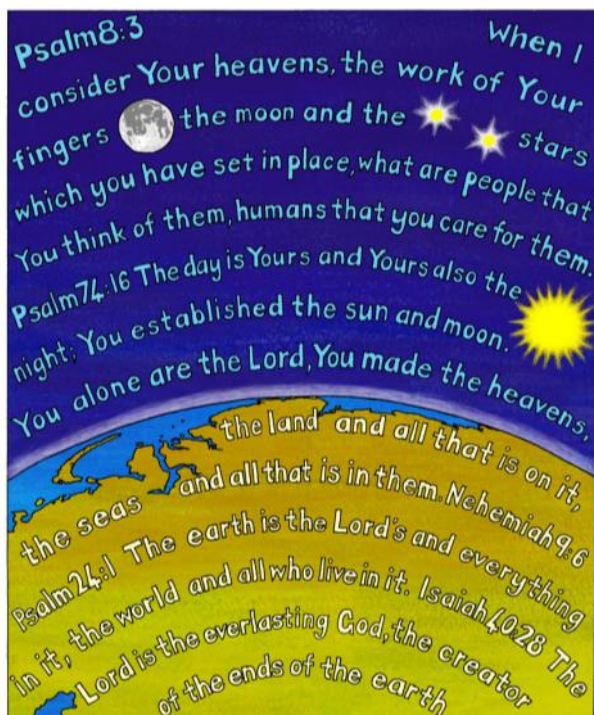


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Sundays

St Thomas's		St Luke's	
9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday Only)
10.45 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Parade & 4th Sunday Family Communion)		Family Worship (2nd Sunday Family Communion)
6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion)	4.15 p.m.	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday Only)

Weekdays

Thursday 9.45 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)	Other services and Saints' Days as announced. Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for dates, details or exceptions.
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Parish Office: St Thomas's Church Vestry, **Thursday 6.30 – 7.30 p.m:** For all enquiries regarding church matters and arranging baptisms and weddings. Contact - 01942 721484.

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Important Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas Church at 12.45 on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11 am on the 3rd Sunday.

To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's/St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to undertake baptism preparation classes.

Marriage

You can marry in a C of E church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the vicar or call in at Vestry Hour on a Thursday evening.

Funerals

Every parishioner has the right to a service in church, followed by a committal.



Letter from the Vicar

Included in this month's magazine is an update on Transforming Wigan from Tim Montgomery, our Director of Mission for the Transforming Wigan programme.



The aims of the programme are quite simply the aims of God himself – a vision for making and growing disciples of Jesus.

I encourage you to read this prayerfully.

Transforming Wigan has a vision that 10% of people in the Wigan Deanery will be on a discipleship journey with Jesus. So for us at St Thomas & St Luke's, that means 10% of people in Ashton.



Currently just 1% of people attend church, 99% of people don't.

Transforming Wigan's vision, therefore, is significant. If ten percent of people in Wigan Deanery within 6 years were on a journey of discipleship with Jesus, then we will have to build more churches!

Or will we? For 'church' is not the name of a type of building – though that is what it has become to mean to many. Church is a gathering of people who are disciples of Jesus – wherever they meet. Transforming Wigan calls these gatherings of disciples 'Worship Communities', for worship is the reason to gather.





Letter from the Vicar

In order to engage with and encourage the 99% who are not currently church-goers to become disciples, many more expressions of Worship Community will be needed over the next 5 years to connect with them. The way that we have 'always done things' is but one part of how disciples will be made in the future.



With a few exceptions, our church congregations are ageing, new people are not being attracted to our existing forms and times of worship. Church - the gathering of disciples in worshipping communities - will look different in the future, in new locations, at different times and on different days.

Increasingly, over the next few years, St Thomas and St Luke's will work together with our partnership churches to grow closer, developing a new and combined hub of existing and new worship communities. We seek to play our part in Transforming Wigan by prayerfully discerning the way God wants us to transform ourselves, His church and our own community here in Ashton.

Jeremy Thomas





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - April 2016

<u>Monday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9:00am
	Coffee Morning. (Church Hall)	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Church open for prayer.	7.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Communion.	9:45am
	Princes Pantry. (St Luke's)	11:30am - 1:00pm
	Vestry hour.	6.30-7.30 pm

These are the usual events in our church, please see the notices for details of other activities taking place. For details of organisations and who to contact see back page of magazine.

Streets for Prayer: This month we are praying for the people who live and work in **Ashwood Avenue, Satinwood Close, Willowfield Grove, Elmfield Avenue, Liverpool Road and Ashwood House Nursing Home**



Parish News



Christian Aid Week



Christian Aid Week this year is between 8th and 15th May. Last year I explained that Maureen Cook and Hilda Bramwell were building on their experiences as organisers in their first year. We are grateful that they have agreed to continue this valuable work in our Parish. I did stress our continued dependence on **your help** and this has not changed, as always many volunteers are needed to delivery and collect envelopes during the week and to assist in the count at a time to be agreed. I do hope and pray that we can rely on your response.



Malcolm



The Sign

A little while ago we reviewed the demand for "The Sign" (the insert which is currently included within each printed magazine). There was only a very small demand and PCC has now decided that we will no longer include a copy of The Sign within every copy of the printed magazine. This is the final edition of the printed magazine which will include a copy of The Sign. To compensate anyone who wishes to continue to read the Sign, paper copies will be available from the church office at no charge.

If you wish to receive a copy of The Sign then please contact Rachael Campbell via email: office@stthomasstluke.org.uk or by phone: 01942 721484 to make the necessary arrangements.





Mothers Union

DIARY:

Wednesday 20 April Church Hall 7.30pm the Speaker is Paul Carroll telling us about children who are carers.

Wednesday 13 April Deanery Festival at St Paul's Church Goose Green at 7.30pm. Please let me know if you are intending to go so that I can arrange transport.

Thank you for everyone who helped in any way to make our Brunch so successful. Those providing cakes, tombola or raffle prizes, bric a brac, everyone who provided soup etc and everyone who helped on the day in the kitchen,



on the stalls and who waited on. It was wonderful day with great fellowship and the friendship in the hall. We raised the magnificent sum of £600.00 which will go to MU Projects both here and overseas.

Mary Hardman has decided to step down from the Committee and I do thank her for all the support that she has given to me and the Branch over the years. I am confident that she will continue to support the Branch in the future. In the meantime we now have a vacancy on the committee which we need to fill. I would love to hear from anyone who feels that they would like to take on this important role in the Branch. You will not be alone as we have a committee of 11/12 we meet just three times a year and if you want to know more about it just have a word with me.

The Call

In the whirlwind
of the crush-hour conflict
when movement is measured in millions
and arrival
is the only goal,



God calls to us.

In the night that settles
like snow over the city,

a blanket to smother the day,
 while under the silence
 those for whom sleep is no shelter
 struggle to settle their souls,



God calls to us.

In the darting eyes of children
 born to the ghetto of an aching need,
 born to ask why longing
 must always outweigh satisfaction,

God calls to us.

And when we walk
 a crowded city Street,
 touching more people
 than the human mind can count,
 yet are as alone
 as hermits
 when we think we go
 unnoticed,



God calls to us "I love You"

Gerard Kelly

***Love and God bless
 Barbara***

FREE WILL OFFERINGS— FEBRUARY 2016

DATE	AMOUNT	NO. OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE PER ENVELOPE
01/02/16	233.70	48	4.87
08/02/16	294.57	74	3.98
17/02/16	360.33	70	5.15
22/02/16	278.50	60	4.64
29/02/16	305.50	78	3.91
TOTAL	1472.15	330	
AVERAGE	294.43	66	4.46



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Mothers' Day Assembly

On Friday 4th March, our reception class showed all their rehearsal had paid off by performing a very special Mothers' Day assembly. In front of a hall full of parents and other family members, the pupils showed their array of talents including acting, singing and prayer reading. All pupils had made a large sparkly Mothers' Day card, a cake, a badge saying "*Number 1 Mum*" and a scroll stating how much the children love their Mums, which they presented to their mums during the assembly.



The pupils put any nerves they had to one side and used their big singing voices to give a brilliant and confident performance, receiving a well-deserved round of applause from the audience. Well done reception class!

Sponsored walk

On the same day, Mrs Crawley, our deputy head teacher, organised a sponsored walk, starting from the school grounds and extending to Ashton periphery, with the aim of raising funds for THE UK SEPSIS TRUST.



Around 10.30 am all the school teaching and support staff along with over 40 adults set off from the school hall. The day was a drizzly one but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of everyone taking part.



Umbrellas and coat hoods up with boots fastened we set off walking in twos, with all children wearing high visibility vests for extra safety. The walk proved to be a great success with a total of over £3000 raised for our intended charity. Thank you to everybody who took part and to everybody who donated to such a great cause.

Student Prayer of the month

Dear God

Thank you for our wonderful world. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to die for our sins.

Amen

Isaac Johnson

Year 1

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:13

Now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest is love.

**Love to everyone,
Peace be with you.
Elaine Mateus**



Always Ashton Easter Egg Trail

It was a joy to welcome families into St Thomas' on Saturday 19th March at the end of the Ashton Easter egg trail! As people walked in they were offered tea, coffee or juice and asked to help themselves to the wonderful array of cakes that had generously been baked or bought by church members from our churches and Holy Trinity. Thank you to everyone who brought cakes, helped on the day and beforehand!

We had a video running showing the Easter story using Lego characters which was very popular and the puppets came out to perform too. There was an area screened off for those who would like to be prayed for.

We wanted to bless anyone who walked into church but we also wanted to give them the opportunity to hear more about what Easter means to Christians. One great way to do this is to chat while people make things, which is the essence of Messy Church.

We could only fit in three stations as the amount of open space in church is limited.

The first was making a donkey from a paper donkey 'body' which needed colouring and then adding a mane and tail from wool and two clothes pegs for legs. We could talk about how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday and how the crowds went mad for him!



As we know though, Jesus' popularity changed dramatically and by the end of the week he was hanging on a cross. We encouraged



children and a number of mums to smear glue in a cross shape onto an acetate and then stick pieces of tissue paper onto that cross shape.

Then they stuck a piece of card (which had already had a cross shape cut out of it) over the top. It was wonderful to see these crosses all lined up drying on the window ledges! Some were left in church and you can see them in the back corner next time you are in.

There was no danger of the next craft being left behind as it was a cross on a hill with a biscuit as the base. The hill was made of green fondant icing with a background of white sky (more icing) and a matchmaker cross finishing off the scene!



Once everyone had gone we counted up the completed Easter egg trail forms - we had had 165 children and families in church! What a privilege it was chatting to them about the wonder of the Easter and how much Jesus loves them.

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ONE YEAR ON ... we continue to step on in faith and hope.

We are into the second year of the *Transforming Wigan* movement. Year one was a year of prayer, listening and discussion as well as a lot of hard work by many people as we have taken time to seek the vision and set out the strategy to see the spiritual heart of Wigan transformed by God through His church.

Thanks to everyone who has prayed and shared in the journey to date. If you have not yet engaged in this new movement of the Spirit in and through God's church please come to one of our 'Deeper Discipleship' sessions. Check out the website **www.transformingwigan.org** for the dates and venues for these as well as all information, updates and stories of the ongoing movement.

VISION ... for many disciples of Jesus.

Our focus is on **making and growing disciples**. We have the One-in-Ten Vision to **see 10% of people in Wigan on a discipleship journey with Jesus by 2022**. Our three key aims are to **renew the faith** of the disciples of Jesus in Wigan, to **re-orientate Church** in Wigan to make the good news of Jesus known in word and deed and, hence, to **revive the spiritual heart of Wigan** by God's Holy Spirit at work among us.

"The plural of disciple is church."

Alison Morgan

STRATEGY ... to make and grow disciples of Jesus.

Our strategy focuses on **gathering the passionate disciples**, equipping us to deepen our faith and serve with our gifts. We will **germinate prayer** and establish a new 'House of Prayer' network. We will **grow leaders** of every type to enable us to grow existing and new Worship Communities. In all of this we will endeavour to **give love and care** especially to our older church members who will find much of this very hard to embrace. *We have to make significant change in how we do church in the future and we will try our hardest to help everyone engage in the journey as well as we can.*

"Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you."

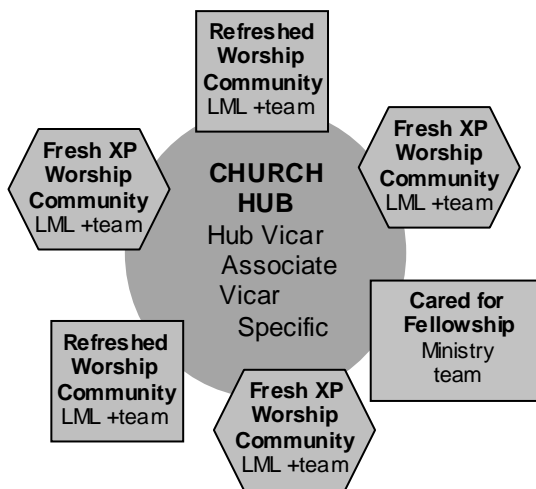
Dallas Willard

THE GOALS FOR 2016 ... working together as one church.

In 2016 we will continue to develop the 'Team Wigan' ethos and establish ourselves as **One Church in Wigan**. We will set up the **House of Prayer network**. We will continue to foster **Deeper Discipleship** through specific teaching and serving opportunities. We will also identify and begin to equip **50 potential leaders** who will have recognized a call to be involved in leadership in some way in our existing and new Worship Communities. We also aim to plant a **new Youth Hub** to connect young people better with following Jesus.

Church Hubs of Worship Communities

Within the Diocesan vision and strategy to create '*a bigger church to make a bigger difference*' we plan to connect all our existing and new Worship Communities together as **One Church in Wigan**. To structure this for growth and fruitfulness we will establish several **Church Hubs** with a variety of **Worship Communities** with different characteristics.



A Hub will be established more on **relationship** than on church buildings or current boundaries. A lot of buildings will be needed and most boundaries will need reviewing, but both will serve the mission purpose as we proceed.

A Church Hub will have a **Hub Leader** and an **Associate**. The core Hub Team will comprise these two leaders with the **Local Missional Leader (LML)** from each Worship Community in the Hub as well as **Specific Ministers** appointed for particular roles across the Hub and possibly also across the whole parish.

BE TRANSFORMED ... by the renewing of your mind.

Quite a lot of us reading this – and probably seeing ourselves as church members of traditional churches – will have found a lot of the above very difficult to understand. I encourage you to consider St Paul's urging to the Church to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:1-2). We especially need to do this if we are to see the transformation of Wigan in the next six years.

'REFRESHING' TRADITIONAL CHURCHES ... for future growth.

We have 34 traditional Church of England churches carrying on in traditional ways holding Sunday and midweek services of a similar type. Most of these have some sort of related activities happening in their buildings during the week but again these are of a very similar nature. All of these rely heavily on the priestly ministry and, in most cases, each church has a designated Vicar or Priest-in-Charge who leads and manages the weekly and occasional services that the church provides. There are also a number of associated ministries available principally through our Readers, a couple of Local Missional Leaders, and our seemingly tireless group of misnamed Retired Clergy! We also have a raft of volunteers who help out in any way they can to keep the show on the road.

The problem is that all the statistics show us that this isn't working in terms of growing healthy churches. Church attendance is falling and the average age of church members is 61 compared to the average age of the population at large which is 48. We have hardly any young people attending church services and, where we are managing to attract new people to attend services, this is cancelled out by those who stop attending through infirmity and, of course, by the normal death rate. We are on a steep trajectory of decline.

But our vision and strategy is one of **hope and future growth**. However, to assure this growth we have to do two things. First we have to identify the existing traditional churches that can be **refreshed** and better resourced for making and growing disciples. Secondly, we have to identify potential places and groups of people where we can plant **fresh** expressions of church.



For our existing traditional churches facing decline or growth, there needs to be a measure of **clarity** among the members that things have to change and focus on growth. There will need to be an assessment of the **capacity** for establishing a Local Missional Leadership team that can begin to refresh the key ingredients of church (the 'up', 'in' and 'out') and there will need to be a determined level of **courage** among the existing church members to pray and work together for this refreshed future. Where we have a church that cannot establish the clarity or capacity for refreshing and growing into the future we have to find a way to care well for that congregation within the overall strategy going forward in our mission-ministry.

The key change for all of us will be moving from a traditional church set-up led by a Vicar to a **refreshed** Worship Community led by a Local Missional Leader and team with the oversight and help of the clergy leaders in the Church Hub. Local Missional Leadership teams may already exist in some form in some churches but in many cases we will need to identify and encourage new people to step up.

Once a Local Missional Leader and a small team is identified in an existing church or congregation we can begin the work of equipping them to lead it to become a refreshed Worship Community. This will mean much more sharing of gifts in all the parts of church life and a deeper sense of community together.

The radical change will be in the future role of clergy who will be released to lead, equip, resource and help the new Local Missional Leaders and teams to refresh and grow our current Worship Communities. They will also help to plant the new Worship Communities. Priests will continue to provide sacramental ministry that will be focused appropriately and distributed sensibly in order to best serve the making and growing of disciples and the overall growth of the Church in Wigan. We will inevitably see a reduction in the number of services (Sunday and midweek) that require a priest to lead them. We will always strive for the best in all our worship services, fellowship gatherings and outreach events and activities.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US ... and our building and our vicar?

These questions – and quite a few others – will immediately jump into our minds. It is very difficult to engage in significant change and our first response often comes out of our fears (real and imagined) that cause us to simply reject it. Things will be different in the future but we will stick to the key principles of being church together as we journey on. Whilst we cannot always give definite answers to some of our anxious questions, we are certain that our faithful God of mission will guide and help us as well as comfort and encourage us along the way.

STEPPING ON

These are challenging times! Please commit to praying and stepping on in faith and hope. Please get in touch with me if you want to speak further about anything to do with the Transforming Wigan movement. Thanks,

Revd Tim Montgomery, Director of Mission

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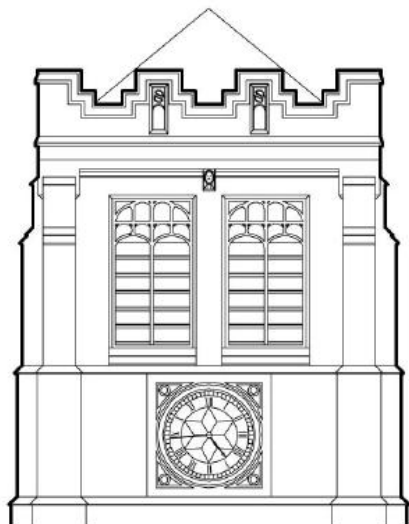
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The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Zoolander II (12A) Directed by Ben Stiller

Stars: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Penelope Cruz, Cyrus Arnold, Kristen Wiig, Will Ferrell, Kyle Mooney, Jon Daly, Christine Taylor, and Justin Theroux

In a Nutshell: Oh the beloved comedy sequel, what a tangled web it is that you weave. From the natural highs and giggles of *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* or *22 Jump Street* through to the kinda' lows and diminished returns of *The Hangover Part II* and then even *Hot Tub Time Machine 2*, the genre of the comedy sequel has always been hard to really get spot on and nail, so could the man that is Derek Zoolander break this pattern? Well, if Derek wants to know where he is on the scale of these things, then I'd say that he's floating around somewhere in the centre of it all (say a *Dumb and Dumber To* or *Anchorman 2*) because while it's certainly not a disaster by a long way, it's still a tad hit and miss at times, which would be fine usually, but when the hype and anticipation for this has been so exciting for me especially given the first one is one of my favourite films, it's hard not to feel just a little bit miffed that it isn't all you hoped and more. But there's plenty of good still, the easy fact is that spending time with these characters and their world isn't 100% bad at all just simply because you love them already and it's simply so much fun.... and that's the difference in the end between this and its predecessor. In the first movie, you simply laughed and enjoyed all the clever writing and witticisms throughout the plot, whereas here it's simply occasional witty writing but overall a whole host of re-heated gags from the first movie that are done in a different way but still it doesn't feel fresh enough and you do get some déjà vu a lot of the time, and you just wonder if they're trying hard enough but then again thank goodness you get Will Ferrell as Mugatu who is once again stealing whole scenes and acting up a comic storm amongst a whole menagerie of amazing cameos, as well as providing some of the best moments of dialogue and comedy in the movie, though without mentioning too many spoilers. In the end, the hardline is that essentially if you're a massive *Zoolander* fan, then you'll find plenty here to enjoy but just try to lower those expectations as the gag rate is hit and miss... but thankfully both Ben and Owen are owning it in these roles and are just perfect as these characters. If you happen to see this review and think 'well he didn't sound that bothered.... why give it an 8?'. Basically that just shows





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all of the good will that I have towards these characters and the actors in it and the scenarios... it is very hit and miss, but there is just still so much to enjoy from it all.... it's basically terrific fun and it won't change the world... and you don't need to be a good eugoogley to figure that out.... **Rating: 8/10**

Deadpool (15) Directed by Tim Miller
Stars: Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, TJ Miller, Ed Skrein, Brianna Hildebrand, Gina Carano, Karan Soni, Stefan Kapicic, Kyle Cassie, and Isaac.C.Singleton Jr

In a Nutshell: We can all agree there's a lot of comic book movies can't we? But before we all jump up and down and shout out about how different Deadpool is, not we've had films like Blade and the KA movies before... so before you all yell, yes it's cool that there's a more grown up superhero movie but it's hardly earth shattering when you think about it.... so what does make this movie so unique and awesome to people? I think the answer ain't in it's content, more in it's title character and what he does and how he does it.... a insane, wise cracking and bonkers anti hero who constantly mocks the movie and its makers and constantly addresses the audience, breaking every 4th wall going.... and in this, Ryan Reynolds truly owns the movie and makes it his own as the title character... he is just winning in every single way and is probably the main reason this is so much fun. Don't get me wrong, the film is fun too... but it essentially winds up as your standard superhero story, with this insane character being the thing that really makes it stand out though. You get great support from Baccarin as his feisty love interest, Miller injects his usual humour, whilst Gina Carano kicks some butt in her limited screen time and there's a few fun cameos.... but essentially what this is in the end is a whole bunch of silly and naughty gags and a standard throw away plot held together by one of the most fun characters you'll ever meet in a movie... and that is enough to say you should go see it and have a blast, whilst hopefully the sequel will throw a bit more into the mix.... **Rating: 8/10**





COLOURS IN CHURCH

Have you noticed that, from time to time, the colour of things in church changes? No, I don't mean the minister goes a funny colour or someone paints the walls, but the special robes that the priest wears, and the front of altar among other things, change from time to time. Each season of the Church's year has its own distinctive colour and these are called liturgical colours.

GREEN is the colour we have more than others. Green, the ordinary colour of nature, is used during the seasons of Epiphany (after Christmas) and Trinity (between Whitsun or Pentecost and Advent). Trinity lasts for about half the year so green is the colour we see most.

The next change of colour is to **PURPLE**. Purple, the colour of penitence and preparation, is used for Lent (the 40 days before Easter) and Advent (the 4 weeks before Christmas).

Then comes **WHITE** and **GOLD**, which are used for all the joyful

festivals - Easter, Ascension and Christmas.

RED, the colour of fire and blood, is used at Pentecost to remind us of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples like tongues of flame (Acts 2:11). It is also used on the festivals of martyrs to remind us of their sacrifice.

COLOUR QUIZ

Complete each of these with a colour, for example cordial would be LIME cordial. Each colour is only used once.

1. admiral
2. Christmas
3. marmalade
4. quick
5. sky
6. Royal
7. ribbons
8. glass
9. submarine
10. elephants

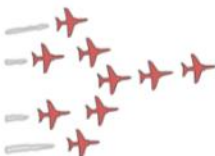


What is yellow and black and has red spots?

A leopard with the measles.

Define the word 'information'.

How the Red Arrows fly.



ANSWERS:

- 1.red 2.white
3.orange 4.silver 5.blue 6.Navy
7.scarlet 8.wine 9.yellow 10.pink

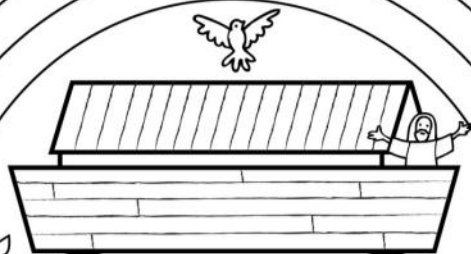


It rained and it rained, for forty days it rained until a great flood covered the earth. Only Noah and his family and two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark that God had instructed Noah to build.
When the flood went down Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

READ Genesis 6 - 9

Why did
God save
Noah?

What did God
promise
Noah?



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