



Grasshopper



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

Dear Friends

It is my belief that we are all called to some form of ministry for God. Many of you may feel that, for one reason or another, you can't possibly be used by God; maybe you feel you are too old, too ill, too imperfect. It occurred to me that I knew a story that might make you think again. Sadly I can't recall which book I read it in, so I can't quote or reference it properly, but I can give you the gist of it:

There once was a servant who, as part of his chores, carried water the long way from the stream to his master's house. He used two water jars suspended from a yoke which fitted across his shoulders. One of the water jars was cracked, so by the time the servant got to his masters house, this jar was only half full. The cracked water jar felt quite inadequate, he also felt sorry for the servant who, as a consequence of the jar's shortcomings, had to visit the stream more often than might be necessary. The jar decided to express his feelings to the servant as they were travelling back from the stream one day. The servant listened and then said to the jar, "Have you ever noticed the beautiful flowers along the path that we walk to and from the stream". "Yes" said the jar. "And have you noticed

that they only grow on your side of the path as we walk away from the stream and back to my master's house". "Oh Yes, so they do" said the cracked water jar. The servant continued, "That's because I knew of your flaw, so I planted seeds along your side of the path, and every time we have walked back from the stream, you have watered the plants. If you had not got that crack, I would not have beautiful flowers with which to adorn my master's table. These flowers bring the master great joy". It was only then that the cracked water jar began to realise his worth, just as he was.

And so it is with us and our work for God; God knows our flaws, our limitations, our shortcomings and He finds a beautiful use for them so that they become a blessing rather than a drawback. So please don't think that you cannot be used by God. I am particularly eager to find people who are willing to spend time in prayer for particular projects, because whatever we undertake, unless we are held in prayer, we will labour in vain. Never underestimate your worth. The Bible says we should be fools for Christ, but my question is: Are you willing to be a cracked pot for Jesus?

With every blessing

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dign' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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Holy Baptism

22 July	Robyn Cameron Jones, daughter of Paul & Anna Jones
12 August	Freddie Arthur Bell, son of Richard & Sarah Bell



Robyn,
Baptised by Bishop Mark



Freddie,
Lyn's first Baptism

Day by Day Scheme

- 1 Sept For all teachers
- 7 Sep Remembering with love Bill Hanson's birthday
- 11 Sept In memory of all victims of terrorism
- 13 Sep Loving memories of Christine on her birthday
- 30 Sep Anniversary of Doris's birthday
- 29 Sept In memory of Barbara'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>
02-Sep	Oldham Road
09-Sep	Railway View & Jackson Street
16-Sep	Station street
23-Sep	Sloane Ave, Temple Close & Dyson Grove
30-Sep	St John Street & Bradley Fold

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

Faithful Departed

1st August Ian Schofield
11th August Henry Ballantyne

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

Bible Readings

2 Sep Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9
James 1.17-27

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9 Sep Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 35.4-7a

James 2.1-10, 14-17

Mark 7.24-37

16 Sep Harvest

Joel 2.21-27

1 Timothy 2.1-7

Matthew 6.25-33 Word Service

23 Sep Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 11.18-20

James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

Mark 9.30-37

30 Sep Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5.13-20

Mark 9.38-50

7 Oct Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 2.18-24

Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12

Mark 10.2-16

Diary Dates

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

Sun 2 Sep

8am

9.30am

11.15am

Wed 5 Sep

10 am

10.45am

11am

7.30pm

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer

Parish Communion

Baptism, Evelyn Rose Hurdus

Holy Communion - BCP

Coffee & Chat

Holy Communion at Oakdene

PCC

Thu 6 Sep 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 9 Sep **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Wed 12 Sep 10 am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 13 Sep 7pm Come & Praise! With Holy Communion

Sun 16 Sep **Harvest**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Come & Praise!

11.15am Baptism, Gracie Rothwell

Wed 19 Sep 10 am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

11am Holy Communion at Millfield

WW1 - The Battle of Samaria marks the British offensive of Palestine.

Thu 20 Sep 7pm Come & Praise!

WW1 - The Great Allied Balkan Victory.

Sun 23 Sep **The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

11.15 am Baptism, Freddie Kershaw

11.15 am Baptism, Ronnie Batley-Czajkowskyj

Wed 26 Sep 10 am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thu 27 Sep 7pm Come & Praise!

WW1 - The Great British Offensive on the Cambrai Front leads to the storming of the Hindenburg Line. The Battle of St Quentin - British and American troops launch devastating offensives, piercing the Hindenburg Line along the Canal Du Nord and St Quentin Canal.

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

Sun 30 Sep **The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

WW1 - British and Arab troops take Damascus, capturing 7,000 prisoners and securing stability in the Middle East.

Mon 1 Oct

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

Tue 2 Oct

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

Wed 3 Oct 10 am Holy Communion - BCP
 10.45am Coffee & Chat
 11am Holy Communion at Oakdene
Thu 4 Oct 7pm Come & Praise!

WW1 - The German and Austrian peace proposal is sent to the American President, Woodrow Wilson, requesting an armistice.

Sun 7 Oct

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion – BCP
9.30am Parish Communion

Oldham East Area Dean

Bishop David has asked Rev. Lyn to be the next area Dean for the Oldham East Deanery. This will give Lyn responsibility for the Deanery Synod covering 36 churches. These range from Thornham to Denshaw in the north and to Leesfield and Greenfield in the south. Lyn will be licensed on 7th November at St John.

You can view the extent of the Deanery here:
www.manchester.anglican.org/acny/deanery/41

We are to welcome Kathreen Shabaz as an Ordinand on placement with us for the next 3 years. During that time she will undergo her training for the Priesthood as was the case with Jackie Calow. Kathreen will then be ordained Deacon and placed in a parish for post ordination training and to serve her Curacy, like Steven Nolan a couple of years ago.

Blog

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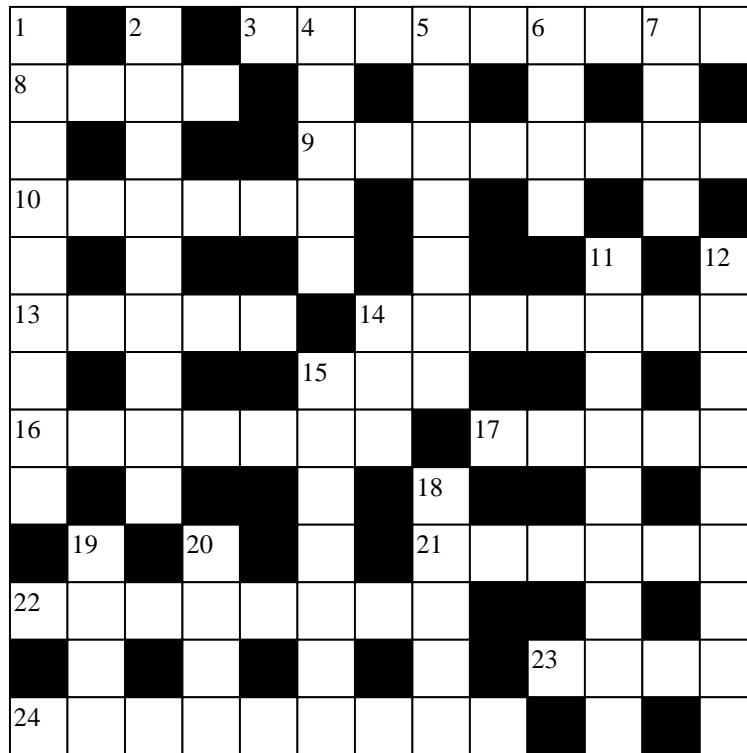


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SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

- 3. Do a deal (9)
- 8. Call on a landline (4)
- 9. Brought together (8)
- 10. Call off (6)
- 13. Cake decoration (5)
- 14. Atmospheric conditions (7)
- 15. In favour of (3)
- 16. Written piece (7)
- 17. Best part (5)
- 21. Rationale (6)
- 22. Missing person (8)
- 23. Type (4)
- 24. Famous person (9)

DOWN

- 1. Good at doing things (9)
- 2. Pronounced clearly (9)
- 4. Bird of prey (5)
- 5. Next month (7)
- 6. Piece of information (4)
- 7. Large woody plant (4)
- 11. Animal hide (9)
- 12. Seafront walkway (9)
- 14. Grief (3)
- 15. Praise (7)
- 18. Care medically (5)
- 19. Competent (4)
- 20. In this place (4)

Solution to August crossword. Across: 4. Biceps,7.Envelope,8.Peak,9.Errant,11.Indicate,13.Lilt, 15.Load,16.Tots,18.Yoke,19.Generals,22.Sandal,24.Path,25.Sturgeon,26.Adorns. Down: 1.Rev- ealing,2.Overall,3.Plan,4.Beard,5.Capacity,6.Plant,10.Tied,12.Expelling,14.Together,16.Toss, 17.Soldier,20.Eland,21.Amass,23.Aura.