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Church Services in St Thomas' Parish, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas'

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
09.00 Communion 10.45 All age service 18.30 Evening Prayer	09.00 Morning Worship 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Communion	09.00 Communion 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Evening Prayer	09.00 Morning Worship 10.45 Communion 18.30 Evening Prayer

For information about 5th Sunday see the notices for that week

St Luke's

11.00 Family Worship	11.00 Communion	11.00 Family Worship	11.00 Family Worship
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Weekdays

Thursday 9.45 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) In St Thomas'	Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for additional services details or exceptions, particularly around Christmas time.
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Deadlines: Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk

Deadline for any submissions to be included in the May magazine, including donations is 15th April. Any donations received after this date will be in the next edition.

Deadline	May	June
Hand Written	8th April	6th May
Computer	15th April	13th May
Magazine Release	29th April	27th May

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Booking Baptisms and Weddings

We are now encouraging everyone who would like to book a baptism or wedding to come to the family service at either St Thomas (10.45am) or St Luke's (11am) and bookings will be taken afterwards.

Important Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas' church at 12.45 pm on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and also during the 10.45 am service on the second Sunday. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11 am on the third 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.

Funerals

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



Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - April 2018

<u>Monday</u>	Morning prayer	9.00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	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

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 Belvedere Road and Longmead Avenue.

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Parish News



Christian Aid Week this year is between 13th and 19th May.

Again this year Maureen Cook, Hilda Bramwell and Phil

Hayton, building on their previous experiences as organisers, have agreed to continue this valuable work in our Parish.



We are extremely grateful to them for their dedication to this very worthwhile cause.

I must however, stress once more our continued dependence on **your help** has not changed. Many volunteers are needed to deliver 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.

Local History

I am sure that those local history buffs will have spotted my non deliberate mistake regarding this series of articles provided by David Fearnley and regarding the Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry Cavalry. There are four articles in the series and in error I missed out number 2, 'The preparations for the Boer War', my apologies to everyone especially to David. The error is rectified further in the magazine.

Malcolm



Letter from our Curate

I met with a friend recently who was about to be baptised. We talked about the new life and resurrection that comes with baptism. I asked her what she thought that would mean in her life. She paused, looked thoughtfully, and said: 'baptism to me is like having the rocks taken off my back so that I can stand again.' I was speechless.

Resurrection most literally means 'to stand again.' Jesus on the cross, weighed down by the brokenness and burdens of the world, was not crushed. Instead he rose and took the power out of death.

Throughout the Gospels Jesus invites people deeper into this resurrection life. There's a story in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 13, where a woman has been suffering since birth, bent over in pain. She suffers from the kind of disability which would have seen her pushed to the side of polite religious life. We get an image of her slipping into the back of the temple, trying not to be noticed, when Jesus sees her. He calls her right to the middle of the temple and says "woman, you are set free." Having been cast to the side, this woman stands up, in the middle of the synagogue. She has a mini-resurrection; new life comes to her. With a word, Jesus lifted them from her so she could rise and stand again.

Easter is a season of resurrection, of standing up again. We can be way laid by burdens, insecurities, fear. Yet in a world full of complexity, the simplicity of Easter is striking. We are the people



Letter from our Curate

a God who is gradually taking the rocks off our back so that we can stand tall as his children in the world. We too need to hear those words “You are set free”, the rocks have been taken from your back.

This month, don’t let the resurrection be something that you only hear about; you are invited to dwell through the scriptures, in prayer, and in worship with the God who bears our burdens so that we can stand again and to know the power of the resurrection within you.

Sam Cowling - Green



Verses for the Year

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1b**

**I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14**



Mothers Union

Diary:

Wednesday 18 April Church Hall 7.30pm the Speaker is Helen Clarey - Domestic Abuse advisor for the Diocese.



As I stated in the march Magazine our Brunch was a very successful day. When all the donations were received the final total raised was £642.00 this was a fantastic total and will go towards the work of the Mothers' Union both in our own country and overseas. As the theme this year is 'Following in Mary Sumners' Footsteps' it is very appropriate.

'All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live'.

The personal prayer Mary Sumner



I was pleased to see so many at our Annual General Meeting which was chaired by our Curate Sam. When I and our Treasurer Pauline Wharton and our Secretary Pat Hamilton were able to make our reports on the past year in the life of the branch and the theme for the future. I am particularly delighted that the branch is so well served by a dedicated Branch Secretary and Branch Treasurer.



Mothers Union

Easter

Christ is risen, *Alleluia!*

Lord Jesus Christ, in dying you conquered death and rose again in glory. Through your great love and abiding grace, we will one day be with you in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, we pray that we may make each day of our earthly life worthy of your great sacrifice on the cross. Thank you that we can find sanctuary in your love because you have chosen to love us just as we are, with all our faults and failings and that, if we truly repent, you will forgive our sins. Amen

Margaret Devlin, Diocese of Newcastle, UK

Love and God bless

Barbara



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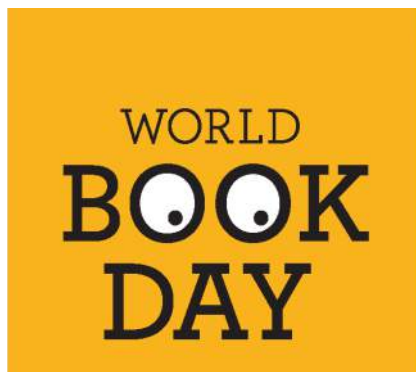
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St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

World Book Day



On Tuesday 6th March, on celebration of *World Book Day*, all pupils and staff had the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity skills by coming to school dressed as their favourite story character. The event provided the basis for a lot of fun and laughter with a high level of imagination

displayed in the creation of the customs.

During a full school assembly, each class, with the help of their teacher, walked down a pre-assembled stage used as a catwalk and were judged by a panel of three. This proved to be a difficult and hard decision to make as there were so many amazing outfits to choose from. Eventually a winner from each class was selected and given a gold ticket to redeem against a free book of their choice from a large book bus parked on the playground all day, with each of the other pupils receiving a discount voucher in case they wanted to buy a book. During the day we looked at and read lots of different books in what proved to be a lovely way to celebrate reading and instilling the love of books into our pupils.



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Pupil Prayer of the Month

This Special Prayer at Easter Time

Thank you God for Easter time, for the birds and the new born animals, the flowers and the trees. Please bless my family and friends, help us to be kind to each other.

In Jesus name amen.

Mia Roberts (Y6)



Bible Verse: John3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave us his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Easter blessings to you all

Elaine Mateus

THE LANCASHIRE HUSSARS YEOMANRY CAVALRY

When the Lancashire Hussars regiment was raised in 1848 most of the troopers were recruited from tenant farmers. In 1853 and 1855 the Hussars were called out to Wigan and to the Haigh Hall sawmills where there had been riots from striking colliery and mill workers. As Ashton in Makerfield expanded and new industries developed in the township the trooper recruits came from a variety of occupations, farmers, miners, weavers, spinners, shopkeepers, hingemakers. The role of the regiment was for home defence and was comparable to the Home Guard or the "Dad's Army" of World War Two. The Hussars would have a day job and several evenings each week and at weekends would assemble and practice drill and tactics. They would march through Ashton on Sundays and attend local church services. They attended military reviews and the band raised money for charities. In 1897 c10 members of the Hussars went to London to ride in the Diamond

Jubilee parade for Queen Victoria. The Hussars often provided an escort for visiting dignitaries such as in 1898 for Edward, Prince of Wales, (1901 King Edward VII) who stayed overnight at Garswood Hall.

Sir John Gerard, Honorary Colonel of the Lancashire Hussars, died in 1854 and was succeeded by his brother Sir Robert Tolver Gerard. In 1899, at the start of the Boer War in S. Africa, Sir Robert's son, William Cansfield Lord Gerard was Honorary Colonel. The Boer War was fought between the British Empire and the Boers or Dutch settlers in S. Africa. Yeomanry regiments, such as the Lancashire Hussars, were not allowed to fight overseas. Lord Gerard was also an officer in the regular army, the Life Guards, and was allowed to serve overseas.

At the start of the war Lord Gerard went out to Natal, S. Africa, to serve on the staff of the British general Sir Redvers Buller who was in command of all the Empire forces in S. Africa. Lord Gerard took with him two Ashton men, Fred Farmer and John Moulding, who were by coincidence members of the Ashton troop of the Lancashire Hussars. John Moulding lived in a small farmhouse that used to stand on the site of the present day rehabilitation centre at the corner of Liverpool Road and Tithebarn Road to the right of the traffic lights

at Ashton Cross as you leave Ashton. Both men accompanied Lord Gerard due to their occupations, Fred Farmer was a butler at Garswood Hall and John Moulding was a groom in Garswood Hall stables. They were Lord Gerards servants. Fred Farmer to provide his meals and clothing, John Moulding to look after his horse and riding equipment.

The British Empire suffered disastrous defeats in the first 6 months of the war mainly because the Empire forces consisted mostly of infantry rather than cavalry. It was soon realised that large numbers of cavalry were needed quickly. To create and train cavalry units and transport them to S. Africa would probably take 6 months - far too long. As a result of the urgency for cavalry the existing Yeomanry cavalry regiments in Britain, such as the Lancashire Hussars, were now given permission to fight overseas. A new force called the Imperial Yeomanry was created to serve in S. Africa. The Lancashire Hussars now became the 32nd Company Lancashire Hussars Imperial Yeomanry consisting of 121 men who were to serve in S. Africa for 1 year. All 4 Troops - "A", "B". "C" & "D" of the Lancashire Hussars raised the 121 troops. Troop "A" the Ashton Troop raised 25 men which included 15 local men and 10 men from the Kings Own Yeomanry, in Wigan.

The Ashton Troop recruits were given a meal in the "Robin Hood" before departing for a weeks training on the sands at Southport before embarking from Liverpool on the steamship "Lake Erie" for a 1 month voyage to Cape Town, S. Africa. 121 men, including 5 officers, and 118 horses embarked from Liverpool but only c70 horses survived the voyage to arrive in Cape Town.

David A. Fearnley.

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Dear all,

As I'm sure most of you will be aware from last week's Bulletin, Bishop Richard is due to retire as Bishop of Warrington in April. His farewell service with Eucharist will be held in the Cathedral on Saturday 21st April at 3pm and he wanted to extend the invitation to all parishes to join him for this occasion. There is no need to register for tickets as there will be plenty of space available and we hope that you will be able to join us.

If you do have any questions about the service then please do not hesitate to be in touch.

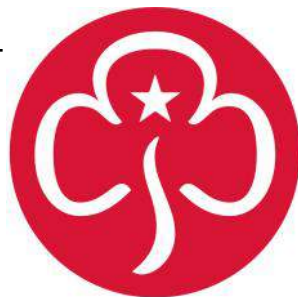
With best wishes

Nichola James,
Executive Assistant to the Bishop of Liverpool

MAKERFIELD TREFOIL GUILD

Makerfield Trefoil Guild will be holding a Coffee Morning on 14th April between 10.00am and 12 noon at St Thomas' Church Hall.

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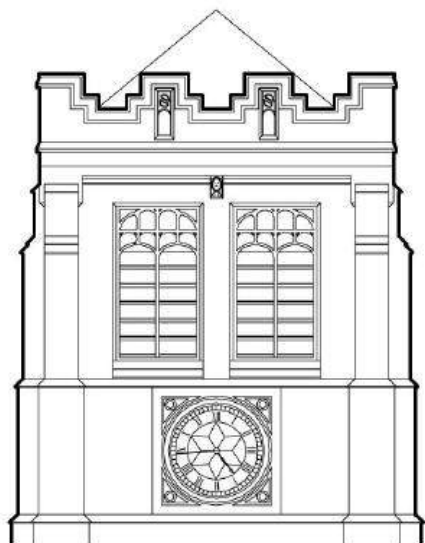
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7th April	All Ladies - Tidy up
14th April	Mrs Laites, Mrs Malley, Mrs Vella - Dismantle
21st April	Mrs Edwardson, Mrs Cook
28th April	Mrs Lyon, Mrs Pilling, Mrs Davies

FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING APRIL

DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
1st April	Easter flowers - Congregation	Easter flowers - Congregation
8th April	Easter flowers - Congregation	Easter flowers - Congregation
15th April	Birthday remembrance of Stanley & Elsie Robinson (9th & 18th April) From Janet, Doug & Family	Vacant
22nd April	Vacant	Vacant
29th April	Vacant	Birthday memories of Beatrice Brown a much loved Auntie From Joan, Dennis & Wendy

St Luke's Flowers



FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR APRIL

1st April	Vacant
8th April	In loving memory of Valerie Boon, Wedding Anniversary remembrance 5 th April from John & family
15th April	Vacant
22nd April	Vacant
29th April	In fond memories of Florence Ladyman from Linda & Michael

April Birth Month Flower: The Daisy & Sweet Pea

The daisy conveys innocence, loyal love, and purity. Yet, it is also a flower given between friends to keep a secret; the daisy means "I'll never tell."

Sweet peas signifies blissful pleasure.





St Thomas' Donations & Remembrance April 2018



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**In memory of Frank Mc Kreeel, John Makinson and
Peggy Anderton**

From Madge Twist

In memory of Alf Browne

From Gill and family

Anniversary remembrance of Stuart Richard Collins (Stu) 20th April

A dearly loved Son, Brother and Uncle
From his loving Mum Jeanette and family

Birthday and Anniversary memories for James Scriven

23rd March/6th April

A much loved Brother and Uncle
From Freda and family

Birthday memories of Tom Mcilwee

A much loved Dad and Grandad. Always in our thoughts.
Linda, Karen and families

Anniversary remembrance of Raymond Bullough (14th March)

A dearly loved Husband, Dad, and Grandad
From Avis and family





Birthday remembrance of Clara Shaw (29th April)

A loving Mum and Grandma
From Barbara, Malcolm and family

Birthday and Anniversary remembrance of Harry Atherton

From his Wife Margaret, Daughter Dawn and Grandchildren
Bethany and Hamish

In memory of John Makinson

From Margaret Atherton





St Luke's Donations & Remembrance April 2018



**Birthday remembrance of a dear Mum and Nanna,
Nellie Thomas (29th April)**
from her family

**Birthday remembrance of Irene Rawsthorne and
Anniversary remembrance of Ursula Parkinson (19th March)**
From Harold and family.

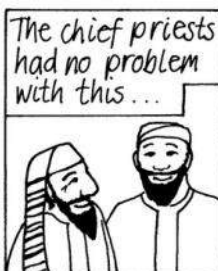
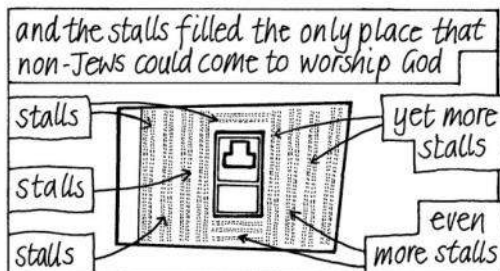
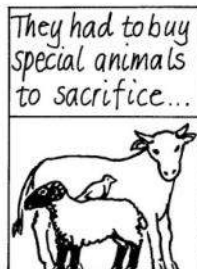
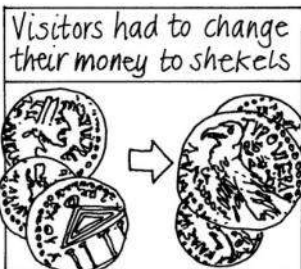
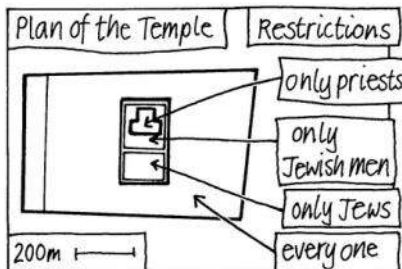


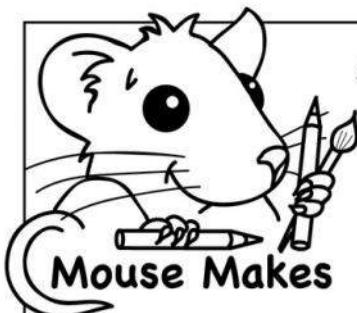
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:12-16, Mk 11:15-18, Lk 19: 45-48

When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...





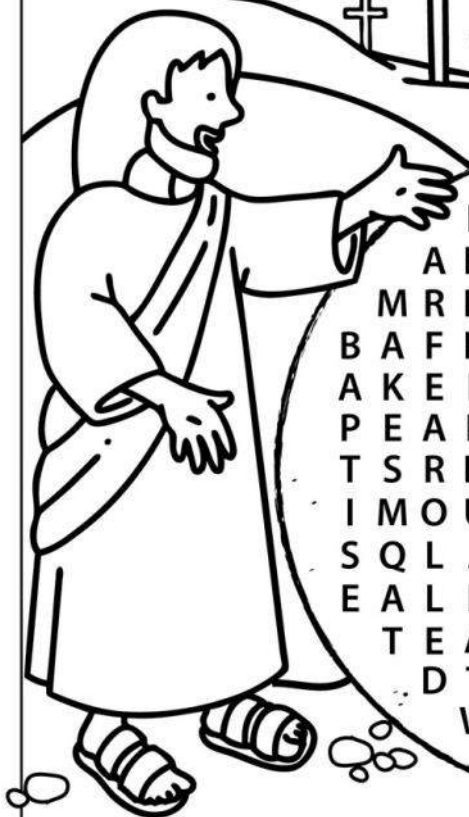
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After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

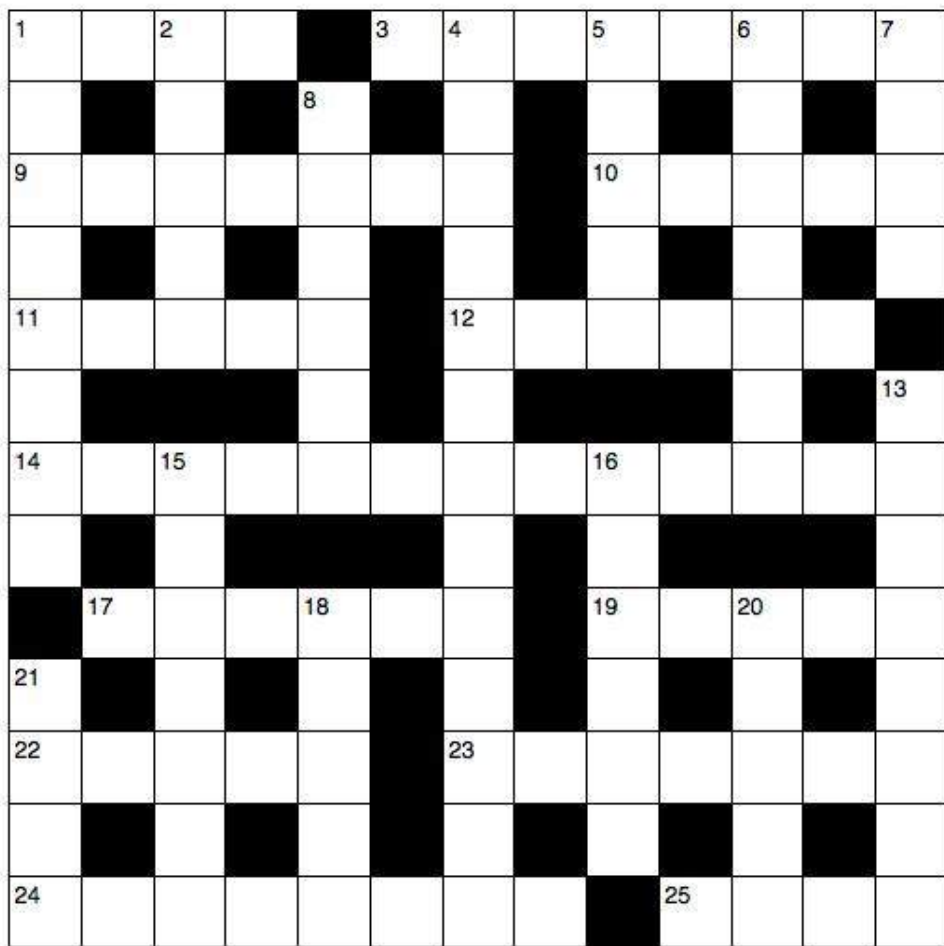
And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*



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ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
23 For nine (anag.) (7)
24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — —, who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Movie Reviews

Black Panther (12A)

Directed by Ryan Coogler

Starring: Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira, Forest Whitaker, Andy Serkis, Martin Freeman, Daniel Kaluuya, Angela Bassett, Winston Duke, Sterling K. Brown, and John Kani

In a Nutshell: It can become a bit predictable can't it? Ooh the new Marvel movie, oh they've done it again and it's one of the best yet... it was true to a bunch of degrees in ways with Ragnarok and Spidey certainly was the best webslinging yet whilst Civil War truly was one of the best comic book movies... so with Black Panther, am I going to use all those clichés again? Oh I am nodding wildly, let's go! People online might have you believe that the reason everyone loves it is because of its diversity and the uniqueness of the cast and surely that is a marvelous thing it's true, but truth be told it's a great and marvelous film because simply it's a great and marvelous film... the cast are terrific because they're all terrific performers and do so terrifically. It's fantastic to see a film like this, with its unique setting and themes and such a great representation within the cast for diversity... but at the end of the day, the film stands up and is counted just simply because it is rather fantastic rather than for any novelty in any way, no matter how terrific that idea is. With performers as fantastic as Boseman, Jordan, Whitaker, Nyong'o, and the newcomers too... you have terrific actors given terrific roles with depth and great storytelling and nailing it completely, creating believable characters and a truly dynamic plotline. The actors within the framework who are the 'Tolkien' white guys (a gag because they're both from Lord of the Rings and the only members of the all African-American cast who are caucasian) do great work too and aren't just there for diversity either and both really propel the story and link into other Marvel movies too in terrific ways. The action and effects as ever are top class and the storytelling is terrific, very dramatic, dynamic and moving whilst packing a punch and embracing the Marvel universe whilst also not alienating newcomers.... like most before it, this is another example of why Marvel keep doing fantastic work and continue to grow and thrive... I can't wait to see what they put their hand to next, which just so happens to be their biggest movie yet... good time to get caught up, or simply enjoy this fantastic treat!

Rating: 10/10

Also Seen: Phantom Thread (12A) 8/10 , I, Tonya (15) 8/10, Lady Bird (15) 8/10, Red Sparrow (15) 7/10, Game Night (15) 9/10



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



The Shape of Water (15)

Directed by Guillermo del Toro

Stars: Sally Hawkins, Doug Jones, Michael Shannon, Richard Jenkins, Michael Stuhlbarg, Octavia Spencer, David Hewlett, and Nick Searcy

In a Nutshell: In a strange and wonderful turn of events, this review comes hot on the heels of this movie taking the big prize of big picture at the Oscars... naturally the review isn't really swayed one way or another by that turn of events, I loved it and fell deeply under its spell regardless and I did see it a good few weeks prior anyway but found it a neat way to intro this review.... but it's a wonderful and magical thing that a film this beautiful and timeless and just blindingly original and peculiar and a film that delights in being out there and unique can still make it's mark and be accepted by a wide audience as well as the big things that seem to be what we use to tell us what to watch and what is good and what's not... that these things are embracing a movie so dynamic, speaks volumes to the beauty that shines from every frame and every moment within. Beginning with the cast, who are faultless. From the always just terrific Sally Hawkins in the lead, who in every facial smile and every wide eyed moment exudes beauty and a inner strength without ever needing dialogue to shine through to it's support players, each of whom strikes something different and bold and beautiful, whether it's Michael Shannon as someone so diabolical it seems but with hidden depths that make him more than a caricature to Jenkins' wounded and beautiful soul as well as turns by Spencer and Stuhlbarg who just prove those actors can do no wrong, plus another wonderfully complex and soulful turn from Jones who is the truest form of chameleon there is, perfectly inhabiting each role and always unrecognisable yet fantastic. The real star here though is the storytelling, the framing, the direction and the old school feel of the thing... it's a film so unashamedly old school it's find with turning from a love story to a tense thriller to a musical with flicks of the switch... a film that dares to do something as audacious as it's dance sequence, whilst also boasting some really tough and brutal sequences and moments of true tenderness, like Pans Labyrinth before it's a beautiful and majestic tale that explores the true darkness of humanity yet the light that always can prevail through it.... it's proof positive that Del Toro is a complete master of this domain and he has done it once more.... a true true gem.

Rating: 10/10

Also Out in April 10 Beats per Minute (15) (Apr 6th), Entebbe (12A) (Apr 6th), Death Wish (15) (Apr 6th), Ghost Stories (15) (Apr 6th), I Kill Giants (12A) (Apr 6th), Love, Simon (12A) (Apr 6th), The Hurricane Heist (12A) (Apr 6th) Thoroughbreds (15) (Apr 6th), Wonderstruck (PG) (Apr 6th), Rampage (12A) (Apr 13th) The Titan (15) (Apr 13th), Truth or Dare (15) (Apr 13th), Every Day (12A) (Apr 20th), The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society (12A) (Apr 20th), The Strangers: Prey at Night (15) (Apr 20th), Tully (15) (Apr 20th), Avengers: Infinity War (12A) (Apr 27th)



The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

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22nd March	Elsie Heaton	Ashwood CH	87

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



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