



Grasshopper



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

Dear friends

In the last few days, I have been looking at the All Souls Day service that has been used for years here at St John the Baptist. It made me think about how, in the course of my ministry, I have, from time to time, had the privilege of sitting with people, both Church members and non-Church members, in the last hours of their life. Being in this position can be a very emotional but very blessed experience. I have seen fear giving way to peace, pain giving way to release and rest. I have even seen a wonderful, peaceful joy in some people's faces. All this brings to mind a story which originates in Russia:

There was once a little boy of six years old whose parents died suddenly and tragically in a car accident. He was taken to live with an aunt who lived a long, long way away. It was a hard and frightening journey to reach her home. She hadn't been able to fetch the child herself, so had sent a trusted servant. To the young boy, the servant looked rather grim. The boy was terrified and tearful as they rode together into the dark night. He hardly dared speak, but eventually plucked up the courage to ask the servant, "Will my aunt be awake when we arrive?" "Oh yes" said the servant, "she will be waiting up for you. Soon you will see the light shining in her window."

Sure enough, soon they reached the clearing and saw the light shining brightly. And there was the boy's aunt, waiting for him. She lifted him up, held him in her arms and welcomed him into his new home. They had supper together by the fire and then she tucked him up in his new bed. The boy slept peacefully.

The years passed and the aunt cared for the boy lovingly, as if he were her own. When he grew up, the boy moved away to make his way in the world. One day he heard that his aunt was ill and not expected to live much longer. He rushed to her bedside and found her very weak and very, very afraid of the death that awaited her.

He took her in his arms and told the story of how, as a six year old boy, he had made that terrifying journey, afraid of all that lay ahead, and how he had watched for that light in her window. He reminded her of how warmly he had been welcomed into his new home. "You are about to make a journey just like that", he told her. "And you can trust that you too will see the lighted windows of heaven, where God will embrace you as you arrive. And that though the journey may seem long and frightening, it will bring you safely to your new and eternal home."

The boy's aunt slept peacefully, dreaming of a window where the light was always burning, while her grieving nephew kept a vigil at her bedside.

I suppose that the majority, if not all of us, fear death, but really, as Christians, we have to hang onto the promises of

God, and He promises to be there for us and to take us to a place that has been readily prepared. My experience of sitting beside people and watching fear turn to peace and striving to rest has helped me to be more accepting of the promises of God, for me and for my loved ones. You may or may not be able to recall this when your own time comes, but I hope that what I have written will help you when you hear of a friend or loved one coming to the end of their life.

Meanwhile, live each day of the life that God has given you, as if it were the last.

God bless you all



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Holy Baptism

30 Sept Harrison (Carl) Firth
Son of Erica Firth
Margaret Irene Govier
Daughter of Stephanie Firth
Sophia Margaret Mercer
Troy John Mercer
Children of Stephen Mercer and Donna Baguley

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.

15 Oct Celebrating Audrey's 80th Birthday
17 Oct Anniversary of
My husband Michael Booth's birthday
20 Oct In memory of Horace Bennett - his 105th birthday
21 Oct Sarah & Simon's Anniversary
24 Oct In memory of great grandfather
25 Oct Alan's Birthday
29 Oct Norma's birthday - on behalf of Bill's girls
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

Street Prayers

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
04-Nov	Dunham St
11-Nov	Holcombe Close & Ash Grove
18-Nov	Hillspring Road & Helsby Close
25-Nov	Astbury Close

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 Nov All Saints Day

Hebrews 12:18-24

Matthew 5:1-12

11 Nov Remembrance

Service at the Cenotaph in Lees

18 Nov Second Sunday before Advent Word Service

Daniel 12.1-3

Mark 13.1-8

25 Nov Christ the King

Revelation 1.4b-8

John 18.33b-37

2 Dec First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:13-16

Luke 21:25-36

Diary Dates

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

Thu 1 Nov 7pm Come & Praise!

Sat 3 Nov

WW1 - At Kiel, German sailors mutiny. Austria-Hungary signs an armistice with the Allies.

Sun 4 Nov **All Saints / All Souls**

8am Holy Communion - BCP

9.30am Parish Communion

11.15am Baptism Alfie Wild

3pm All Souls Service in

Commemoration of the Departed

Mon 5 Nov 7.30pm PCC

Wed 7 Nov 10 am Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer
10.45am Coffee & Chat
11am Holy Communion at Oakdene
7.30pm Licensing of Rev Lyn Woodall as Area Dean
Thu 8 Nov 7pm Come & Praise!

WW1 - Armistice negotiations between the Allies and Germany begin in Ferdinand Foch's railway carriage HQ at Compiègne

Fri 9 Nov

WW1 - Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicates and flees to Holland. Revolution in Berlin breaks out.

Sun 11 Nov

Remembrance Sunday

8am Holy Communion

9.30am No service

10.30am We are joining the service at the Lees cenotaph to commemorate the end of WW1

WW1 - Armistice Day The Armistice is signed at 5.00am and comes into effect at 11.00am. At 10.57am Canadian Private George Lawrence Price is killed while on patrol in Canal du Centre. He is the last soldier to die in action on the Western front.

Tue 13 Nov

WW1 - Death recorded on this day a century ago and named on our memorial: **Second Lieutenant James Mayall**

Wed 14 Nov 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee & Chat

WW1 - General Von Lettow-Vorbeck surrenders his East African forces on the Chambezi River, Northern Rhodesia.

Thu 15 Nov 7pm Come & Praise! With Holy Communion

Sun 18 Nov

The Second Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Come & Praise!

Wed 21 Nov 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee & Chat

WW1 - The Capitulation of Rosyth - Nine German battleships, five battle-cruisers, seven cruisers and 49 destroyers arrive off Rosyth to surrender. Thirty nine U-Boats surrender off Harwich.

Thu 22 Nov 7pm Come & Praise!

Sun 25 Nov **Christ the King**
 8am Holy Communion
 9.30am Parish Communion
 3pm Advent is Coming, Zion Methodist
Wed 28 Nov 10 am Holy Communion
 10.45am Coffee & Chat

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

Thu 29 Nov 7pm Come & Praise!
Fri 30 Nov Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland

Sun 2 Dec **First Sunday of Advent**
 8am Holy Communion – BCP
 9.30am Parish Communion
 10.30 Christmas Fair



30th November Saint Andrew

Andrew, whose feast day ends the Christian year on 30th November, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

In fact, there are so many legends about him all over Europe and the Middle East that it's safest to stick to what the Gospels tell us – though the strong tradition that he was martyred by crucifixion is probably true and is perpetuated in the 'St Andrew's Cross', the 'saltyre' of Scotland. The Gospels record that he was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ – his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the desert, to be taught by the charismatic prophet known to us as John the Baptist. Many thought that he was the long-promised Messiah, but John insisted that he was not. 'I am the voice crying in the wilderness,' he told the crowds. 'Prepare the way of the Lord! One comes after me who is greater than I am.' So when one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

All the more strange, then (though, on reflection, very true to human nature) that when Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' Or, perhaps, they were hinting that what they were seeking could not be dealt with in a brief conversation. If they could come to his lodgings, perhaps their burning questions might be answered.

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. Come and see what I'm like, what I do, the sort of person I am. What an invitation!

The results of their response were in this case life-changing – for themselves, and for many other people. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. The next day Jesus met Philip and called him to 'follow'; Philip then brought Nathaniel. The little apostolic band that would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was being formed. They came, they saw, they were conquered! And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.



Annual Christmas Fair
Sunday 2nd December 10.30am – 1pm

Once again we will be hosting our annual Christmas fair in the Church hall, with a variety of stalls;

- Father Christmas will be in residence once again
- Various Tombola Stalls, including our ever-popular Chocolate and Bottle Stalls.
- Christmas Lucky Dip
- Fair Trade Stall
- Decorate your own Ginger Bread Men Stall
(a favourite with the children).
- Christmas Confectionery Gifts
- Home Made Jams
- Various Craft Stalls
- Café – with of course our ever popular Bacon Butties.

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We are also looking for new vendors who would like to be included in this successful event.

**For further details please contact Hilary
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The tale of the Salt and Light

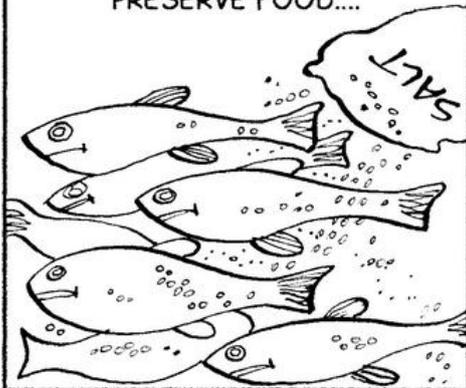


JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



HE ONE EXPLAINED TO HIS FRIENDS THAT THEY WERE A BIT LIKE SALT!

IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED PRESERVE FOOD....

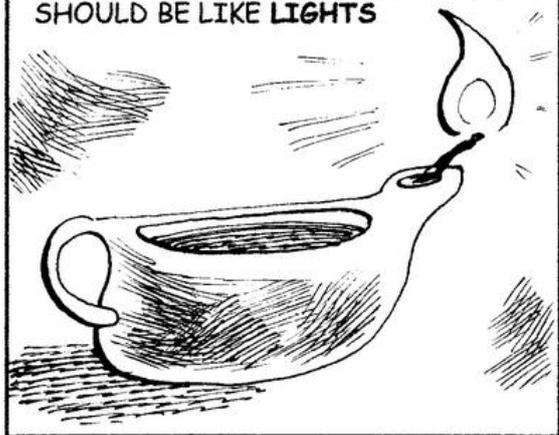


....AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR. IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED



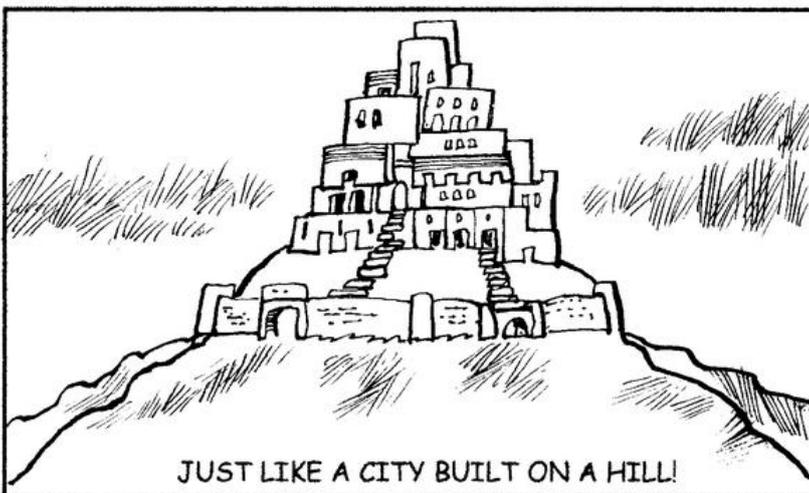
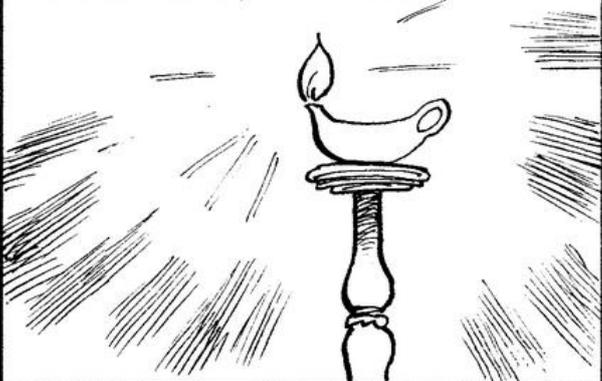
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



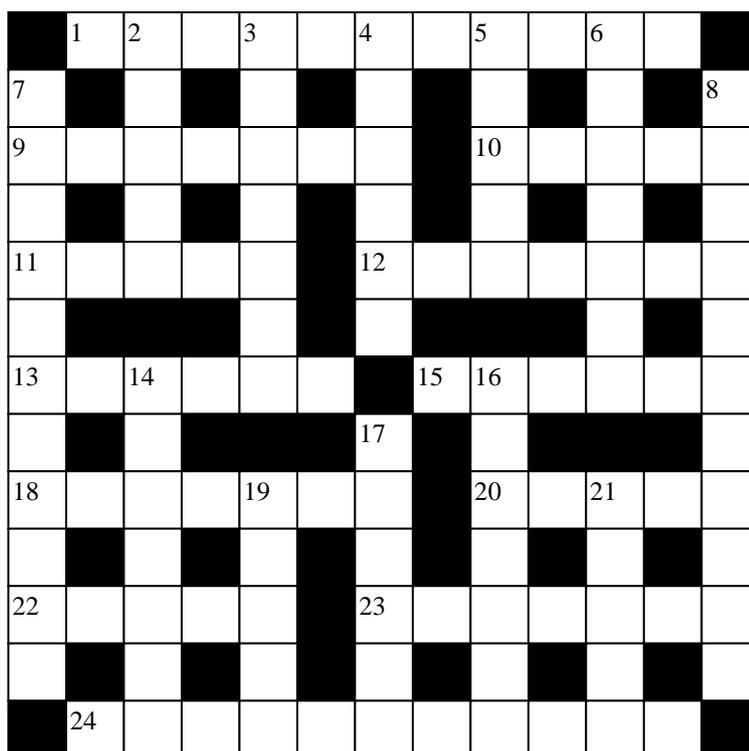
'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



JUST LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILL!

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Wild confusion (11)
9. Brings in goods (7)
10. Shoot cut for grafting (5)
11. Indian language (5)
12. Land side of beach (7)
13. Last colour of the spectrum (6)
15. Abduct (6)
18. Disappointment (7)
20. Edition of magazine (5)
22. Boredom (5)
23. Large building (7)
24. The quality of being creative (11)

DOWN

2. Kind of poplar tree (5)
3. Hibernating rodents (7)
4. Picture made with coloured stones (6)
5. Homes (5)
6. Mythical creature (7)
7. Scruffy (11)
8. Person who translates orally (11)
14. More frequent (7)
16. At the beginning (7)
17. Trainee doctor (6)
19. Debt not yet paid (5)
21. Fast-flying bird (5)

Solution to October crossword Across:3.Orange,6.Instead,8.Prism,9.Chalet,10.Sincere,11.Eel,13.Serialize,15.Ski,16.Leg-pull,18.Sphere,20.Those,22.Apricot,23.Status. Down:1.Assails,2.Mere,3.Odd,4.Appendix,5.Grime,6.Incredulity,7.Impertinent,10.Stall,12.Argument,14.Essence,17.Ghost,19.Park,21.Gas.