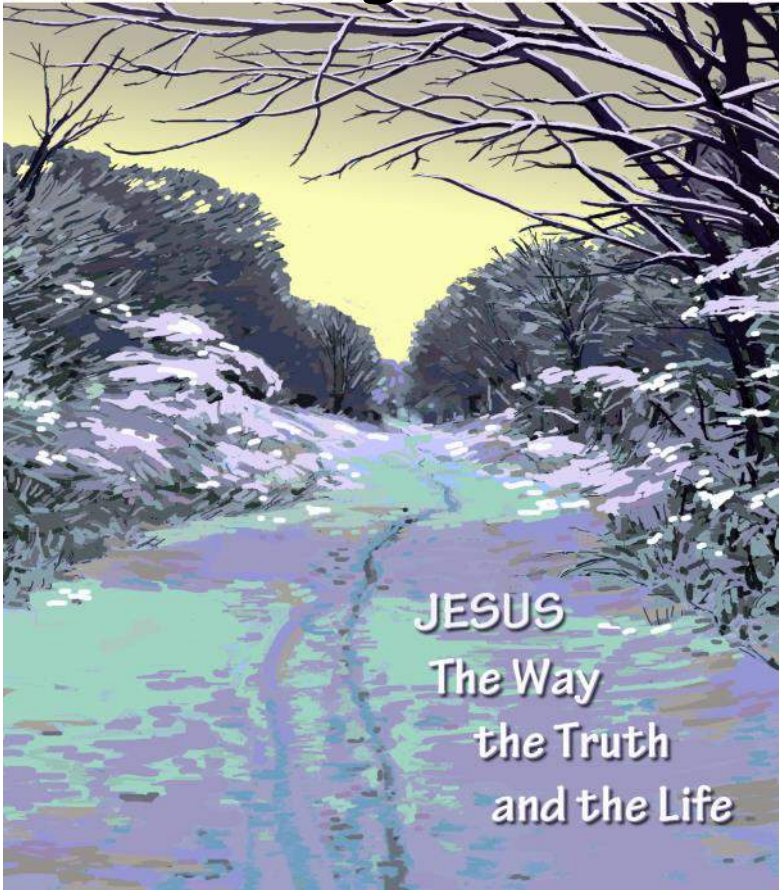


St Thomas' and St Luke's Ashton-in-Makerfield Magazine



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Church Services in St Thomas' and St Luke's

Sundays

St Thomas'

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 All Age Worship	9 ^{am} Morning Worship 10.45 Worship Together 18.30 Communion	9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 Worship Together 18.30 Youth service	9 Morning Worship 10.45 Communion 18.30 Evening Prayer
St Aidan's 18.30 Evening Prayer		St Aidan's 18.30 Communion	

5th Sunday

10.30 Hub Communion at one of the churches in the hub
18.30 Hub Communion at one of the churches in the hub

St Luke's

11 ^{am} Family Worship	11 ^{am} Communion	11 ^{am} Family Worship	11 ^{am} Family Worship
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Weekdays

Thursday 9.45am Holy Communion (BCP) In St Thomas'	Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for additional services details or exceptions.
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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 Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas' Church at 12.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11am on the 3rd Sunday. To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's or St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session.

Funerals

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

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the church office on: 01942 721484 or office@stthomasstluke.org.uk



Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

Mon	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
TT	Youth club for 11+ (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
TT	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	17.45-18.45
TT	JYC Extra (Church Hall)	18.45-19.15
Tue	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
	Church open for prayer	19.00-20.00
Wed TT	Messy Tots (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
TT	Weenies (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
Thu	Holy Communion	09:45-10.30

TT—term time only

These are the usual events in our church, please see the notices for details of youth events and 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: Oakwood Avenue, Smallshaw Close, Pinewood, Townfields and Winchester Avenue

Year Verse

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Letter from Jeremy

The beginning of 2020 marks a new chapter for our churches in the Deanery of Wigan. On the 1st January The Benefice of Wigan, consisting of 7 new hub parishes, was legally formed. The churches in our four parishes in South Hub: St Aidan's, Holy Trinity & St Andrew's, St Peter's, St Thomas & St Luke's became the new legal parish, The Parish of Wigan South.

Building on the relationships that we have forged, we begin 2020 together with a renewed call from God to combine our talents and gifting, serving in ministry and reaching out in mission, to the communities that he has called us to.

Within the new hub parish, we affirm and value the identities, the place within community, and the unique contribution that each of our churches and our new worship communities offer to the mission and purpose that God has planned for us together.

At our Special Parochial Church Meeting, held at Holy Trinity church on 7th January, we elected our new Churchwardens for Wigan South and also our Deanery Synod and PCC members. We are blessed that we have an even and fair representation across our churches on PCC and Deanery Synod. One person from each church now serves on Deanery Synod and our PCC represents our previous 4 parishes and will continue the work of our Shadow PCC which met for 6 months last year.

We are thankful for the outgoing Churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synod members of our 4 previous parishes. We are hugely privileged and blessed by the service offered on behalf of so many and particularly over the challenging time of the last few years in the transition to our new parish. We pray that every person in our hub parish will find fulfilling and fruitful roles that express their

their gifting and help to build on the work of the individual parishes as we establish the new.

The coming year will continue be focussed on three strands, developing and embedding the new structure, refreshing our existing worship and discerning God's will for fresh initiatives. With the new legal structure forming the new hub parish, we will work together this year to establish in practice what that means for us in each church and worship community, continuing to build leadership teams and on the ground operation teams. Local Missional Leadership teams will oversee the growing of community, worship, discipleship and mission of our worship communities, committees of the new PCC will oversee the day to day and week to week management and operation of our existing church buildings.

Recognising the importance of financial transparency in the new parishes Andrew Thurston, Church Wigan project finance manager, writes that "Each worship community, which includes newly launched ones as well as existing parish churches, will have a designated fund so that reports can be produced and shared, showing income and expenditure related to each worship community. Local members will be able to see where their giving supports the work of the parish in their place and area as well as across the wider hub."

Our new parish Wigan South creates a new ecclesiastical legal entity of parish. Within the parish are our many and unique churches and worship communities. The concept of Hub is simply the creation of relational structures that enable worship communities to begin, to grow and to flourish. With the purpose of resourcing the missional vision of our parish and worship communities. Linked with the other hub parishes in the wider Benefice we pray that with the vision of many people on a discipleship journey with Jesus we will continue to build a bigger church that makes a bigger difference.

News from our churches

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Friday the 10 January and it was again our Senior Citizens post Christmas celebration with the Christmas meal and after dinner entertainment. I do feel that I can't let this occasion pass without comment. After delivery of the invitations 74 acceptances were received. Unfortunately, sickness and other circumstances resulted in an actual attendance of 64. The team as always answered the call to service and a good number of thanks are due. The turkey was acquired by our old friend the Rev Dave Hamlett and much to my great delight was again carved by Don Hodgkinson who having recovered from illness was able to take his usual place in the kitchen. We had many volunteers in the morning to prepare the halls for the occasion and in the afternoon Jan Cornthwaite and Carole Pye with the assistance of Keith Naylor and his vital catering equipment set about the necessary preparations for the meals and receiving delivery of the food items prepared again by Jan's ever willing team. The 64 meals take some serving and again the volunteers young and not so young, set too to provide a first class service. Everyone involved at and up to this stage deserves a real vote of thanks.

Once again the children and teachers from St Thomas school, in accordance to what has become an annual tradition, came along to deliver a performance of the Christmas Nativity play. We are grateful to the children, parents and teachers and assistants, all of whom have our thanks. I can say that it was brilliantly performed and very well received by all. The entertainment in addition to the Nativity was provide by Antonia who sang 'I had a dream' from Les Miserable. Last years addition to the star cast in the person of Kelvin Bolton was again a willing volunteer and entertained with stories and magic. 'Spectrum', choir again provided a varied program of songs and were well received and appreciated by our guests. I do thank the choir members for their part in the evening with a particular thank you to Keith Whittle who organized the choir. Also thanks to Keith and John Newsham who were persuaded at the last minute to join me in a short topical sketch, which having been performed without rehearsal was well received.

It is impossible to list by name the many people involved in delivering this event I would surely miss someone out. There is no doubt that without your involvement big or small this party would not go ahead and so for whatever part you played give yourselves a big pat on the back and as always accept a genuine vote of thanks from Jan, Barbara and me and I am sure also from the senior members of our congregation who came along to party.

Malcolm

News from our churches

Christingle celebration

With Malcolm



At 9.00am on the 4th January a team of volunteers (where would we be without volunteers) met to form the production line for the assembly of the Christingles. 150 oranges, acquired and pre-prepared by Valerie and Henry Hunter with the red ribbon, were produced for holes to be cut, candles affixed, along with the sweets and fruits all ready for the Sunday morning service where the funds raised for the Children's' Society in the candle shaped money boxes were presented. We would like to thank all who helped in the production but as the work with the Children's Society is a year round task particular thanks must go to Valerie for her many years in this service.

Please see page 13 for more from Valerie about The Children's Society

General Thanks

Having detailed our thanks for some of the specific events it has made me think that there is so much to be thankful for in the life of our Church at Christmas time that I should include a general thank you to everyone who has been involved from those leading our services to those making our Church so beautiful for our welcome of the birth of our Saviour. I am avoiding a list as I would most certainly leave someone out, you know who you are and you are thanked.

News from our churches

Transforming Wigan

We are now there, the transformation into seven parishes was legally completed on the 1st January. At the Meeting of Parishioners held on the 7 January Paula Gillespie and Anita Archer were elected as the first churchwardens of the new parish. At the Special Parochial meeting at which all on the electoral role were entitled to vote the members of shadow PCC which has been meeting monthly since the middle of last year were with a small number of changes, formerly elected along with 6 Deanery synod representatives as the PCC for the Parish of Wigan South.

The members are:

Stuart Barton, Tony Card, Catherine Cloake, Alex Finney, Lesley Hughes, Carole Pye, Joan Roberts, Maurice Smith, Ros Unsworth, Helen Weavers, Lorraine Webb and Eth Yates.

The Synod representatives are:

Mansell High, Kath Hobson, Sharon Liptrot, Sue Neil, Philip Stott and Jackie Wilson.

The appointed members now represent the six churches comprised in the new parish and through the medium of this magazine I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of all at St Thomas and St Luke's to wish them well in God's service I am sure that they can count on all our support.

There is still much to be done in each church to ensure that the changes are implemented as smoothly as possible.

Format of the Magazine

The magazine has been in its present form for a number of years, in fact the last change was simply not to include 'the Sign'. I have made many appeals to our readership for items of interest to be included, sadly generally without success. As we start a new year I would like to have a re-think as to format, especially as I have had our magazine unfavourably compared with the magazine of another church. I do not have the skill or ability for this role but I am sure that there must be people out there with media skills who could assist. I would love to hear from you either in church or on the phone 205136.

Malcolm



Mothers' Union

Diary:

Branch dates:

Saturday 15 February

Our Winter Brunch is in the Church Hall 11.00am to 1.00pm. We warmly invite everyone to join us for fellowship and friendship we will be having soup, bacon barmcakes, sandwiches and cakes etc. There will be the usual tombola, cake stall and raffle and of course contributions to these events will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you.

Wednesday 19th February

Annual General Meeting takes place this evening in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to know more about the work of the Mothers' Union both here in our own country and overseas. To our members I cannot over stress the importance of this meeting to our Branch.

It is prior to this meeting that annually I take the opportunity of reminding everyone of the **Mothers' Union's mission and values**

Wherever Mothers' Union is we will express our Christian faith in the transformation of families and communities worldwide.

We will achieve this by promoting the importance of marriage, supporting families and nurturing faith; with members sensitively spreading the news of a God who loves and cares for us all.

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organization working with people of all faiths and none. We are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centered on mutual respect and collaboration.

Our governance, leadership and activities are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide





Mothers' Union

Advance Notice

Friday 6 March Woman's World Day of Prayer at St Thomas Church 10.30

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Thank you, Lord, for Spring's gentle welcome to new life and growth; for the Summer sun and warming winds, giving us a blazing variety of colourful flowers; for Autumn trees with golden leaves and fruits in abundance; for Winter weather bringing sparkling frosts and dazzling snow.

May we value your precious world and do nothing to upset its perfect pattern. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

All my love and prayers

Barbara

World Leprosy Sunday

will be held on Sunday 23rd February 2020. The theme this year will be Hospital Heroes, which deals with the training of medical staff for the Leprosy Hospitals, especially leprosy nurses.

As always, we value your support of the Leprosy Mission and on World Leprosy Day there will be refreshments in the church hall, after the 10.45 service, where all donations will be very welcome. There will also be further details and envelopes available in church on that day.

Thank you all for your support.

Barbara and Margaret



The Leprosy Mission

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THE POTTER GRAVESTONES

PART 2

A second Potter gravestone has the inscription "Elizabeth Potter, wife of John Potter, died 11 August 1831. Aged 65". Also the names John Potter, Charles Potter, of Wigan, Mary Potter, of Wigan and Hezekiah Tatlock Potter. In the previous article I mentioned that William Potter, born 1778, husband of Ann Potter(Littler), was a son of John Potter's second marriage to Isobel Merricks in 1772. John Potter, born 1764, and husband of the above Elizabeth Potter, was a son of John Potter's first marriage to Elizabeth Atherton, of Winstanley, who married at All Saints, Wigan in 1764. In 1789 at St. Oswalds, Winwick, John Potter(born 1764) married Betty/Elizabeth Smith, born Ashton 1766 daughter of William & Elizabeth Smith(nee Tatlock). John Potter's occupation was stay-maker(corset maker) in Ashton. As mentioned in last months article his half-brother William Potter, husband of Ann Potter(Littler) was a stay-maker & linen draper in Market Place, Wigan. John & Betty/Elizabeth Potter(Smith) had 11 children, Thomas 1790 - 1825; James 1792 - 1824; Mary 1794 - 1852 died of breast cancer; Betty 1796, in 1828 married Robert Halsall, of Orrell; Jane 1798, in 1822 married Richard Woolfall, of Macclesfield; Ann 1802 - 1804; Charles 1804 - 1835; Ann/Nancy 1806, in 1829 married John Dobb, of Ashton, shopkeeper; Hezekiah Tatlock Potter 1808 - 1809 (Tatlock being Elizabeth Potter's(Smith) mother's maiden name); Hezekiah Tatlock Potter 1810 - 1842; and Ellen 1812 - 1905, in 1839 married Nathaniel Littler, linen draper, of Ashton under Lyne.

John and Betty/Elizabeth Potter's(Smith) son Charles Potter was a grocer and corn & flour dealer also with a shop on Market Place, Wigan, which had been owned by his late brother James (see next months article) who died 1824. Charles died in 1835 of apoplexy/stroke aged 31 and was buried with his parents at St. Thomas', Ashton. Another son Hezekiah Tatlock Potter was a corn & flour dealer with a shop on Market Place, Wigan, having taken over the occupancy from his late brother Charles who died in 1835. In 1841 Hezekiah was living on Market Place, Wigan, with his sister Mary Potter, his nephews John and Thomas Potter, sons of his late brother Thomas Potter (see Part 3), and his nephew and niece James and Elizabeth Halsall, children of his sister Betty Halsall(Potter). Hezekiah owned lands in Ashton, lands & property in Clayton Street, Wallgate, Wigan, cottages & premises in Wigan, 2 shops in front of Wallgate Street, Wigan, and warehouses behind. He bequeathed over £4000 (todays value £450,000) at his death in 1842. He died aged 32 also of apoplexy and was buried with his parents at St. Thomas', Ashton. John and Betty Potter's(Smith) daughter Mary Potter, unmarried, died 1852 and was also buried with her parents. Another daughter Ellen Potter in 1839 at All Saints, Wigan, married Nathaniel Littler, linen draper, of Ashton under Lyne. Nathaniel, son of John and Nancy Littler, was born in Ashton in Makerfield in 1806 and baptised at St. Thomas'. In the 1870's Nathaniel and Ellen moved from Ashton under Lyne to Oldham. The Potters had earlier connections to Ashton under Lyne and Oldham. In Part 1 John Potter, son of William and Ann Potter(Littler) went to live at Ashton under Lyne and died there in 1828, his sister, Isabella, married at Ashton under Lyne in 1828 and Isabella's brother James opened a drapers shop in Oldham c1825. In 1881 Nathaniel Littler, of Oldham, died aged 75 leaving a fortune of over £62,000 (todays value £7,500,000). He was buried at St. Thomas', Ashton, in the tall steeple grave near the vestry door. In 1905 Nathaniel's wife Ellen Littler(Potter) died at Hollinwood, near Oldham, aged 93, and was buried at St. Thomas', Ashton. Their grave monument records the names of many of their children who died very young including John Tatlock Potter (the maiden name of Ellen's maternal grandmother Elizabeth Smith(nee Tatlock)). Elizabeth Potter(Smith), wife of John Potter, of Wallis's Nook, Ashton, died 1831 aged 65. John Potter of Wallis's Nook died 1836 aged 72. After 1824 John Potter was described as a yeoman farmer owning lands. Wallis's Nook was at the junction of Bryn Road South and Bryn Road and it is probable that John Potter was the owner of Potter's Farm later known as Pimblett's Farm on Bryn Road. An early row of cottages on the Bryn side of the farm was called Potter's Row.

To be continued.

David A. Fearnley.

The Children's Society

Last year The Children's Society worked with over 9872 vulnerable children.

In Britain today there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. These are the children and young people that the Children's Society works with.

The society listens, supports and acts to make small changes that can make big differences.

On the society website there are stories of how the society makes a difference but this can only continue with the help, of your continued financial support.

Last year about 80 parishioner of St Thomas and St Luke's churches helped to fund this work, by either saving small change in a collection box or making a donation. In 2019 the total raised was £1750.00 I would like to thank everyone who helped to raise this amount.

On 5th January 2020 we also held our Christingle Service. This is a lovely service when we distribute the Christingle oranges and when everyone is arranged around the church the candles are lit and a carol is sung. This also raises money for The Children's Society. St Thomas's school helped a great deal by distributing collecting candles. The total raised by St Thomas's Church, St Luke's Church and St Thomas's school was £365.00. Thank you to everyone who helped to assemble the Christingle oranges and to everyone who contributed to raise this amazing amount.

If you do not already support the work of The Children's Society and you would like to do so please contact me on 712709 or at church and I will arrange to get a box to you

Valerie Hunter

A Concert by the Trinity Girls Brass Band, with additional items by Frank Lowe(Organ) and children from Rectory CE Primary School, will take place in Holy Trinity Church on Friday, 1st May at 7pm. Tickets £5 will be available at the end of March from Frank Lowe 01942 728531 or pay on the door on the evening of the concert.



Rob's Top Twenty for 2020



Robert Carson's Film Report- February 2020

Movie Reviews

Star Wars: Episode VIII- The Rise of Skywalker (12A)

Directed by J.J Abrams

Stars: Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Jon Boyega, Ian McDiarmid, Carrie Fisher, Anthony Daniels, Naomi Ackie, Domhnall Gleeson, Richard E. Grant, Keri Russell, Lupita Nyong'o, and Joonas Suotamo

In a Nutshell: Well, this is it... the end of an era. The whole Star Wars saga comes to a rousing close right here. But like Game of Thrones, Lost and countless others... does it have a solid end, or does it have a really rough landing? Don't be too fooled by the 7 out of 10 rating, this is still a super slippery flawed film but it is still wonderfully enjoyable and still has its great moments. I just wish it wasn't so much of a confused mess that tries hard to please fans while alienating anyone who saw and enjoyed the last movie. It's fine to have the occasional correction to something someone said or a character acting different, but to abandon whole storylines and plot points just leaves me confused and supremely unsatisfied in the long run. Sure, the film ends on a rousing finale, but up to that point a lot of it makes zero sense and feels rushed and compromised. It's seeming to please some big Star Wars fans I know so it's doing a job right but it's hard to escape the feeling that this should be so much better and so much more satisfying. When the Force Awakens was released, I love every second of it and then I saw Last Jedi and found it a great follow up... it took chances and was bold and terrific. Then my feeling after this was just 'ah it was ok' and after two movies that I really, really liked and invested in... just feeling it was ok is a real shame. That said, the effects are as always supremely thrilling and the cast are uniformly excellent with a special mention to Carrie Fisher whose scenes are way more than I expecting and are taken from unused footage... her role is so key and so beautiful and works so well. Richard E. Grant and Keri Russell make a strong impact in fun new support roles whilst the key triumvirate of Driver, Ridley, Isaac and Boyega are all on great form as always. Sure, I found it a bit underwhelming but it's working for people and the Force is still very strong here... just a shame it had to go out on a muddled high rather than a really solid and focused one. But, hey, we have The Mandalorian coming up on Disney Plus soon anyway... the force will always be strong!

Rating: 7/10

Jojo Rabbit (12A)

Directed by Taika Waititi

Stars: Roman Griffin Davis, Taika Waititi, Sam Rockwell, Thomasin McKenzie, Rebel Wilson, Scarlett Johansson, Alfie Allen, Stephen Merchant, Archie Yates, & Brian Caspe

In a Nutshell: It's more common than you'd think. The practice of the first film you in 2015 when I saw Birdman and then the following year with Joy... other films to follow this example include Welcome to Marwen and now, Jojo Rabbit. Really beautifully

tiptoeing the tightrope between hilarious satire and heartwarming drama... this is a stone-cold treat that deserves to be seen and cherished by all. I think this is far and away the best film to have this example, because it's truly hard to imagine a better film being released this year, but it's exciting to imagine that maybe there could be. It's a really tricky idea, telling a story about the horrors of World War II that exists as both a satire and a drama and a really absurdist satire at times too. But sometimes the best ways to tackle horror and the truth is to lean into the absurdity sometimes, to ease through the pain. As people say, if you don't laugh, you'll cry. This is certainly true of this movie. Anchored by a stunning debut performance by Davis as well as a bold and breathtaking turn from McKenzie and a superb support cast full of funny and touching performances, not least Johannsen who is receiving great awards buzz for her turn in Marriage Story but is electric here; and of course, I love Sam Rockwell so have to mention he is once again terrific here in a role that could easily be seen as one thing but turns out to be another, which seems to be his thing at the moment. I really don't want to lean too much into the story as I think it should be discovered for yourself, but both achingly funny and achingly sad and beautifully uplifting. If you're not feeling jubilant and moved to pieces by the stirring final seconds, then I might be concerned. This is a truly special piece of cinema to be treasured, and it's what we need right now.

Rating: 10/10

Also Seen:

**Jumanji: The Next Level (12A) 8/10, Little Women (U) 10/10, Cats (U) 7/10
Spies in Disguise (PG) 8/10, The Gentlemen (18) 8/10**

The Best of 2019!

Best Movie: Avengers: Endgame

Best Actor: Taron Egerton- Rocketman

Best Actress: Jessie Buckley- Wild Rose

Best Supporting Actor: Robert Downey Jr- Avengers: Endgame

Best Supporting Actress: Rebecca Ferguson- Doctor Sleep

Best Director: Olivia Wilde- Booksmart

Best SFX: Alita: Battle Angel

Biggest Surprise: Doctor Sleep

Biggest Disappointment: Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

Most Enjoyable: The LEGO Movie II: The Second Part

Funniest Movie: Long Shot

Scene Stealer: Billie Lourd- Booksmart

Best Scene: Final Battle- Endgame

Best Song: I'm Gonna Love me Again- Rocketman

Best Soundtrack: Rocketman

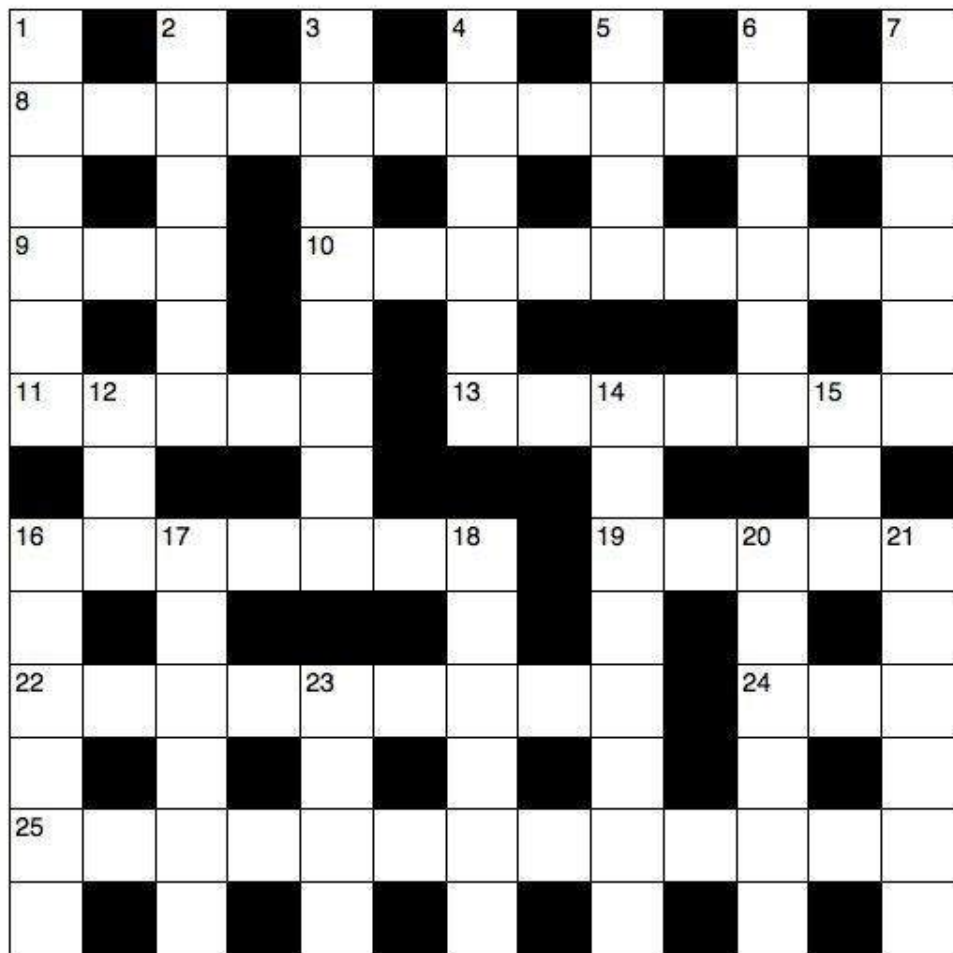
Best Poster: Once Upon a Time in Hollywood

Best Trailer: Joker

In March's Issue:

Reviews of The Personal History of David Copperfield and 1917

Crossword



Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

Gospel Truths to Live By

Why should I say I can't when the Bible says I can do everything through Him who gives me strength? **Philippians 4:13**

Why should I feel afraid when the Bible says God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline? **2 Timothy 1:7**

Why should I allow Satan to have control over my life and my destiny when the Bible says the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world? **1 John 4:4**

Why should I worry and be upset and dominated when I can cast all my anxiety on Christ, who cares for me?
1 Peter 5:7

Why should I feel alone when Jesus said He is with me always, and will never leave me nor forsake me?
Matthew 28:20 Hebrews 13:5

Why should I feel a failure when I am a conqueror in all things through Christ who loves me? **Romans 8:7**





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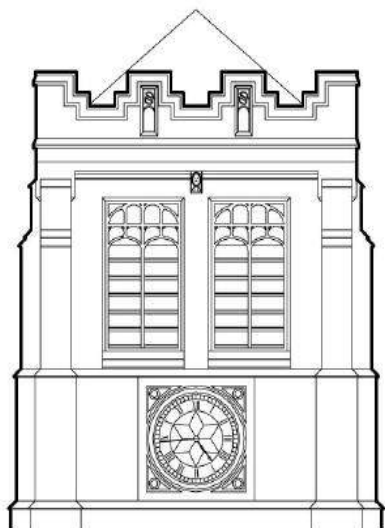
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Flowers in church this month	
Sun 5th	Vacant
Sun 12th	Vacant
Sun 19th	Vacant
Sun 26th	Vacant

Crossword

Answers

Across

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

Down

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.

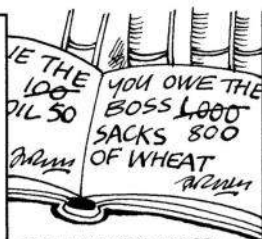


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAS BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!!

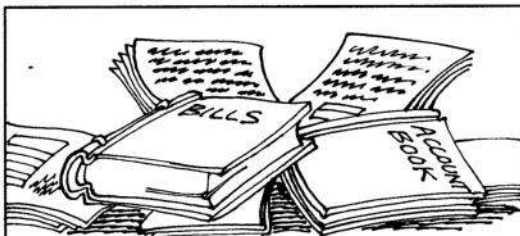
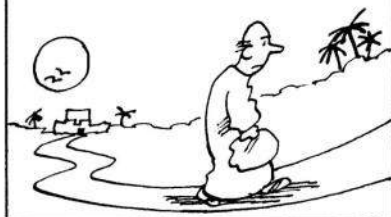


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!



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Wedding Anniversary memories of a much missed and loved husband,
Dad and Grandad Jimmy Cunliffe (26th) from Karen, Laura, Andrew,
Amelia, Gary, Mason, Alyssia and Layla xx

Birthday and anniversary remembrance of Harry Atherton
From his wife Margaret, daughter Dawn
and grandchildren Bethany & Hamish

Birthday remembrance of Gordon Lyon (9th February)
From Marie, Barbara, John, Madeline & Rob
David, Sharon, Ruby & Geena
Sadly missed

In memory of loved one
From Gwyneth & Peter Hamilton

In memory of a dearly beloved father Eric Hurst
From David

Anniversary remembrance of Betty Parkinson (12th February)
From Harold and family

Anniversary remembrance on 12th February
A much loved mum Betty Parkinson
A much loved dad Bill Bullen

Birthday remembrance of a much loved aunt
Margaret Hilton on 7th February
From Karen & Alec

Birthday memories of my mum Emily Stott (15th February)
missed very much. With love Ian



St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty this month	
2nd Feb	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling
9th Feb	Meta Laites, Linda Malley, Kath Vella
16th Feb	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook, Margaret Carrington
23rd Feb	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling

The members of the Flower Guild would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the cost of the Christmas flowers to decorate the church to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Flower Guild Donations

In memory of my parents at Christmas and always
Hazel Wakeley



St Thomas' Flowers

Flowers in church		
	Altar	Lady Chapel
26th Jan	Vacant	Birthday memories of Jimmy Cunliffe (30th Jan) from his loving family
2nd Feb	Vacant	Vacant
9th Feb	20th anniversary remembrance (9th Feb) of Roy Hardman A loving husband From Mary	20th anniversary remembrance (9th Feb) of Roy Hardman A loving dad & grandad From Janette, Donald, Jessica & Ethan
16th Feb	Wedding Anniversary remembrance (12th Feb) of Lily & Doug Wildman and a dear brother Harold From Janet, Doug & family	Vacant
23rd Feb	Vacant	Vacant

Flowers in the Nativity Window

Birthday remembrance of a very dear Mum & Grandma
Margaret Hilton (7th February)
From Alison, Adrian, Becky & Chris

The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

27th December	Iris Hogg	Oakwood Avenue	79
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