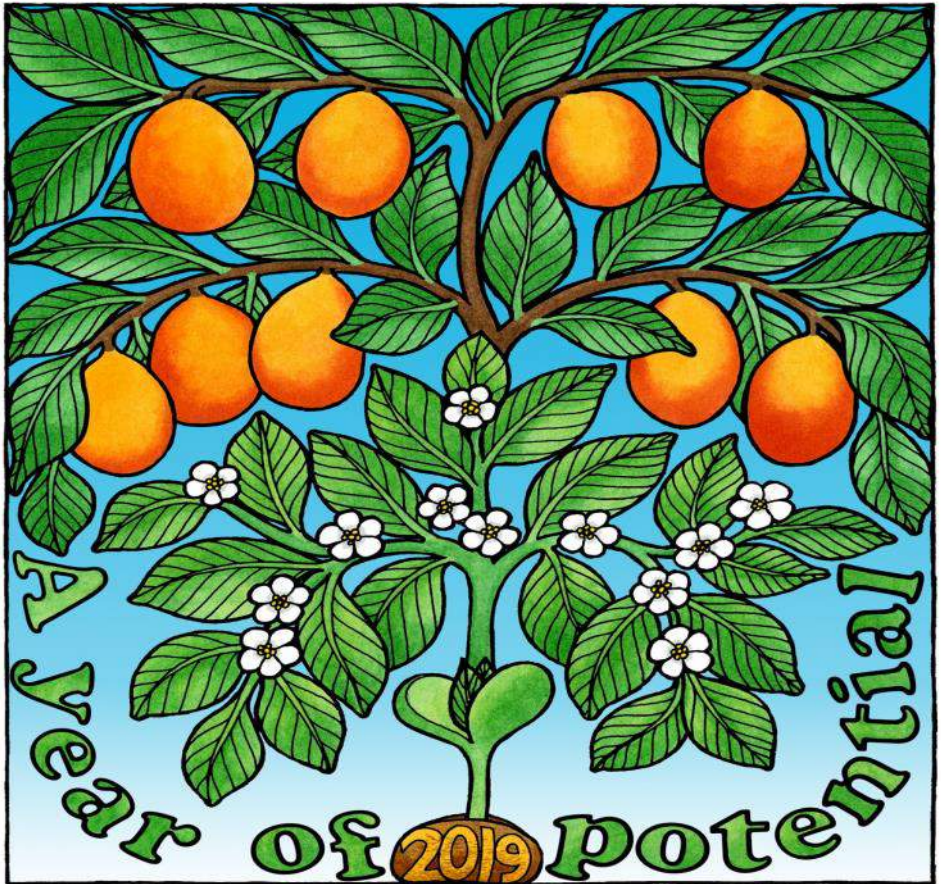


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Church Services in St Thomas' Parish, Ashton-in-Makerfield

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 Youth service

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 February magazine, including donations is 12th January Any donations received after this date will be in the next edition.

Deadline	February	March
Hand Written	12th January	10th February
Computer	15th January	13th February
Magazine Release	26th January	24th February

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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 or St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session.

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 church office on 01942 721484

Funerals

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



Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

<u>Mon</u>	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
<u>TT</u>	Youth club for 11+ (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
<u>TT</u>	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	18.00-19.00
<u>Tue</u>	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
<u>TT</u>	Football (Byrchall Sports Hall)	17.00-18.00
	Church open for prayer	19.00-20.00
<u>Wed</u>	<u>TT</u> Messy Tots (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
	<u>TT</u> Weenies (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
<u>Thu</u>	Holy Communion	09:45-10.30

***Please see page 16 for details of our services
throughout December
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.

TANGO

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Bible Bites

Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in
Numbers 22:2 to 24:25

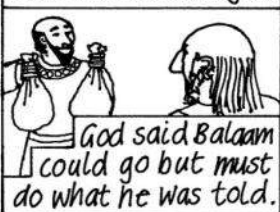
A short story from the Bible

The Israelites camped across the river Jordan from the kingdom of Moab. King Balak was sure they were going to invade.

Balak told Balaam he would pay him to curse the Israelites, but ...



Balak asked him again.



On the way, Balaam's donkey saw an angel and wouldn't move.



The donkey was stopped by the angel again, and then a third time.



God let the donkey speak.



Then Balaam saw the angel...



King Balak was ready to pay Balaam.



Look, there they are. Now curse them.



Balaam tried to curse the Israelites but he could only say a blessing.



Again, Balaam could only bless, not curse.



A third time, Balaam could only bless.



I told you I had to say what God wanted me to say.





Letter from Sue

Although many of you will get your magazine before Christmas, this is actually the first edition of our parish magazine for 2019, and so it would be great if you could set it aside and read this as the New Year starts.

Many thoughts go through our minds at this time of year; thoughts of reflection as we think about the year that has gone and of anticipation as we look forward to 2019.

In this season of making commitments for the year ahead, maybe you could consider taking up the daily practise of prayerfully reflecting on the previous 24 hours? We can easily lose sight of God's presence as we live our lives, but of course, he never loses sight of us. I was given some useful guidelines a number of years ago to help me reflect at the end of the day on what has been happening and to keep connected to God.

Begin your time of prayer by asking God to show you how he has been present and active in the events of the day as you replay the day's events as if you are watching a video of your day on fast forward. Pause at any memories that catch your attention and then relive them, looking closely at the way you felt at the time.

Start by thanking God for the elements of your day that you are grateful for; maybe express your thanks to God in words, thoughts, pictures or other creative ways. Was there a conversation with someone, a letter or a friendly gesture that stood out? Something that made you laugh or moved you to tears? An answered prayer, a problem solved or something in God's creation that filled you with joy?





Letter from Sue

In your prayer, you might like to thank God for the blessings you have felt during the day – for the security you have felt, the food you've eaten. For the people who did something for you that they didn't need to do. What did you do during the day that you are pleased about?

What things drew you closer to God through the day? Did you learn anything new about his Kingdom? Were there times when you felt loved or were able to show signs of love to others?

Were there any dark patches in the day? Were there things that you wish you had handled differently? Are you carrying any hurt from the day? Try not to judge yourself or others as you tell God how you feel, in the same way as a child talking to a parent who loves them unconditionally.

Is there anything from your day that has left you feeling inadequate, fearful or resentful? Is there any unfinished business? Tell God about it and ask for his healing and wisdom.

End your prayer time by asking God to bless the next day and the way you live it.

If you feel that you would like to involve God in your life more, then why not make a resolution to finish each day with this type of reflective prayer?

Happy New Year to you!

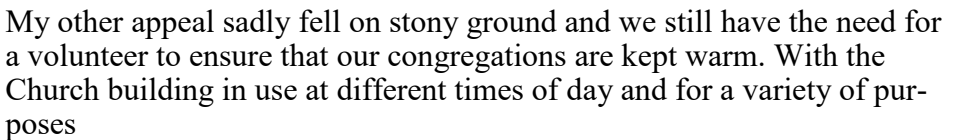
Sue



Praying Through
God's Word



Last year in this edition of the Magazine I appealed for a volunteer to take responsibility for our church and church hall multi coloured bins. I felt confident that someone would be willing to assist with this task. I was delighted when Graham Bailey, better known for his work in our churchyards, but nonetheless a former St Thomas choir boy, took on this vital task. I would like to thank Graham for his dedication to this role.



We need someone to take charge of the central heating clock to ensure that times are adjusted to ensure that the heating comes on at the right time prior to the building being used. Instruction on how to set the timer will be given and notification of the events which are to take place. You will be a very popular member of our team which does consist of very many volunteers here at St Thomas and St Luke's.

Malcolm



ACT Food Bank



Visit by Andy Burnham,
Mayor of Greater
Manchester, and children
from St Oswald's Catholic
Primary School bringing
food for Christmas 2018.

ACT (Ashton Churches Together) the Food Bank set up by a group of St Luke's and St Thomas's parishioners looking into poverty, is now six years year old.. Originally located on the market, the Food Bank took the name ACT after other local churches came together to support us. Since then we have fed some 950 families with 4,000 plus parcels thanks to the generosity of our community.

The aim is to help people whose income has stopped for whatever reason, or is temporarily inadequate for their current needs. Open on Friday morning 9.30 to 11am, there is also an emergency service if needed.

The Food Bank is supported by St Luke's, St Thomas's, Queens Rd Methodists, Beacon Church, the Salvation Army, St Oswald's and St Wilfrid's RC, the Congregational Church Hilton Street and other local Christian organisations. In addition, Asda Golborne has a collection box for customers to donate in and Tesco through Fareshare are providing additional food via the Haydock Store and Bolton Rd Ashton garage store

Only those referred can come us and then for only five weeks maximum. Less than 20% come for the full five weeks. We are currently working in partnership with Job Centre Plus, Health Visitors, Social Workers, Start Well, Wigan and Leigh Housing Trust, local doctors and others with specialist knowledge of people's circumstances. If you wish to help in any way or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Co-ordinator Andrew Bullen on 01942 273721, alternatively you can email us at Actfoodbank@Stthomasstluke.org.uk. Our postal address is: Act Food Bank C/O 31 Satinwood Close, Ashton in Makerfield, WN4 9NL



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Dear God

Thank you for sending your son down to earth, he was the greatest gift ever given.

On the 25th December we will all come together and celebrate your son's birthday. We will give gifts to family and friends as you gave us the gift of your son.

Please help people to find goodness in their hearts to help people less fortunate by donating to food banks and charities such as Shelter so the homeless and less fortunate people won't struggle quite as much this winter.

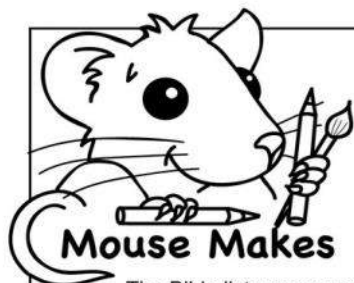
Amen

Written by Matthew Y6



**All the staff and children at St Thomas CE Primary
School wish everyone a very joyous Christmas and
Happy 2019**

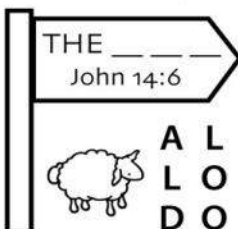
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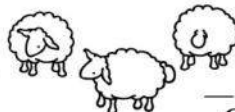
Eight days after their baby had been born, Mary and Joseph named him with the name the angel Gabriel had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins."

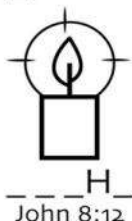
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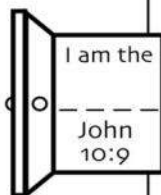
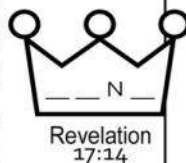
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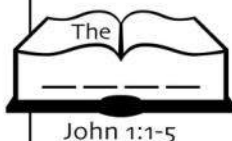
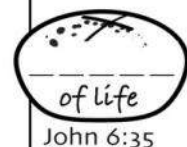
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John 1:29



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Mothers Union

MOTHERS UNION

As usual there are no Branch Meetings in January we can however look forward to our belated Christmas meal for members and friends at Bryn Masonic Hall on Friday 18th January meeting at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. I look forward to seeing everyone there and if you haven't done so already please let me have the £20.00 cost of the meal and your menu choice no later than 6th January.

Advance Notice

Saturday 16th February is our Brunch in the Church Hall from 11.00am to 1.00pm. We will be having our usual raffle, cake stall and tombola. as always we do rely on contributions from our members which are greatly appreciated.

Wednesday 20th February in St THOMAS CHURCH HALL our Annual General Meeting starting at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no better opportunity for anyone interested in the possibility of joining the Mothers Union of finding out more about the organisation and in particular the work of our branch. You can discover exactly what we do both here at St Thomas and in the Deanery, the Diocese and overseas.

Once again a great big thank you to everyone who provided Christmas Presents for the residents at Coops Foyer. They were very welcome and as always very much appreciated.

We've started on a journey, Lord,
A journey through the year,
And who knows just what lies ahead?
We pray the way is clear.
We bring you all our hopes and dreams,
Those wishes deep within,
We ask for courage and for strength





Mothers Union

To see each day begin.
We send out love and healing thoughts
To those in distant lands,
Where there is turmoil may they find
The gift of caring hands.
We thank you for companionship
And all each day can bring,
The comfort found in love and faith
They help our spirits sing.
And so once more we ask you, Lord,
Please be our guard and guide,
And on our journey through the year
Be always by our side.



Iris Hesselden

Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year
Love and God bless

Barbara



THE LEPROSY MISSION

This year, World Leprosy Day will be on Sunday 27th January 2019. There will be information leaflets in church, together with envelopes for donations. After the 11.45 service, there will be the usual refreshments in the Church Hall, and any donations there will also go to the Leprosy Mission.

World Leprosy Day will be supporting “Heal Nepal”.

Thank you all for your support.

Barbara and Margaret

Crossword

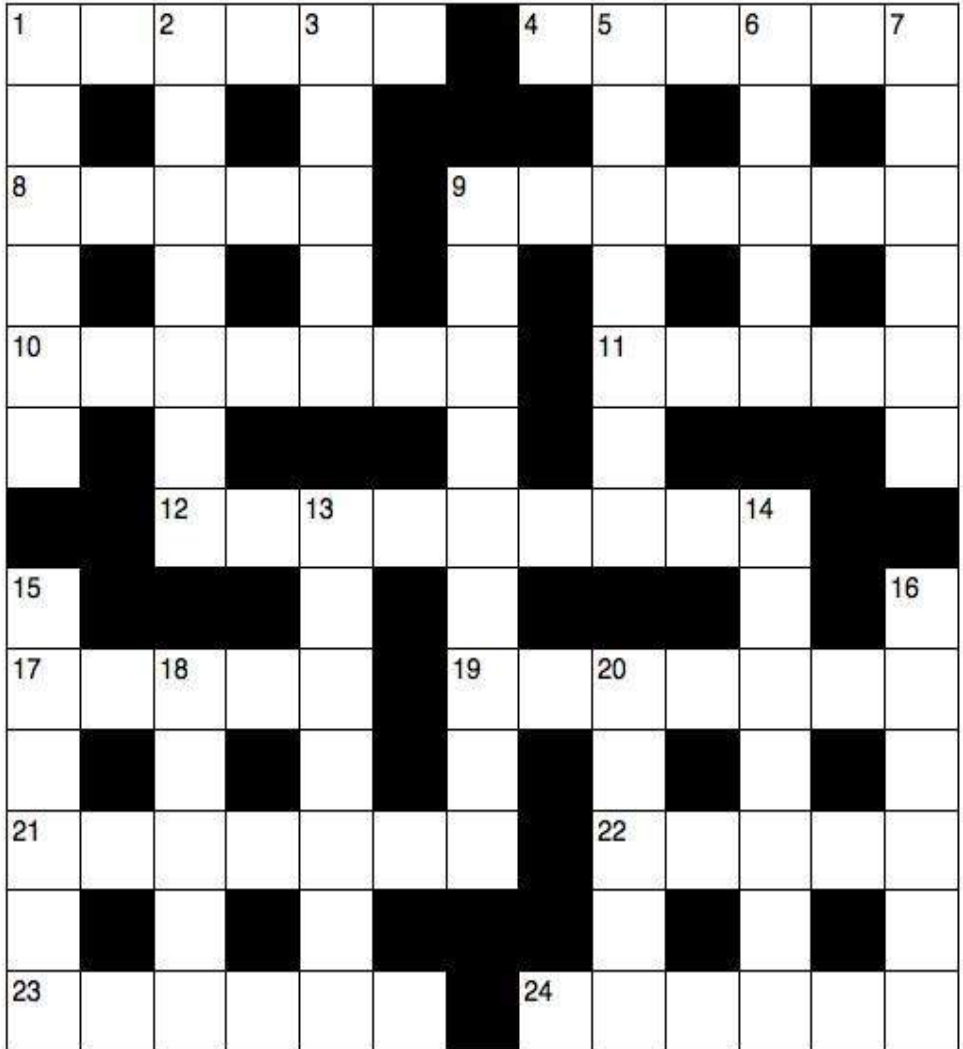
Across

- 1 Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6)
- 4 The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6)
- 8 Tenth-century Bishop of Augsburg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5)
- 9 'Do not — what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7)
- 10 Reading desk in a church (7)
- 11 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like — walking around"' (Mark 8:24) (5)
- 12 One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9)
- 17 One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5)
- 19 'Like — babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7)
- 21 Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7)
- 22 Girl's name (5)
- 23 Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6)
- 24 How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)

Down

- 1 A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6)
- 2 For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7)
- 3 Abram's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5)
- 5 'Jesus answered, "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone.'"' (Matthew 4:4) (7)
- 6 'Peace I — with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5)
- 7 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2)
- 9 Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9)
- 13 This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7)
- 14 Or noise (anag.) (7)
- 15 'Even though I walk through the valley of the — of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6)
- 16 ' — Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6)
- 18 Saver (anag.) (5)
- 20 'Unless a grain of — falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

Crossword



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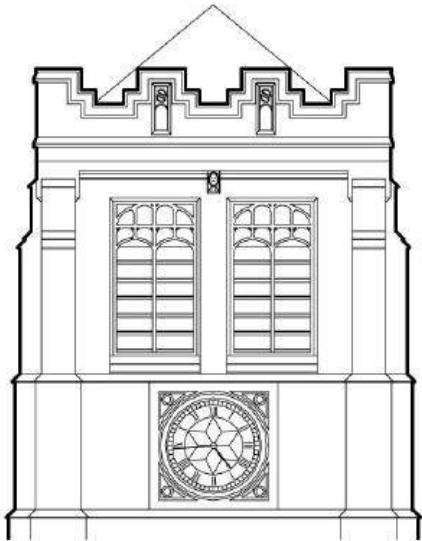
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The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindlewald (12A)

Directed by David Yates

Stars: Eddie Redmayne, Dan Fogler, Johnny Depp, Jude Law, Katherine Waterston, Callum Turner, Zoe Kravitz, Ezra Miller, Alison Sudol, Kevin Guthrie, Claudia Kim, and Cornell John

In a Nutshell: It's one thing to create a sequel and simply carry on a story and tell the next chapter, but using it as a jumping off point, to then further magnify and explore and expand a universe in many exciting and bold ways, well that's the new way to do it. Taking a cue from Marvel and DC, JK Rowling now creates a vast prequel universe for her beloved characters as we discover the dark and dangerous past of the wizarding world. Sure, I do believe it's going to divide people... as it goes really far into having a lot of references and plot points and characters and things happening that you'll either wade right in, love it and revel in it or you'll get lost and think it's too much. Me? I'm wading right in but at the same time, realizing it's not perfect but doesn't need to be. If you're a Potter fan and are very familiar with the universe, there's a ton to enjoy and once it reaches its final stretch, it's a tense and exciting and very dark ride but one that leaves you wanting more and leaves you very excited for where this could all go. Everyone is on fun form, with Redmayne positively shining throughout in his loveable awkwardness and a very affable Law as a young Dumbledore is kinda perfect and always totally charming whilst Depp is perfectly alright and menacing, especially as the film nears its final act. Full of fantastical fantasy, intrigue, and plenty of fun... it's another intriguing chapter in a steadily expanding and magical universe.

Rating: 8/10

Also Seen:

The Grinch (U) 7/10

Overlord (18) 9/10

Robin Hood (12A) 7/10

Wreck it Ralph: Ralph Breaks the Internet (PG) 8/10

Creed II (12A) 9/10

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG) 9/10

Widows (15) 10/10



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The 19 Movies to see in 2019!

19) Frozen II (PG) (November 22nd)

All your favorite characters return in this long-awaited sequel to Disney's animated 2013 worldwide phenomenon

18) Hobbs and Shaw (tba) (July 26th)

Dwayne Johnson's Agent Luke Hobbs and Jason Statham's Deckard Shaw team up to take down Idris Elba's brand new baddie in this Fast and Furious spin off from Atomic Blonde and Deadpool II director David Leitch

17) Vice (15) (January 25th)

Adam McKay directs this satirical true-life tale of Vice President Dick Cheney, played by a yet again-unrecognisable Christian Bale and featuring a stellar cast in prime political roles from Sam Rockwell as George W. Bush to Steve Carrell as Donald Rumsfeld

16) Missing Link (PG) (April 5th)

Laika (Kubo, Coraline, Paranorman) return with this animated tale about an explorer who discovers and befriends the legend that is Bigfoot, featuring the voices of Hugh Jackman and Zack Galifianakis

15) The Kid Who Would be King (12A) (February 15th)

Joe Cornish (Attack the Block) returns to directing with this epic teen fantasy tale about a school kid who discovered he may just be the descendant of King Arthur, and so begins an epic quest that plays like a modern London take on the Arthurian legend, complete with Patrick Stewart as Merlin

14) Spider-Man: Far from Home (12A) (July 5th)

Fresh from his Homecoming and trying to help save the galaxy from Thanos in Infinity War, Tom Holland is back as Peter Parker and Spidey as he takes on Jake Gyllenhaal's 'mysterious' villain

13) Rocketman (tba) (May 24th)

Taron Egerton takes on the role of Elton John in this fantastical biopic of the legendary singer... and as evidenced in his role in Sing, he really does have the necessary pipes to completely nail this role



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12) The Lion King (PG) (July 19th)

Disney do it again, as director Jon Favreau follows up his immense success in adapting Jungle Book to live action by adapting the life long favorite 1994 Disney classic to the realms of live-action also, featuring the vocal talents of Beyonce, Donald Glover, Seth Rogen and Chiwetel Ejiofor

11) Toy Story 4 (U) (June 21st)

After we thought they'd rode off into the sunset in the third and final installment, Disney and Pixar bring back everyone's favorite space ranger and cowboy for one last rodeo.... Expect the unexpected and expect a lot of emotional highs and lows

10) Captain Marvel (12A) (March 8th)

Before the Avengers try once more to defeat Thanos, we get the back story and origin tale of Carol Danvers... a former pilot who becomes the universes' strongest warrior and mightiest defender as we go back to the 1990s' to also discover how Nick Fury became the head of SHIELD and the origins of that eye patch

9) Dumbo (PG) (March 29th)

Tim Burton is the unusual talent behind this live-action adaptation of the Walt Disney animated classic.... Colin Farrell, Eva Green and Michael Keaton star alongside some wickedly talented flying elephants.

8) Star Wars: Episode VIII (12A) (December 19th)

J.J Abrams returns to finish off the newest trilogy of Star Wars movies as Rey finally embraces her destiny after the events of the Last Jedi, will she be able to lead the resistance and topple the first order?

7) How to Train Your Dragon III (PG) (February 1st)

Also rounding off a huge trilogy of epic movies, this franchise closer sees the mother of all battles break out for the future of the island that Hiccup and co call home, all the while Toothless finds love and discovers he is not alone. Expect emotions and action aplenty.

6) Men in Black International (tba) (June 14th)

This new spin off sees Thor: Ragnarok stars Tessa Thompson and Chris Hemsworth join the best kept secret in the galaxy amongst a stellar support cast of supreme talent including Liam Neeson and Emma Thompson.

5) It: Chapter Two (15) (September 6th)

Following the stellar success of the first chapter, this second installment of the chilling horror story sees the group of friends return to Derry, Maine as adults only to have to face the sinister Pennywise once more.... James McAvoy, Jessica Chastain and Bill Hader are amongst the stars portraying the grown up Losers Club.



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4) John Wick: Parabellum (tba) (May 17th)

After the stunning climax of John Wick: Chapter Two, Keanu Reeves' master assassin goes on the run in this third part of the series, joined by returning actors Ian McShane and Laurence Fishburne as well as new blood Halle Berry... expect intrigue and action galore as the franchise seeks to up the ante once more

3) Glass (tba) (January 18th)

Possibly even more eagerly anticipated a superhero sequel than The Incredibles II, M. Night Shyamalan combines a lot of universes to bring this epic superhero thriller. The end of Split revealed it to be a secret Unbreakable sequel, and here both the worlds of Split and Unbreakable combine as James McAvoy's beast is put on a collision course with Bruce Willis' David Dunn and Sam Jackson's Mr. Glass via psychoanalyst Sarah Paulson... expect intrigue to the max

2) The LEGO Movie II (PG) (February 8th)

Who knew in 2014 that The LEGO Movie would be one of the best animated movies of the decade and any other decade, be so witty and emotional and terrific? Well, now after Ninjago and Batman came and amused us... the original cast is back for a madcap sequel that takes place in a post-apocalyptic universe as Emmett and Lucy battle a brand-new threat... expect surrealism, emotions and a lot of bricks....

1) Avengers: End Game (12A) (April 26th)

Could it be anything else at all? After the gobsmacking climax of Avengers: Infinity War, anticipation has been nuclear for this climactic follow up to both that and most of the Marvel Cinematic Universe as a whole as the final stand will be made to reset the world and put things right... boasting the same impressive cast plus newbie Captain Marvel plus the return of Jeremy Renner's Hawkeye, stakes are high and come the end credits... everything could completely change.

In February's Issue:

- Reviews of Mary Poppins Returns and Mortal Engines
the Best and Worst of 2018

Thank you for reading and all the best for the New Year

Rob



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Birthday remembrance (11th Jan) and anniversary remembrance (19th Jan) of a very dear Aunt Marian Bullen from Alison, Adrian, Becky & Chris

In memory of Leslie and Nellie Littler and Jack and Nellie Boon from Ron and Jean

Loving birthday memories of a loving husband Jack Blinston from Martha, Alan, Mavis and families

Birthday (24th Jan) and anniversary (15th Jan) remembrance of Ronnie Wood from his ever loving wife and family

Diamond wedding anniversary of Margaret and Graham Ackers
Married on 3rd January 1959

Birthday and anniversary remembrance of Arthur Edwardson from Hilda, Sharon and Raymond



Birthday (11th Jan) and anniversary (19th Jan) remembrance of a dearly loved and much missed Mum Marian Bullen from Karen and Alec

Thank you to Ashton Festival Committee and Parkside Choir for
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St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty

5th Jan	All ladies dismantle & Hilda Edwardson team
12th Jan	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
19th Jan	Meta Laites, Linda Malley, Kath Vella
26th Jan	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook, Margaret Carrington

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From a magazine reader from Belvedere Road

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Flowers in church this month

Date	Altar	Lady Chapel
5th Jan	Vacant	Vacant
12th Jan	Vacant	Vacant
19th Jan	Vacant	In memory of all loved ones from the Bailey family
26th Jan	Vacant	Vacant

January birth flower

The carnation is the January birth flower also called the gillyflower and clove pink and is widely harvested in many different colours and varieties. Originally from Asia, where they've been cultivated for at least 2,000 years. With its feathery soft petals, it's traditionally known as the 'mothers day' flower. The carnation is a tall flower growing 3 feet high and has a lovely rich fragrance. In contrast, some beautiful flowers have no scent at all.



Carnation is derived from the Greek word *corone* (coronation) and means 'flower of the Gods'. It's Latin name is *dianthus* which means 'divine flower'. In Spain the bloom is used in national festivals and the main flower in many religious celebrations. The carnation has different meanings depending on the colour.



St Luke's Flowers

Flowers in church for December

6th Jan	Vacant
13th Jan	Vacant
20th Jan	Vacant
27th Jan	Vacant



In memory of Mary Roberts a much love auntie from Rose

Verse for the Year

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God' great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32-33

Sudoku Solution

2	4	9	3	6	1	5	8	7
1	3	8	7	5	2	6	4	9
5	6	7	4	8	9	3	1	2
4	9	2	8	3	5	1	7	6
7	5	3	1	9	6	8	2	4
8	1	6	2	4	7	9	3	5
9	2	4	5	1	3	7	6	8
3	7	5	6	2	8	4	9	1
6	8	1	9	7	4	2	5	3

Crossword Solution

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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

12th Dec	Marian Barnes	Garswood House	9
16th Dec	Edna Kilgannon	Skelton Street	7
19th Dec	Doris Greenall	Wigan Road	8

Weddings- In Holy Matrimony



15th Dec	Ian McGregor Sara Byers
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Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



25th Nov	Isla Grace Cunliffe	Townfields
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