OWNED THE
FIG TREE WAS VERY
DISAPPOINTED WITH IT

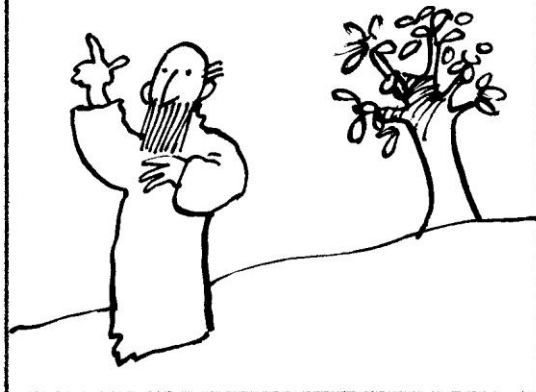


HE ORDERED HIS GARDENER TO
DESTROY THE TREE BY DIGGING
IT UP.



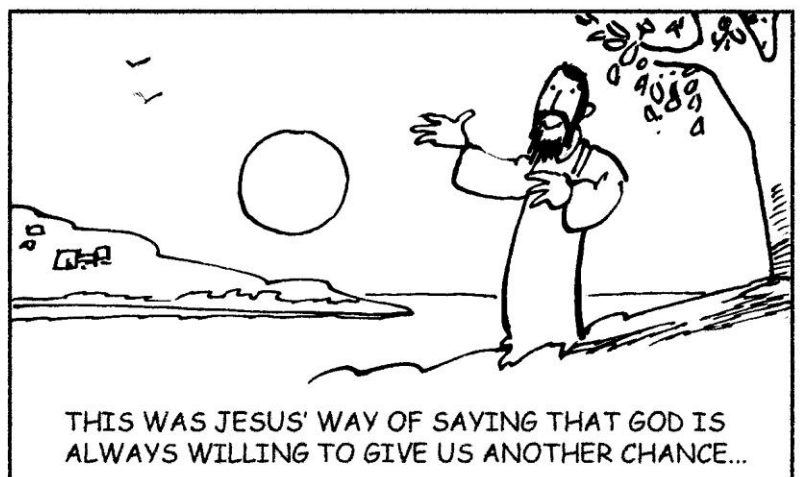
BUT THE GARDENER PLEADED
FOR THE LIFE OF THE TREE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE TREE
SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE



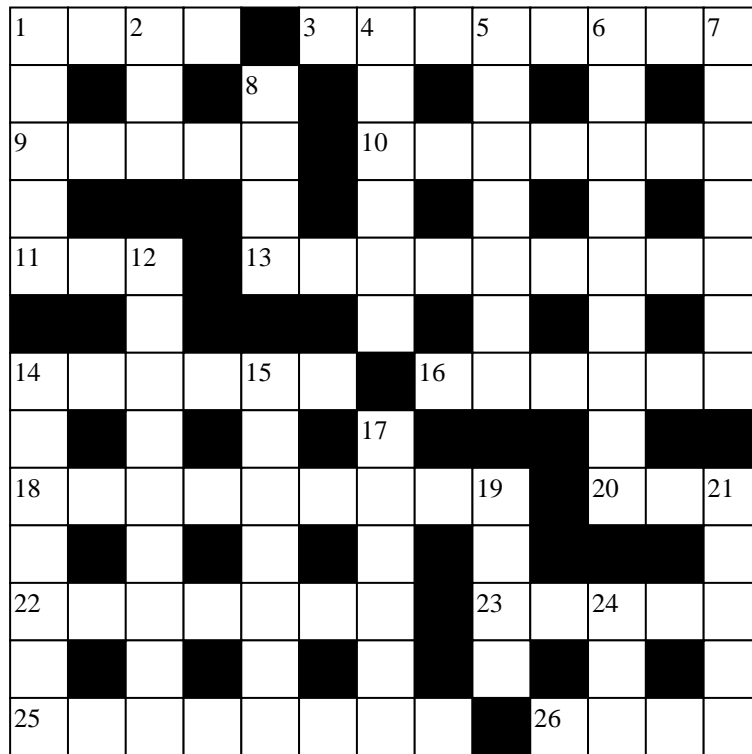
THE GARDENER PROMISED HE WOULD LOOK AFTER THE
TREE TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITIES...

...THEN IF IT BORE FRUIT A YEAR LATER
- THEN THE TREE WOULD BE ALLOWED
TO LIVE.



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT GOD IS
ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE US ANOTHER CHANCE...

MAY CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. As well as (4)
3. Small, sharp piece of wood (8)
9. Support a pair (5)
10. Sweets on sticks (7)
11. Hit sheep with force (3)
13. Beach seat (4,5)
14. Coincidence or luck (6)
16. Like a tiger (6)
18. Cricketers headgear ? (6,3)
20. Spoil (3)
22. Very unpleasant (7)
23. Very fast (5)
25. Formal piece of writing (8)
26. Celestial body (4)

DOWN

1. Fossilized resin (5)
2. Healthy mineral resort (3)
4. Boys in blue (6)
5. Forbidden by accepted standards (7)
6. Showing loyalty to a social group (9)
7. Apply new coat of paint to car (7)
8. Small piece of glass (4)
12. For now (9)
14. A committee of ministers (7)
15. Open-ended cigar (7)
17. Good health toast (6)
19. Ripped (4)
21. Radio detection equipment (5)
22. Tap lightly (3)

Solution to April crossword. Across : 1.Chacha,4.Static,7.Transpire,9.Free,10.Axle,11.Basil,13.Eyeful,14.Calmly,15.Behind,17.Iconic,19.Teach,20.Cone,22.Snap,23.Embracing,24.Tastes,25.Engage. Down: 1.Coffee,2.Core,3.Annual,4.Septic,5.Aura,6.Celery,7.Telephone,8.Examining,11.Burnt,12.Latch,15.Bucket,16.Debris,17.Icicle,18.Cup-tie,21.Emit,22.Snag.