



# Grasshopper



St. John the Baptist, Hey August 2019  
*Receiving and Sharing the Love of God Everyday*

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*Dear Friends*

When you read this, the schools will have closed for their summer holidays and no doubt, many of you will be preparing for your own summer break. Taking time for rest and relaxation helps us to maintain a healthy balance in our lives and is essential for our well being. Yes, I know, I should practice what I preach – and as I notice my own personal signs of over busyness, I am reminded of the story that Lynda Neilands tells of the knights who went to the coast.

The story goes that two knights, who had worked hard to rescue damsels in distress and keep the land free of dragons and would be invaders, were looking very tired, so the king ordered that they should go to the coast, sunbathe, swim, build sandcastles and kick a ball about on the sand. This was so that they might return, invigorated, refreshed and renewed. Having collected the necessary items of bucket, spade, football, sun cream etc. the knights set off for their holiday.

Once they arrived, they set about obeying the Kings orders. After a couple of days they began to confide in each other about how they felt. It turned out that they were more weary than ever. Running around after a ball was just too exhausting, and kicking it was not only difficult, it meant you had to chase it even more. And as for lying in the sun, it was sheer torture, the heat was unbearable. The worst thing however was trying to swim; both knights had nearly drowned. The king was expecting them to return refreshed, renewed and invigorated. What were they to do?

Suddenly, one knight had an idea. "Maybe it would be better if we took our armour off", he said.

The second knight was horrified. He protested that a knight should never be seen without his armour. Much to his horror, his friend removed his armour and proceeded to have a fine time on his holiday. To make matters worse, it seemed to be working! The knight without his armour was looking relaxed, happy and full of vitality.

This children's story made me think several things and ask several questions which could be applied to our lives as individuals and as a Church:

Different situations call for different approaches. We should never try to make one set of rules apply to all situations.

Do we put on armour? The Bible speaks of the armour of God, but often we try to protect ourselves by other means. People who have been hurt often seem stand-offish as a means of self protection. People who haven't fully accepted God's forgiveness often hide behind the armour of self righteousness, not wanting anyone to see (least of all themselves) what they perceive to be the sin within. Can we trust God enough to remove our armour and feel the freedom that it brings?

Are we, like the knight who refused to remove his armour, hurting ourselves by trying too hard to keep up appearances? Are we trying to be seen as we think others want to see us? Is my business really born out of a desire to serve, or is it a desire to be valued? Is it just an armour against any accusation of shortcomings, or even a selfish desire to succeed?

The knights were weighed down by their armour, what are the things that weigh us down? Is there anything that God would like us to let go of?

Are we, like the knight who retained his armour, afraid of change? Do we doggedly hang on to that which we know rather than experiment with new ideas? Not all new ideas work well in practice, but we will never know if we never try.

Oh dear, this sounds dangerously near to a vicar who's about to spring weird and wonderful new ideas onto our perfectly acceptable current systems, and that first year where I promised to observe current practices before making changes is almost past. Worry not! I simply want us all to keep an open mind, and to examine ourselves, as individuals and as a Church, to see A) whether we are maintaining a healthy balance in our lives, B) whether God wants to relieve us of unnecessary burdens and C) whether we are open to God's promptings to change.

I pray that you will all take time out for fun this summer, that you will all take time to reflect and that you will all be refreshed, renewed and invigorated.

God bless you all.

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## Day by Day Scheme

11 July	Audrey and Lawrence Perrins 60th Wedding Anniversary
1 Aug	Remembering Frank Buckley Dearly loved husband, dad, granddad
2 Aug	Our wedding anniversary
9 Aug	Remembering Margaret and Fred Thorpe's wedding anniversary
11 Aug	Remembering Ronnie & Doris's wedding anniversary
18 Aug	Rob's birthday – husband, dad, granddad
22 Aug	Lucy's Birthday
24 Aug	Remembering Arthur Cocker's Birthday

The running costs of the church, which include the upkeep of the buildings and grounds, light and heat and costs of the services, amounted to £30,795 in 2018 – just over £84 a day. Thank you to all those who are supporting the Day by Day Scheme which is used towards these costs.

If you would like to help please speak to a warden or our administrator.

# Being married this year

Sat 27th July 2019

Nicole Clark & Philip Morgan

## Baptisms

9<sup>th</sup> June Jasper Vic Mundy,  
Son of Richard Mundy and Carly Mundy

23<sup>rd</sup> June Lettie Arwen Bradley,  
Daughter of Christian Bradley and Maria Bramwell

## Street Prayers

<i>Week</i>	<i>Street</i>
05-Aug	Huddersfield Rd Middle
12-Aug	Huddersfield Rd Higher
19-Aug	Owen Fold, Phoenix Place & St
26-Aug	Beckett St, Hibbet St, Sunhill & Woodhead 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 Aug Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

### **11 Aug Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

### **18 Aug Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 5:11-7

Luke 12:49-56

## **25 Aug Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Hebrews 12:18-end

Luke 13:10-17

## **1 Sept Eleventh Sunday after Triity**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Luke 14:1 + 7-14

# Diary Dates

## **August**

### **Sun 4**

### **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

9.30am Parish Communion

11.15am Baptism, Sebastian Dransfield

Wed 7 10am Holy Communion BCP

10.45am Coffee & Chat

11am Holy Communion Oakdene

Thur 8 7pm Come & Praise!

### **Sun 11**

### **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

11.15am Baptism: Arthur Howard

Wed 14 10am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thur 15 7pm Come & Praise!

### **Sun 18**

### **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Eucharist

11.15am Baptism, Spencer Hutchins

Wed 21 10am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

11am Holy Communion Millfield

Thur 22 7pm Come & Praise!

**Sun 25 Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

11.15am Baptism: Lees

Wed 28 10am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee & Chat

Thur 29 7pm Come & Praise!

**September**

**Sun 1 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Parish Communion

11.15am Baptism: Charlotte Fothergill



**6th August The Transfiguration of Jesus**

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

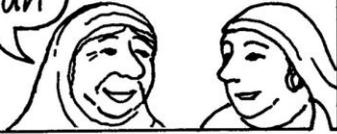
It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 3 and 4

Naomi and Ruth had returned to Bethlehem as widows. Ruth had worked during the harvest in the fields of Boaz, a near relative.

Naomi told her daughter-in-law Ruth

You need someone to marry and look after you. I have a plan

I will do all you ask of me.

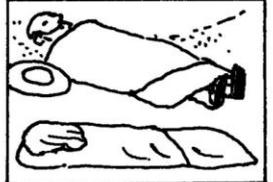


So Ruth went to where the grain was threshed. Boaz was on guard that night ..

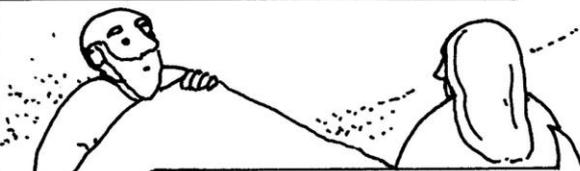
but she stayed out of his sight until he was asleep.



Then she uncovered his feet and lay down by them.



At midnight, Boaz woke, and was shocked to find her there.



As my relative who must look after me, will you marry me?

You have a closer relative; I will ask him tomorrow. If he will not marry you, I will do so gladly. Lie down now, and sleep.



Just before dawn, Ruth returned to Naomi.



All we can do now is wait.

Boaz went to the meeting place, and waited for the relative to pass.



Naomi wants to sell the land she inherited from her husband, and as nearest relative, you get first refusal.



I want to buy the land.

Then you must marry Ruth as the land must be inherited by her son

In that case, I don't want to buy it.

Then I will buy the land and marry Ruth.



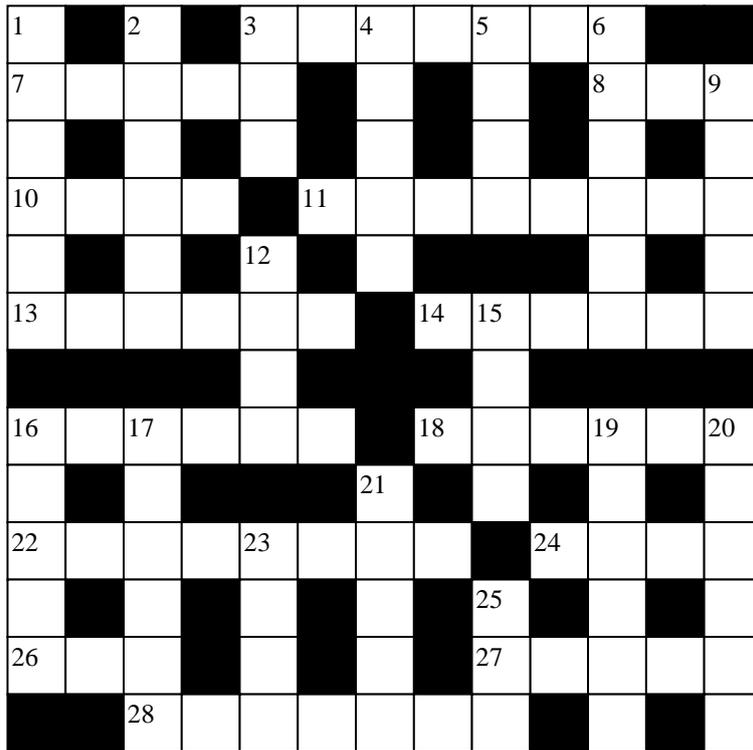
So Boaz married Ruth and they had a son.



My life is no longer bitter!

and he was an ancestor of King David!

## AUGUST CROSSWORD



### CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 3. Withdraw (7)
- 7. First letter in Greek alphabet (5)
- 8. Make fun of (3)
- 10. Precipitation (4)
- 11. Expression of welcome (8)
- 13. Idea (6)
- 14. Blank space around printed page (6)
- 16. Annoy (6)
- 18. Tool for cutting grass (6)
- 22. Short speech at end of play (8)
- 24. Speck of soot (4)
- 26. Fasten (3)
- 27. Over (5)
- 28. Exterminate (7)

#### DOWN

- 1. Unable to support crops (6)
- 2. Fast run (6)
- 3. Tattered clothing (3)
- 4. Linger (5)
- 5. Straight-bladed sword (4)
- 6. Attempting (6)
- 9. Start (5)
- 12. Ditty (4)
- 15. Curved structure (4)
- 16. Throw out (5)
- 17. Wrecked (6)
- 19. Boisterous girl (6)
- 20. This or that (6)
- 21. Teacher (5)
- 23. Responsibility (4)
- 25. Settle a debt (3)

Solution to June crossword. Across: 1. Cone, 4. Unite, 7. Texan, 8. Order, 9. Irish, 10. Stonemason, 14. Needle, 16. Snooze, 17. Manchester, 22. Watch, 23. Grape, 25. Evoke, 26. Paper, 27. Style.  
Down: 1. Crossing, 2. Nod, 3. Extra, 4. Unicorn, 5. Ibis, 6. Echo, 7. True, 11. Over, 12. Fort, 13. Retrieve, 15. Leather, 18. Canoe, 19. Edge, 20. Swap, 21. Stop, 24. Apt