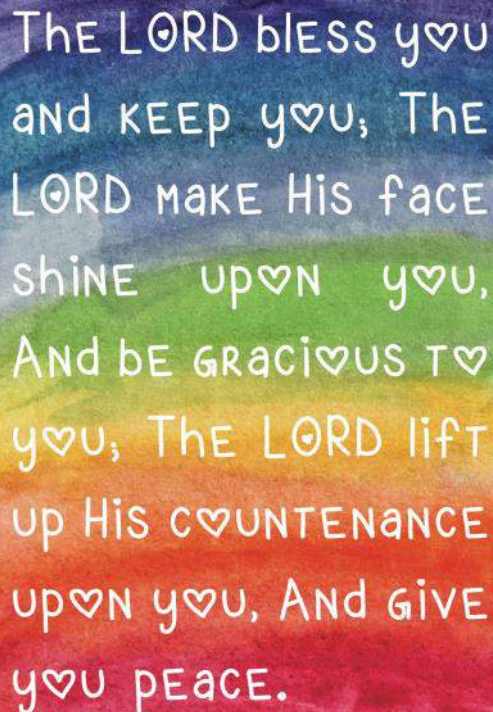


# St Thomas' and St Luke's Ashton-in-Makerfield Magazine



THE LORD bless you  
and KEEP you; THE  
LORD make His face  
shine upoN you,  
And be GRACIoUS TO  
you; THE LORD lift  
up His coUNTENANCE  
upoN you, And GIVE  
you PEACE.

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# Church Services in St Thomas' and St Luke's

## Sundays

### St Thomas'

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
9am Communion 10.45 All Age Worship	9am Morning Worship 10.45 Worship Together 18.30 Communion	9am Com 10.45 W	9am Com 10.45 W
<b>St Aidan's</b> 18.30 Evening Prayer			
10.30 Hub 18.30 H			churches in the hub churches in the hub
			11am
Far		Family Worship	Family Worship
<b>Weekdays</b>			
	10.45am Communion (BCP) St Thomas'	Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for additional services details or exceptions.	

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## **Important Information**

### **Baptisms**

Baptisms normally 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 have been baptised and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session.

### **Funerals**

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

### **Marriage**

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# Letter from Eth Yates

**"Create in me a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within me".**

*'This verse was on the front of the February magazine at St Peters, as I read it I thought this was a good verse to take us into the summer holiday season. Hopefully for many of you reading this article the summer will be a time when we are able to sit back and relax (or am I dreaming !!). For those with school aged children these summer months mean extra work as you arrange care and entertainment for the children, for others you may be off to exotic places either in this country or overseas. Hopefully for most it's a time to sit back take a breath and review the year.'*

Well that was the start of the article I had planned to write for the magazine however Covid 19 got in the way. I began writing this way back in February so that I would have it done when Sue Thomas reminded me. How things have changed

I should have been going to Wales with our annual GB/ BB camp, when a group of 40+ of us would leave the safety of Bryn for Wales and 'invade' a farmers field with nothing more than a tap. We would live in tents, camper vans and caravans for a week. We learn a lot during that week away mainly about each other and how we work and interact together. The best time we see how we work together is when pours down with rain and we are trying our best to keep the young people dry. Sometimes this brings out the best in us and sometimes, I'm ashamed to admit, it brings out the worst. However when the sun shines again and you have a brew and a biscuit in your hand there is no better place to be and the trials we have been through and the soggy clothes are a distant memory.

Could this be an analogy for our lives as Christians, sometimes when we are under the greatest strain in our personal lives or our church lives that is the time when we see the best and the worst of ourselves. In the good times it is easy to sing and praise God but at the worst of times we often rail against Him and wonder where he is in it all.

But then when those 'storms' are over and we sit back with a brew, and a biscuit, we can see that God was in the middle of all the pressure we were under, just sitting supporting us.

The words 'renew a right spirit in us' is a challenge for us all this summer. We should have been planning to take time to be still and to refresh not just our physical and mental needs but our spiritual needs and our relationship with God. Many of us will have had loads of time to do just that during the lock down period.

For some this has been a time of great stress and worry. People are not sure what the next few months will bring, not sure if a holiday is possible at all.

So whatever the summer months bring for us lets remember even God took a day off during the creation of the world, so if He was able to rest then that gives us permission to do the same.

As we go into the holiday period lets hope that whatever we do and wherever we spend our time we can be 'renewed and refreshed' and we can recognise that we do indeed have a 'steadfast spirit within us' ready for whatever we do in the months to come. God bless and enjoy the summer.

 Create in me  
a pure heart, O God,  
 and renew a  
steadfast  
spirit within me.

- Psalm 51:10

Eth Yates (St Peter's)

# New Archbishop of York

Bishop Stephen Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York at 11am on Thursday, July 9, in a service broadcast entirely via video conference, due to Coronavirus restrictions.

As Presiding Judge, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, has granted permission for the virtual service to take place.

The service, which had been due to take place in York Minster, will be in two parts: a legal ceremony with readings, prayers and music; and a film marking the start of Bishop Stephen's ministry as Archbishop of York.

Young people from across the North of England, will read a letter written by the medieval religious scholar Alcuin of York.

Bishop Stephen will offer his first address as Archbishop of York. Prayers will be offered for the Archbishop and the Northern Province of the Church of England, as well as for the wider world in these difficult times.

Commenting on the service, Bishop Stephen said: "I am looking forward to beginning my ministry as the 98th Archbishop of York.

"This isn't quite how I imagined it would begin. It is certainly the first time an Archbishop's election will have been confirmed via video conference.

"But we're all having to re-imagine how we live our lives and how we inhabit the world. These are difficult times.

"My hope is that through this service the love of God that is given us in Jesus Christ will shine out, perhaps even to those who while never attending a service in York Minster, might have a look online.

"I can still just about remember what it's like to not be part of the Christian community.

“What inspired me to follow Jesus is that vision of a new humanity that I see in him. Following in the footsteps of my many predecessors, I look forward to serving our nation and bringing the love and peace of Christ to our world, especially here in the north.”

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said: "Like so many across the Church of England and Anglican Communion, I am looking forward to welcoming Bishop Stephen to his new ministry with joy, thanksgiving and hope.

“He radiates the love of Jesus Christ wherever he goes, and along with my fellow bishops, I look forward to serving alongside him. These are difficult times for everyone, and frightening and painful times for many. But we believe as strongly as ever that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness.

“I pray that this new beginning for Bishop Stephen as he becomes Archbishop of York is also a moment that refreshes our hope, deepens our faith and sends us out with new energy to love and serve others in Christ’s name.”

The Confirmation of Election is the formal legal process that completes the appointment of senior bishops. Prior to the confirmation, the College of Canons of York Minster will have elected the Archbishop Designate as the Queen’s nominee for the post. At the start of the proceedings, he will give his consent to his appointment. Following the reading of the Queen’s Letters Patent, legal documents supporting the appointment will be produced to show that all necessary procedures have been followed. At the conclusion, the election will be confirmed, and Bishop Stephen will become the Archbishop of York. The service would ordinarily take place in York Minster, the seat of the Archbishop of York.

The service will be available on the Church of England website.

Arrangements for Bishop Stephen’s enthronement service will be announced later in the year.



# Mothers' Union

## **Diary:**

Still no diary events but encouraging news of the relaxation of the lockdown perhaps we are not far off from the time, with appropriate precautions, that we can meet together in fellowship.

Our Worldwide President Sharen Harper was privileged to be invited to a multi faith initiative in Rome between 14-16 January. This was a gathering of 25 religious leaders (22 men and 3 women) and representing millions of Christians, Muslim and Jewish communities. They met together to discuss practical ways of promoting peace and fraternity. Sharen was invited to speak on the theme 'Serving Together' She seized the opportunity to put the MU in the spotlight by making the following points:

- MU programmes are community wide and inclusive, working with all faiths and none.
- Elaborating on MULO - MU listens observes and acts. Sharing Christ's love and peace with everyone.
- Our literary programmes in Tanzania and Zanzibar where Anglican MU Savings Groups have encouraged Muslims to join have worked well together after finding a way to respect each others faiths.

She was privileged to meet His Holiness Pope Francis at an informal gathering to pray that without fraternity it would be impossible to build a just society and lasting peace. She felt that it was a great honour to meet the Pope and shake his hand. She will always remember his humility and gentleness as he said 'Bless You'

As a global Christian Charity we should act to strengthen family life and to end suffering. May God grant us to love and treat each other as we would have others love and treat us.





# Mothers' Union

## ***A Gardners Gratitude***

Summer is here with all its sunshine and bloom. In the garden we feel close to the earth and to our Creator. As we dig and weed, we work all our cares and worries away; we feel healing in the warm soil and grass.

**Lord, we thank you.**

We see growth, last year plants and shrubs growing strong, and the little broken one has a new shoot. Ladybirds, butterflies and bees all busy doing their special jobs; the blackbird and thrush singing as if the whole world was listening.

**Lord, we thank you.**

The wind smells of honeysuckle and freshly cut grass; near the river the water hen darts about, but never too far from her nest. Overhead, the vivid blue sky has one cloud like cotton wool, floating.

**Lord, we thank you.**

In the stillness of evening, we notice the colours and textures in the garden;  
the cherry blossom like confetti on the lawn emphasised by the glow of the sky.

A feeling of peace descends. In the distance a cuckoo echoes.

**Lord, we thank you.**

Love and Prayers

***Barbara***

# News from our churches

**With Malcolm**

## **Church opening**

We are delighted that St Thomas' will be open for private prayer from Saturday 11th July and will be open from 11 to noon on Saturdays and 7-8pm on Tuesdays. St Luke's will not be opening as yet. At present there are no plans to hold any services in any of the churches across the parish of Wigan South. Please be assured that there will be rigorous risk assessments in place to minimise the risk of infection.

## **Church Hall**

Our church hall has stood empty during the lockdown other than providing an overspill for the ACT foodbank. In this respect we need to give a big hand of thanks to Andrew Bullen and his team along with those who generously donate supplies, for their tremendous efforts during these trying times. As the hall has been empty we took the opportunity of carrying out a job that has long been on my mind. That is the resealing of the wooden floors which do take a lot of hammer when the hall is in use.

A supply of bourne seal was procured along with lambs wool applicators and on Monday 22 June along with a very willing team of our asylum seeking friends we set about the task. The target was the left hand hall, regarded as the more posh one. The tables and chairs were removed and using my old piano trolley we shifted the pool table. The floor was swept and then mopped. We had to leave it then for several hours to dry before returning in the afternoon to apply the first coat, the skilled work being done by my volunteers. We returned on Tuesday to put on a second coat which was then left to harden. A return next week sees us tackle the right hand hall. My grateful thanks goes to Hojjat, Hadi, Callixte and Amin with Paul arriving to help a little later. They really got stuck in and then tackled some of the overgrown vegetation around the sides of the halls.

I also understand from Sue that the lads were also very helpful in

# News from our churches

**With Malcolm**

tidying the vicarage front garden and assisting Graham Bailey in the graveyard.

I should add that the cost of the materials will be mainly met by the funds in the Tuesday Coffee fund for which again a thanks is due.

## **Tuesday Coffee**

I am sorry but at the time of writing there is no news as to when we might meet again in fellowship. The July relaxation of some of the more stringent lockdown provisions gives some hope that we may soon be meeting again after all the hall is ready!

## **Freewill Offering envelopes**

A number of people have mentioned to me that the envelopes run out at the end of June. A new set has been ordered and by hook or by crook we will get them out to you. It is vital to the church finances that you do continue to fill your weekly envelope ready for the time that we can return to church. The envelopes are great in so far as the money they contain does qualify for gift aid even if you yourselves are not tax payers. Church benefits to the tune of an additional 25p for every pound donated. As an alternative to envelopes or money donations you might like to consider making your donation through your bank account to Parish Giving. If you want to know more about this scheme please ring Malcolm on 205136 or call 0333 002 1271 to set up a direct debit through Parish Giving.

## **Heath Road graveyard**

My nerves quiver when I think of the problems in this graveyard we really do need to assemble a strong team of volunteers to shift tons of soil by barrow into the many sunken grave plots. My request for volunteers sadly seem to fall on deaf ears, I must stress that your 'church needs you.'

**Malcolm**

# ASHTON IN MAKERFIELD 1379

Do you remember the Poll Tax riots of 1990? The riots were an example of history repeating itself. The first Poll Taxes in England were introduced by Edward III in 1377 and Richard II in 1379 and 1381 to raise money for the war against France. The Poll Taxes were very unpopular and led to the Peasants Revolt in 1381. Only the 1379 and 1381 Poll Tax accounts survive for Ashton in Makerfield and they provide a list of some of the people who lived in Ashton in those years. In 1379 the Poll Tax charges included - a knight owning lands = paid 20shillings (£1 today); a squire not owning lands = 40d (17 pence today); every married man had to pay for himself and his wife = 1 groat (4d) or (c2 pence today); every single man and woman over the age of 16 = 1 groat (4d) or (c2 pence today); some special occupations = 6d (2½ pence today); beggars or paupers were excluded. In 1379 a weeks wage was c1s (shilling). To pay 4d (1 groat) was two days pay for the average labourer. In 1379, 58 people paid the Poll Tax in Ashton in Makerfield :-

Peter Gerard, knight, owner of lands valued at over £66 13s 4d = 20s

William Holland, armour bearer, = 40d

Adam Lynknale, armour bearer, = 40d

All the following (original spellings), unless otherwise indicated, were farm labourers and paid 1 groat (4d) or (c2 pence today) tax :-

Roger Totehill; William Lowe; Roger Galt, carpenter; Robert Galt; Robert Lowe; Roger Passeminche; William Culcheth; Hugh Overfair; Roger Westhull; William Gere; Roger Dikson; Peter Ferneley; Robert Ledean; Robert Dikson; William Baty; Robert Wood; Henry Laythwaite; John Waryng, fletcher (maker of arrows), 6d; John Hall; Robert Hall; John Attirdam; Richard Jenkinson; Matthew son of Roger Jonson; John Hepay; Henry Lee; Robert Fox; Robert Soudeway, tailor, 6d; Adam Judson; John Sutton; Robert Gibonson; Hugo Hall, servant; Robert Darwynd; Thomas Hey; Goditha Hey (female), farmer; John Harwod, wool cleaner/clothmaking, 6d; Richard Smyth; Richard

Milner; Peter Couper, couper( now cooper = tub maker); Richard Totehill; Ralph Boydel; William Goldebaron; William Jackson; Robert Sharples; Adam Noneson; Roger Colley, carpenter, 6d; John Potter; William Lorym; William Dewhurst; Roger Totehill; Richard Dike; John Laysing; Matthew son of Thomas Trwet, servant; William Hall; John Harrison; John Spark; Roger Goldyng.

(list of names@)"Poll Tax 1377, 1379 1381" - Carolyn Fenwick).

Sir Peter Gerard, the first person in the above list, resided at the fortified manor house "The Brynn", on Landgate Lane, and died 1380. The surname "Totehill" appears 3 times in the above list and may refer to the ancient site of Toothill which lies to the rear of the former Infectious Diseases Hospital in Bryn Road. Its origins are unclear but in Old English Toothill = "lookout hill". In such an elevated location was Toothill a watchtower? In the 1700's on Bryn Road, in front of the site of Toothill, was Toothill Farm possibly connected to the Totehill/Toothill family.

The above list of names relates some of the surnames to occupations, Richard the Smyth; Richard the Milner/Miller, John the Potter, Peter the Couper/Cooper = tub/barrel maker. Other surnames are linked to places - William of Culcheth, John of Sutton, John of Hepay(near Chorley). William of Goldebaron/Golborne? and Hugo of the Hall, servant, possibly at "The Brynn" the residence of the Gerards on Landgate Lane.

The 1379 Poll Tax does not give a true indication of the numbers of people living in Ashton in Makerfield since many avoided paying the tax and those under the age of 16 and paupers were excluded.

***David A. Fearnley.***

David thanks again for another glimpse into the distant past of our town. Anybody recognise their forefathers?

***Malcolm***

# ACT Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who has been donating food to the foodbank in these difficult times and to Andrew and his team for all their work putting hampers together and delivering them as well as distributing food on a Friday morning.

If you would like to donate any non perishable items, the please bring them to the

- red wheelie bin outside the foodbank cabin or the
- food cabin on a Friday morning between 9.30 & 11 (food will be distributed from the church hall doorway)

Larger items can be left at the vicarage by arrangement.

If you want to leave food items for our asylum seeker friends, these can also be left at the vicarage but please make sure your bags or boxes are clearly labelled so we know who they are meant for.

**Thank you very much for your support**



# BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS: THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE,



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED,



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY-WE PRAY- THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS: ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

TEXT: JAYNE MANFREDI

CartoonChurch.com

You can find an animated video on YouTube that takes you through each of these global pandemic beatitudes using this [link](#).

If you would like to remind yourself of the original Beatitudes; those eight blessings that Jesus gave us at the beginning of the Sermon of the Mount, you can find these in [Matthew 5:1-12](#).

# St Thomas the Apostle

## Feast day on 3rd July

Thomas, one of Jesus' twelve apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe – unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears – but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28).

Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event – the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him and this includes ours, the third St Thomas' church to be built in our town.



# NHS Anniversary

The National Health Service came into being on 5 July 1948. During post-war reconstruction, improving the healthcare of the nation was seen as crucial to the nation's recovery. Beveridge, the architect of the NHS, identified "five giants" that had to be slain: want, disease, squalor, ignorance and idleness. The cataclysm of war provided the stimulus for radical reform. It was a momentous achievement and, in spite of early professional resistance to some of the proposals, it was born of a national consensus: everybody wanted the new service to work.

The NHS was based on principles unlike anything that had gone before. It was financed almost entirely from central taxation. That the rich paid more than the poor for comparable benefits was regarded as a crucial part of the scheme. Everyone was eligible for care, even people temporarily resident or visiting the country. People could be referred to any hospital, local or more distant. Care was free at the point of use, although prescription and dental charges were subsequently introduced.

During the current pandemic, there has been immense national and local support for the NHS and its front line workers. The emergence of the Thursday 'Clap for Carers' was a significant experience in the lockdown. Thanksgiving binds communities together, turning 'I' into 'we'. The contribution of carers and key workers who have given of themselves sacrificially needs to be honoured. Sharing stories of people and events during the crisis is likely to form the kernel of any community celebration. Unsung heroes need to be applauded.



+ Robert Exon

# Historic role models

The seven critical-care Covid Hospitals have been named after Florence Nightingale, and a post-Covid rehabilitation facility named after Mary Seacole, both prominent figures in nursing history and role models in the NHS.

## Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 into a wealthy family. In the face of their opposition, she insisted that she wished to train in nursing. In 1853, she finally achieved her wish and headed her own private nursing institute in London. Her efforts at improving conditions for the wounded during the Crimean War won her great acclaim and she devoted the rest of her life to reforming nursing care. Her school at St Thomas's Hospital became significant in helping to elevate nursing into a profession.



## Mary Seacole

Mary Seacole was a pioneering nurse and heroine of the Crimean War, who as a woman of mixed race is today celebrated as an inspiration for the many BAME people who sustain our NHS. Born Mary Jane Grant in Kingston, Jamaica in 1805 to a Scottish soldier and Jamaican mother, Mary learned her nursing skills from her mother who kept a boarding house for invalid soldiers. She was an inveterate traveller, and be-



fore her marriage to Edwin Seacole in 1836 visited other parts of the Caribbean, as well as Central America and Britain. On these trips, she complemented her knowledge of traditional medicine with European medical ideas. In 1854 Mary approached the War Office, asking to be sent as an army nurse to the Crimea. She was refused, but undaunted, funded her own trip to the Crimea where she established the 'British Hotel' near Balaclava for sick and convalescent officers. She also visited the battlefield, sometimes under fire, to nurse the wounded, and became known as 'Mother Seacole'.

## Prayers for the NHS

*God of healing and compassion,  
we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service,  
and for the dedication of all who work in it:  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who care for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.  
Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.***

*Everlasting God,  
at this time we lift to you  
those from all nations and backgrounds  
who work on the front line in healthcare.  
Give them skill and wisdom in their work.  
Be their strength and their shield  
as they give of themselves in the care of others.  
**Amen.***

*Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve:  
bless all who, following in his steps,  
give themselves to the service of others;  
that with wisdom, patience, and courage,  
they may minister in his name to the suffering and the needy;  
for the love of him who laid down his life for us,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.***

*Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them new life,  
be with all carers and health professionals,  
as they act as agents of your healing touch.  
In desperate times, keep them strong yet loving;  
and when their work is done,  
be with them in their weariness and in their tears.*  
**Amen.**

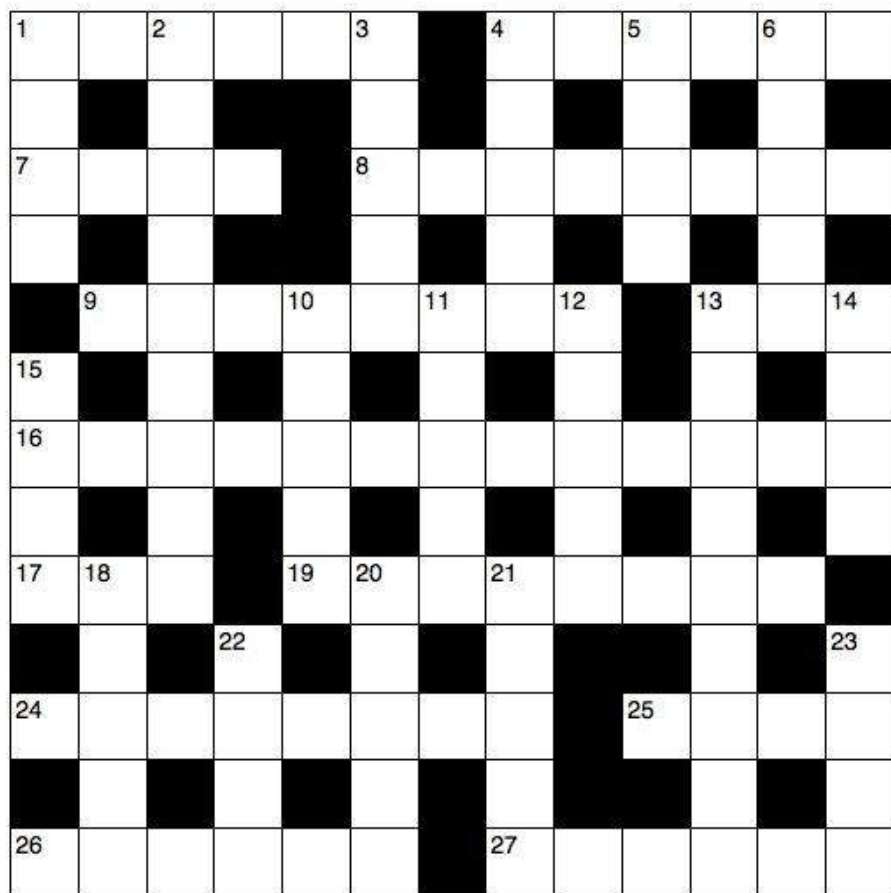
from Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals Chaplaincy, by Althea Hayton – adapted

### **Collect for St Luke**

*Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the  
Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*  
**Amen.**

*Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
**Amen.**

# Crossword



## Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)  
 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)  
 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)  
 8 See 5 Down  
 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)

- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)
- Down
- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

# Robert Carson's Film Report



In lieu of any new films being out in cinemas, here are two more classic reviews from the Film Report archives and these films are well worth watching a few times during these home times....

## **Tomorrowland (12A)**

**Directed by Brad Bird**

**Stars:** Britt Robertson, George Clooney, Hugh Laurie, Tim McGraw, Kathryn Hahn, Raffey Cassidy, Keegan-Michael Key, Thomas Robinson, Chris Bauer, Judy Greer, and Matthew MacCaul

**In a Nutshell:** A film is all well and good... it entertains nations, makes you chuckle or cry or scream and you have a grin on your face. But a film with ideas, now that can inspire you and challenge you... make you want to go out and do something, or maybe even make the world a better place. Brad Bird has always been a underrated genius of a director, from his animated gems like *The Incredibles* and *Iron Giant* not to mention *Ratatouille* and making the best *Mission Impossible* movie yet with *Ghost Protocol*... give him a massive canvas to play with and some serious ideas, and oh boy are we in for something unique. Based on the idea that Walt Disney was preparing the way to build a city that would build on the ideas of tomorrow and feature the best talents and minds from around the world... to say too much about this movie would spoil it's surprises and ideas but it's fuelled by the vision of Disney and the idea of making the future a better place for all. Naturally, the effects are jaw dropping with future scapes and jet packs and flying cars all doing the rounds and so many ideas and gadgets whizzing around, it's a whirlwind of invention and fancy, and add to that a really strong cast including a dependably impressive Clooney and a fantastic turn by newcomer Britt Robertson, plus a sinister Hugh Laurie and you have something truly unique that whilst I guess you can some of it's plot turns and ideas can get a little confused, they still inspire enough and make enough sense to roll you along for the ride and ideas like this and a film like this has to be applauded for trying to inspire and make a difference... I won't say too much at all, but make the trip and you won't regret it.... be inspired to make a change!

**Rating: 9/10**

## **The BFG (PG)**

**Directed by Steven Spielberg**

**Stars:** Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton, Rebecca Hall, Rafe Spall, Bill Hader, and Jermaine Clement



**In a Nutshell:** It's a marriage made in heaven... the directorial mastery of Steven Spielberg matched to the whimsical and magical authored works of Roald Dahl... and that's exactly what this magical and deliciously delightful movie turns out to be. Anchored by two absolutely barnstorming and brilliant performances by the leads.... Rylance in particular completely inhabits and nails the character of the BFG to an absolute tee and definitely deserves that awards recognition that I hope we will achieve so soon after his first win... a captivating and marvellous performance that shines right through the motion capture work and truly dazzles. While Barnhill is just perfect as Sophie... wide eyed and innocent yet still world weary and with her wits about her... its a beautiful portrayal of the character and really anchors the action in a sense of wonder and danger simultaneously. The support cast are fabulous fun and really add to the sense of fun, especially a delightful Wilton as the Queen in the most fun of the sequences here. The sets and the scope and the effects are just a gaggle to behold.... the giants mo-capped by various fun faces are sinister yet humorous yet still chilling and a real threat and menace in the story while all the sequences in Giant Country are astonishing, lending what is ostensibly a typical country backdrop the air of something else entirely more magical and mysterious.... this magical and wonderful movie simply nails every challenge it faces, from the visual to the mental and the acting. It's a true delight, especially if you're a huge fan of either Dahl, Spielberg or simply the story... but still bound to astonish and captivate any newcomers to the party too. You'd be a squiggly jiggy raff to miss it.

**Rating: 10/10**

#### Also Seen

Call of the Wild (PG) 8/10

Rookie of the Year (PG) 7/10

The Two Popes (12) 8/10

Anna (15) 7/10

#### Out on Home Entertainment in July

Military Wives (PG) (July 6<sup>th</sup>)      Trolls: World Tour (U) (July 27<sup>th</sup>)

**Stay Tuned for August and Stay Safe**



# Wordsearch

## St Mary Magdalene, the woman with a past

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint both of repentant sinners and of the contemplative life. Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. Mary has also sometimes been identified with the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon.

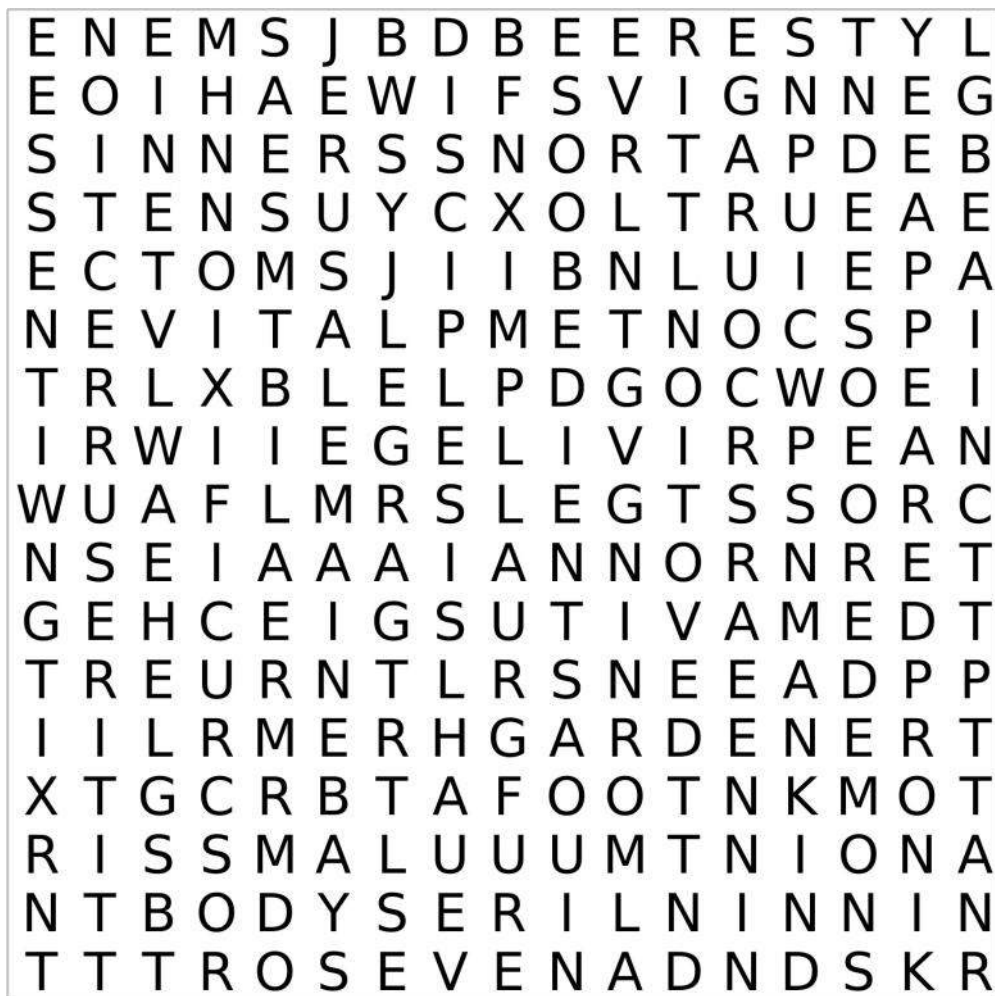
She became His follower to the bitter end. She followed Him to Jerusalem and was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint His body on the Sunday morning. Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid; it gave her a unique privilege among all mankind: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first.

Jesus told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them about His return to Heaven. She was obedient and became the first emissary of the resurrection. In those days, the witness of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the courage to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief.

## Crossword **Answers**

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thief.

DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.



Mary	Tiberius	Crucifixion	humble	gardener
patron	galilee	foot	devotion	disciples
repentant	anoint	cross	privilege	return
sinners	feet	tomb	mankind	obedient
contemplative	follower	body	risen	resurrection
life	end	morning	appeared	witness
seven	Jerusalem	faithful	easter	courage
demons				



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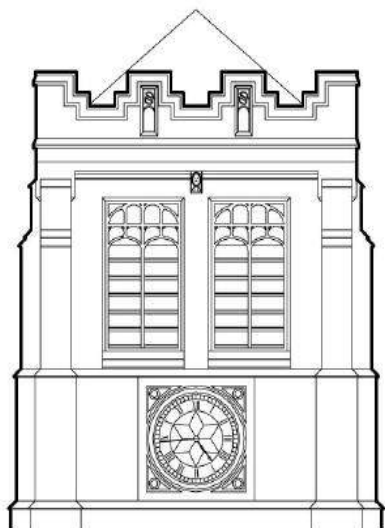
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### **Prayer of remembrance**

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# The Registers



**Funerals** - "May they rest in peace"

5th June	Norman Fearnley	Ashton View	74
8th June	Peter Stirrup	Grange Road	71
9th June	Ivan Footit	Gordon Ave	78
11th June	John Melling	Eastwell Road	85
12th June	Thomas Fearnley	Belvedere Road	78
18th June	Margaret Wright	Bryn Road	87
19th June	John Deluce	Bryn Street	47

**O God, who brought us to birth,  
and in whose arms we die,  
in our grief and shock  
contain and comfort us;  
embrace us with your love,  
give us hope in our confusion  
and grace to let go into new life;  
through Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

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