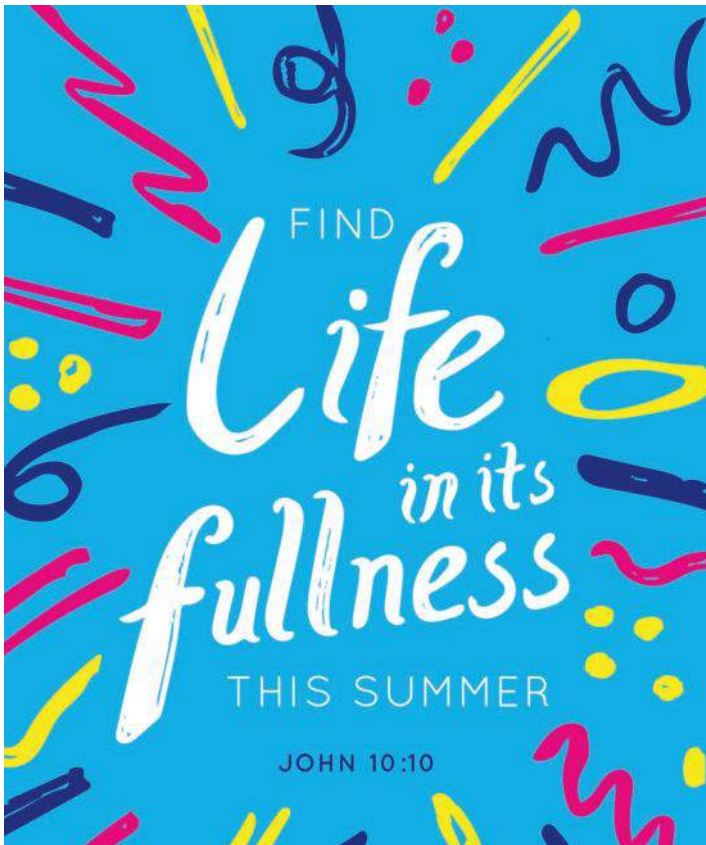


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Church Services in St Thomas' Parish, Ashton-in-Makerfield

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

Deadline	August	September
Hand Written	12th July	13th August
Computer	19th July	19th August
Magazine Release	29th July	25th August

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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>	Football (Byrchall Sports Hall)	17.00-18.00
<u>TT</u>	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	18.00-19.00
<u>Tue</u>	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
	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

TT—term time only

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

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If you want more information about TANGO or to arrange a collection please ring: 01744 607388





All things come from you, O Lord...
and of your own do we give you.

Parish Giving Scheme

I know that I have mentioned this before, possibly several times but make no excuse for repeating this plea. Many Church members have set up the direct debits and we as a parish are benefiting considerably from the efficiency of the scheme this in itself is encouragement for others to consider joining.

It is really a brilliant method of making regular donations especially if you are a tax payer and can sign the gift aid declaration which adds 25 pence to every pound that you give. The real plus is that the we receive the gift aid in so short a time as 10 days after the donation is made. Yes on the 10th of each month the gift aid is in our Church account.

The Scheme is open to everyone who has a bank account. For those people who feel somewhat embarrassed at the thought of not putting collection on the plate we have tokens to replace envelopes or cash. These tokens simply say that your collection is given through Parish Giving. I have included below an example of the token showing both sides.

Malcolm



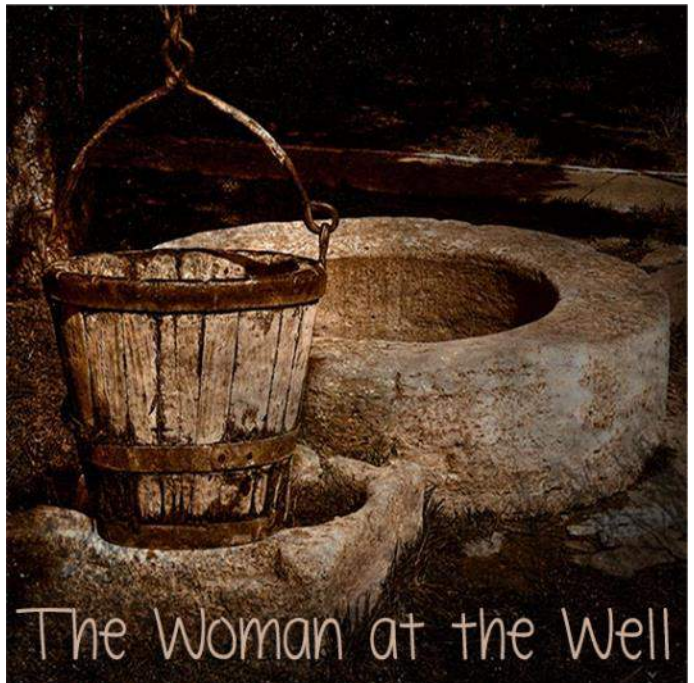


Letter from Sam

You'll likely already know the story of the Woman at the Well from John's Gospel. In it a Samaritan woman to draw water from a well. Jesus interrupts her, asking for water for himself. She's surprised that a man would ask her for water, and then Jesus replies "If you knew the gift of God... you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

"If you knew the gift of God."

I hadn't really thought about those words until a couple of days ago. Jesus in front of this woman is the gift of God. Everything that God has to offer is stood right in front of her. Not stale water dragged up from the bottom of a well, but life-giving water that would transform her from within.





Letter from Sam

In Jesus' world, gifts were free, but they came with expectations: accepting a gift meant entering a new relationship where you offer gifts in the same way they have been offered to you. If she accepts Jesus, the gift of God, she will give in the same way she has received.

On Sunday 8th July, we'll be celebrating Gift Day together. Together, we know the gift of God. In response to that gift we're invited to share what we have as a gift. This year our gifts will be focused on Fit for the Future. Fit for the Future is our project to make Jesus more accessible to our community, so that every person in our parish and hub has the chance to receive the gift of God for themselves. Since we have received we are invited to give, so that our parish and community can receive too.

In this month's Parish Magazine, and in church from the Sunday before, you will find a Gift Day envelope. You can return it to church either to the office or to a collection plate. Tickets for th

Gift Day will be on July 8th with all donations going to Fit for the Future to improve the heating and audio visual in St Thomas' Church



Mothers Union

Diary:

Wednesday 18th July Summer Evening in the Church Hall 7.30pm. With Supper and free raffle Entertainment by Pheonix Ukulele Band. Price £3.00

Families First Magazine

The new General Data Protection legislation which came into effect at the end of May means that the MU can no longer send out lists of names to Branch Leaders as they currently do. The refreshed Families First will come to you in 2019 - with more focus on what makes Mothers' Union unique such as the development and policy work and a greater level of interaction with members. The magazine will be sent four times a year - in February, May, August and November - and the price will be reduced to £10 per year for members.

Following a lot of work by the team and discussion with trustees, the MU has been decided to go ahead with a renewals process that works directly with subscribers. It is hoped that this process will be much easier for branches by removing the vast majority of the administrative burden. Members who subscribe to Families First will receive details of how to renew - including a letter telling them what's happening, a form to fill in and a freepost envelope - inside the July/August issue of Families First. I am asked to encourage our subscribers to watch out for this information, and at the same time encourage you to renew.

Advance notices

There are no meetings in August but we will be having our Light Lunch in the Church Hall 11-00am -1.00pm. on **Saturday 11th August** Everyone welcome, contributions will be gratefully received to our cake stall, raffle, tombola. Please do come along and enjoy your lunch and enjoy the fellowship as you chat with your friends and at the same time have the

opportunity of making new friends.

In addition

I also need to let you know about the plans for Mary Sumner Day celebration which will be at St Paul's Church Fazakerley on the 4 August beginning at noon with a service in Church. If you would like to go then please let me know as I do need to book numbers by 20 July.

School Days

As we approach the end of another school year,
we pray for our children and young people;
some completing their first year, others leaving school;
many finishing exams that will lead to decision making and change.
We pray that they will be guided wisely and realistically
supported and encouraged as they tackle new challenges.
Protect each one through the school holidays
when they are free from the structure and security of a school day.

We ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Lorraine McConaghy, Ramoan & Culfoightrin, Province of All-Ireland

Love and Prayers

Barbara

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

Uganda

Maren Pfeiffer and I went to Uganda in June to work with members of the charity us2uganda4life.

We worked with children of infant and primary school age at Masaka Baptist School and orphanage.

Each morning began with all the pupils, staff and volunteers meeting in Church for praise and worship. The pupils taught us worship songs and vice versa. We then spent the rest of the morning in classes teaching the children about Creation and the life of Jesus.

After lunch the children could choose an activity; knitting was very popular with both boys and girls. Others learnt to crochet and embroider and Maren was able to teach some of the older pupils how to play the recorder. All the craft items that you generously donated were used up and the books we took to the school were in great demand.

On the Saturday, the children who live in at school enjoyed Sports Day. Congratulations to Maren who won the visitors' Sack Race!

The service on Sunday morning was vibrant, noisy and the joy in the worship was tangible.

It was a privilege to help out in Masaka and to learn from our Ugandan friends.

Thank you all
for your prayers
and donations

Helen Stuart



Helen and Maren joined with others from the Independent Methodist Stubshaw and Beacon churches to help at a predominately American funded orphanage. Here at St Thomas' and St Luke's we raise money for two specific projects in Uganda. Chris tells us more about this ...

Africa Fund News

The Africa fund supports two amazing Christian-run projects in south west Uganda: a children's home at Rukungiri and the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Project which provides outlying communities with access to clean water and proper sanitation. Both projects play a massive part in saving and changing lives. You can find out more about these on our web site: <http://www.stthomasstluke.org.uk/ourworld/africafund/>

On Saturday 9th June we held a brunch to raise money for our Africa Fund. This raised a grand total of £815.06. This is a brilliant effort and we are indebted to all of those people who generously provided their time, food, plants, cards and prizes. Thanks also go to those people who came along to support us on the day.

Each month a number of generous donors support the Africa fund with standing orders. However, the monthly income does not match our donations from the fund to the projects we support. Events like the Brunch therefore play an invaluable part in helping us to meet our commitments.

If you would like to know about our Africa fund or would like to help then please contact me on 01942 724207 or by email at chriswooff@outlook.com



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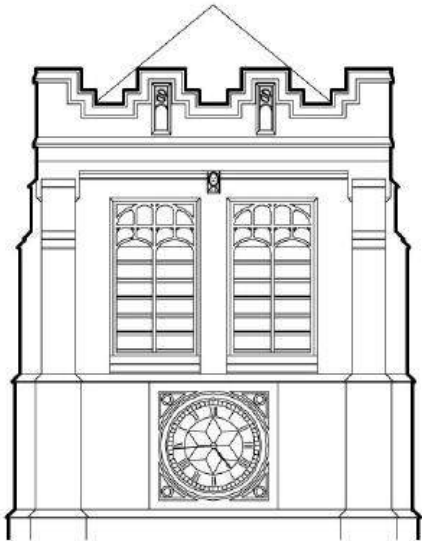
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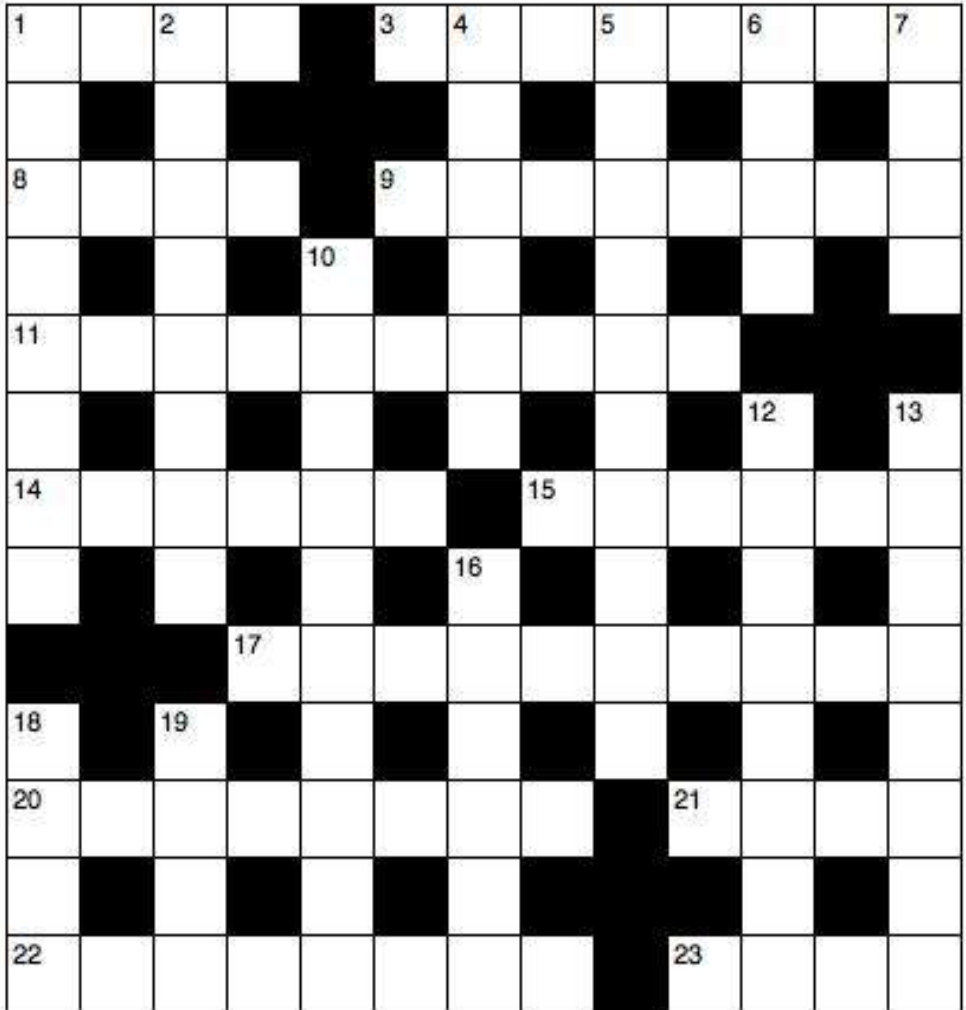


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Crossword



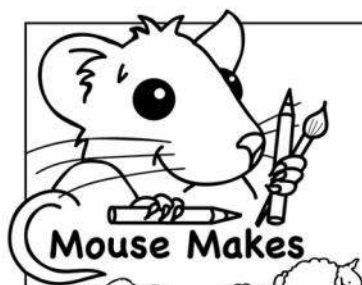
ACROSS

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to — ' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom!Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

DOWN

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

Solution on page 25



LOST AND FOUND

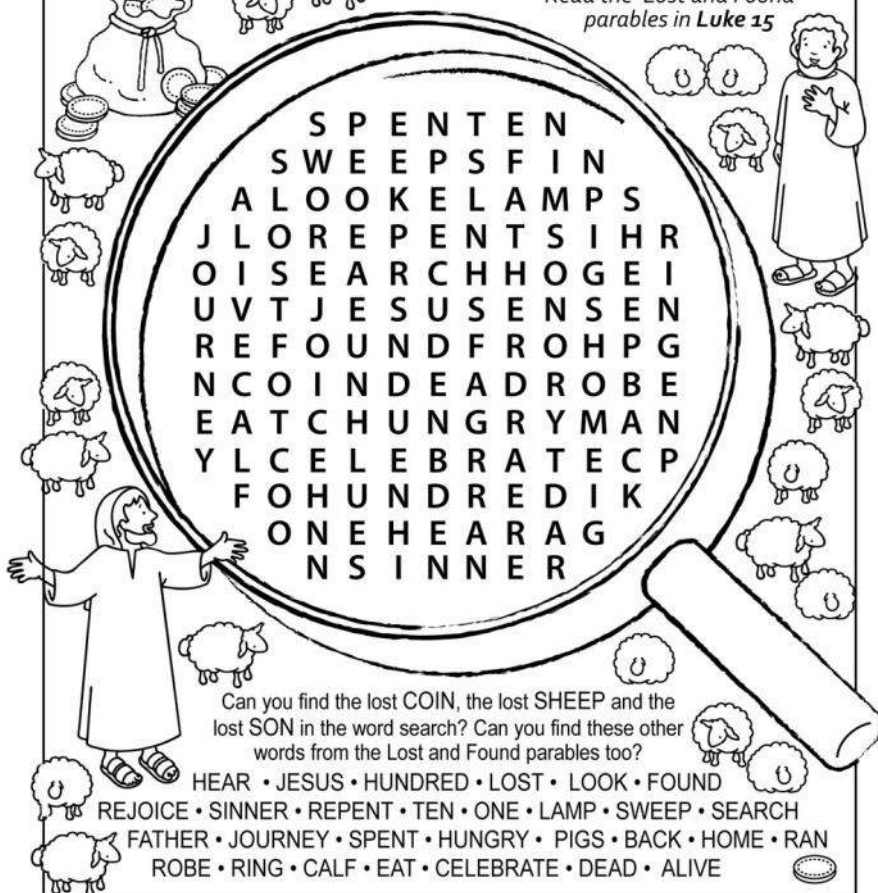
Jesus told three stories to help us to understand God's love and forgiveness.

The first is about a missing sheep that the shepherd did not give up looking for.

The second is about a lost coin that the owner kept searching for until it was found.

The third is about a young man who returned home after he realised he had made a mistake by wanting to go his own way.

Read the 'Lost and Found' parables in **Luke 15**



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Crossword solution

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If you wish to discuss any issues around Wills and Legacies please ring the Parish Treasurer Sarah Riley on 01942 722747



**Birthday Remembrance of John Forster
(3rd July)**

A dear dad from your son Barry

**Loving birthday remembrance of
Douglas Evans (13th July)
Jessie Evans(22nd July)**

From Hazel

**Birthday remembrance of Arthur Shaw
(23rd July)**

A loving dad and grandad from Barbara,
Malcolm and family

**Birthday remembrance of Stanley Brown
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From all his loving family



With thanks for the anonymous donation of £500 to our
Heating Fund

**All donations must be received by 9th July to be printed in
the August Magazine.**

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St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty

7th July	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook
14th July	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
21st July	Meta Laithes, Kath Vella, Linda Malley
28th July	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook

July Birth Month Flower

Also the 11th wedding anniversary flower. It is said that the tulip's velvety black center represents a lover's heart. With the power to rival roses in their red variety and the sweet charm to express simple joy when yellow, it's no wonder that in addition to all its other symbolism, in the language of flowers, a tulip bouquet represents elegance and grace.



Flowers in church in July

Date	Altar	Lady Chapel
1st July	Vacant	Vacant
8th July	Vacant	Birthday remembrance of Elsie Jervis, a dear mother from David Elsie, Ann & families
15th July	For our Golden Wedding anniversary from Janet & Doug Wildman	For our Golden Wedding anniversary from Janet & Doug Wildman
22nd July	In memory of John Jolley from Gladys and family	Birthday memories of Sheila Lester, a much loved friend and Auntie from Joan, Dennis and Wendy
29th July	Vacant	Birthday remembrance of Hugh Jervis, a dear dad from David, Elsie, Ann & families

On 27th May the flowers in church were in memory of Gary Marsden From Mum, Dad and family

Flowers in the Nativity window in memory of a dearly loved father Robert Hedley Hilton from Alison, Adrian, Becky & Chris



St Luke's Flowers

Flowers in church for July	
1st July	Vacant
8th July	Vacant
15th July	Birthday remembrance Connie Lockett from Sheila, Billy & family
22nd July	Vacant
29Th July	Birthday wishes for Chris's 50 th with love from Mum & Dad



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Robert Carson's Film Report- July 2018

Movie Reviews

Deadpool II (15)

Directed by David Leitch

Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin, Morena Baccarin, Julian Dennison, T.J Miller, Zazie Beetz, Leslie Uggams, Karan Soni, Brianna Hildebrand, Eddie Marsan, and Stefan Kapicic (voice)

In a Nutshell: All popular movies inevitably get sequels, and Deadpool was one heck of a success... accumulating a massive box office on a perfectly adequate budget... so yeah a sequel was inevitable, and easy thing to say is if you love this character and the first movie then you'll love this no matter what. But the level of your enjoyment, will depend on this.... do you want the same movie, the same don't care attitude... or do you appreciate the chance to care more, to deepen the character whilst still doing the same ridiculous stuff, do you mind that the budget is much higher and that the scope is much more than simple silliness? If that's fine then you're as on board as I was with this terrific sequel that retains that ridiculous edge and does some outrageous and edgy things with the story, but at the same time deepens the character and story, and whilst being hilarious and ridiculous is also surprisingly moving and heartfelt, which will shock some but actually I found a great and bold move. I will say that the stuff that I came out of this movie loving was still the ridiculous stuff, the asides to camera and the cameos and the clever gags and twists that totally change the dynamic of what you're expecting at every turn... but simultaneously I appreciate the way it becomes a proper movie at the same time and doesn't just label the character as a one note character, yeah he was always great anyway in the way he poked fun but this feels like a really great movie at the same time, it juggles both moods perfectly and if you wait at the end of the movie, oh boy are you rewarded with the funniest end credits sequence ever. Reynolds as always is perfect in the role he was born to play so no surprise there, whereas Josh Brolin continues to dominate the world in his gruff and brilliant role as Cable, the straight man who still is in on the game though and plays it straight perfectly, the Tommy Lee



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Jones to Reynolds' Will Smith, perfect given he played that character in MIB 3. Dennison after being so perfect in Wilderpeople, is similarly fun and effective here and is given a great character arc and a chance to shine and all the regulars are on form as always... the budget may be higher but mainly in service of the ridiculousness and all the better for it as it provides some extremely outrageous and perfect gags. If you loved the first, I'm fairly sure you'll love a lot of this all the same, it doesn't go the route of some spoof superhero sequels thankfully, it just gets crazier and better....

Rating: 8/10

Solo: A Star Wars Story (12A)

Directed by Ron Howard

Stars: Alden Ehrenreich, Emilia Clarke, Woody Harrelson, Donald Glover, Thandie Newton, Paul Bettany, Joonas Suotamo, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Jon Favreau (voice), and Linda Hunt (voice)

In a Nutshell: There's a big question you need to answer or ask yourself... how much do you need to know about a characters back story? Sure when done really well, you don't mind... but how many of these sort of stories and spin offs actually work? It can sometimes take some mystery away, or basically you find yourselves wondering did we really need this? Prequels can work but they're not always delving into a specific back story more the story as a whole, such as the recent Star Trek from Abrams as well as the Nolan Batmans' but specific character back story movies.... well let's see. I'll start by saying I would have really loved to see what Phil Lord and Chris Miller would have done with it... a LEGO or Jump Street style take on the genre would have been perfect, but alas not to be. But, and it's a big but... that is not to say that Solo doesn't work... not at all, it's perfectly enjoyable, fun and a real blast throughout. It just doesn't stand out in too many big ways, except for a handful of great characters and set pieces. It's terrific fun whilst it's there but how much of a lasting impact does it really have? Well the cast are certainly memorable and fantastic fun, with Ehrenreich proving an inspired and fun choice for the eponymous Solo, both effortlessly charming and very easy to root for and fly along on the journey, whilst familiar faces such as Emilia or Woody or Thandie do what they do best with charm and aplomb... whilst Bettany steals the whole show with his nasty shady gangster character and Glover is just perfect as



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the charming and slippery Lando, whilst Waller-Bridge is ace as a wonderfully sarcastic feisty robot... it tells the story of how it began and will continue to begin and how characters met, with such aplomb that it's hard not to get swept along and enjoy the ride. It's not right up there with the verybest of the franchise, but it's a pure ride that will appeal to all...

Rating: 7/10

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