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Shine as a light to the world Mt 5:16

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St Thomas'

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9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 All Age Worship	9 ^{am} Morning Worship 10.45 Worship Together 18.30 Communion	9 ^{am} Com 10.45 W	9 ^{am} Com 10.45 W
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		11am	
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Booking Baptisms and Weddings

If you would like to book a wedding or a baptism, please email sue.thomas@churchwigan.org or ring 01942 727275. We can only take bookings for after 1st September .

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

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the church

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From our Area Dean

Pilgrimage of prayer in our neighbourhood

In the absence of this year's pilgrimage walk, Canon Philip Anderson suggests we can use our daily exercise as an opportunity to pray for and bless our neighbourhoods.

"Why not use our daily exercise as a time to pray for the Spirit to fill our neighbourhood, for the pillar of fire to be a sign of God's deliverance" says Philip. "We can't offer an organised pilgrimage to the cathedral or around Wigan, but households or individuals could do this".

There are many ways of prayer walking. A simple way is to use Peter's prayer as he stepped towards Jesus on the water but found himself sinking, 'Lord, save me!' As you pass neighbours' houses, with a friendly wave, you could make that personal prayer a shared one, as you inwardly pray, 'Lord, save us!'

Note from Editor—since the lockdown restrictions were eased on 28th May, up to 6 people from different households can now gather to prayer walk together.



The Church of England has been 'astonishingly present' says new Archbishop

During the coronavirus crisis, the Church of England has been accused of “vacating the public square or of being absent.”

So wrote Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, in a recent article for one of the national newspapers. But he goes on: “I simply do not recognise (this). The Church of England has been astonishingly present, albeit in many new and remarkable ways.”

The Bishop then gave many examples of various local churches who have reacted with positive action during the crisis. Some have started food banks, helped refugees and asylum seekers, set up telephone prayer services, started zoom Bible groups, or organised children and youth events online.

“These stories are being replicated up and down the country,” he continued. “Most astonishing of all, plenty of churches report very large numbers of people joining their streamed services.

“Of course, we long for our church buildings to reopen. But when they do, it won’t be business as usual – partly because we are discovering new ways of serving our communities.

“When we do return to the sacred, beautiful space of our church buildings, with all their vital and much-missed resonances of continuity, I believe the Church of England will emerge from this stronger than it has been for a long while.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, was writing in the Daily Telegraph on 12th May 2020

Some thoughts

As I was looking for a picture for the front cover this month, I was struck by the image of the candle based on Matthew 5:16



The words that are written inside the candle are patience, generosity, goodwill, peace, thoughtfulness, love, care, hope, joy forgiveness, consideration, goodness, sympathy, kindness, courtesy, politeness, self-control and support. I loved that these words of light are within the candle and it is through these words, that the words of darkness that surround the candle are cast into the shadows.

We often don't realise the impact that our words and actions can and do have, but in this time of heightened anxieties, it is more noticeable than ever when we do or say something that shines light into people's lives. Often people know that we are Christians and so we hope that

they will know that we do the things we do because we love Jesus and want to show his love to them and in doing that, 'glorify our Father in heaven'. Other times we may have the opportunity to bring Jesus into a conversation.

There are some people who are even busier than normal, maybe those key workers who are working longer hours to cover ill colleagues, but most have more time on their hands than before restrictions started. Maybe an extra phone call to someone we normally wouldn't call could shine light into their day. Or an offer to pray for someone, maybe as you talk to them or maybe later?

I heard of someone who phoned a lady from one of our churches who had not been able to connect with any of the on-line services and suggested they prayed the Lord's Prayer together. This lady later told me that meant a lot to her as she hadn't prayed with anyone else since before lockdown.

Let's pray for more opportunities each day to shine before others, so that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven!

Sue Thomas

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



We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. No processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They

would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn't helped by the earlier title 'Holy Ghost'. The spirit is not spiritually a 'ghost' but a precious gift.

By Canon David Winter

If you would like to hear more about Pentecost and the significance for both the early church and the church today, please join us on May 31st at 10.30 in Hub service on zoom and at 6.30pm with Bishop Paul at 6.30pm on Church Wigan Facebook Live.



News from our churches

With Malcolm

A while ago one of our church members gave out little cards with message that coincidences were God's little miracles. I want to share with you an event which happened the other day which I think proves this message. Sue forwarded to me an email received from a lady in Canada whose family originated in Ashton. The message included a photo of a very old gravestone laid flat and inscribed Oswald and Catherine Speakman with some words beneath the names which were not very clear. She asked if we could find the gravestone and confirm the extra wording. There being hundreds of gravestones I thought who might I ask about it. To my mind there was only one person to ask, who might have an inclining, the author of a number of historical articles for the magazine. I do of course mean David Fearnley.

What happen next just blew my mind I spoke to David and said that he was my hope of tracing an ancient gravestone with not much confidence, he replied it's not Oswald and Catherine Speakman is it? It turned out that in investigating his own family tree David had discovered a family connection with the Speakmans of Ashton.



News from our churches

With Malcolm

He knew exactly where the gravestone was and that the missing wording is "their two breadths" this is quite common wording on other nearby graves and seems to relate to the width of the graves by the bodies buried. David is now in touch with his relations in Canada.

During this period of closed churches and no social occasions it is a pleasure, at 10.30am to join the service in the South parish by the medium of zoom. A real opportunity to come close to our Lord and at the same time to have a chance to say hello to our friends at that moment at the end of the service when Jeremy unmutes us all. I would encourage everyone to take part either by computer, tablet or smart phone and if you haven't got these then dial in on your land line or phone a friend who you know will be connecting with zoom.

I do hope that most of you are getting hold of the weekly notice sheet for which are grateful to Sue for its production. We have included a good news slot and are looking forward to hearing all your good news in these abnormal times.

We still have a serious problem with the ground conditions in Heath Road graveyard and hope to be calling for volunteers to help fill the sunken grave plots to render it safe to visit. If you are able bodied and feel moved to assist the please contact me on 01942205136. A date for the work will be arranged when we have the volunteers in place. Currently we are indebted to Graham Bailey and David Trigg for their sterling efforts to keep the grass cut and the perilous holes visible.



Mothers' Union

Diary:

Diary looks very sad as a heading when we are still in lockdown and no resumption of our meetings and outings in sight.

The telephone contact system which we set up seems to be working and I am getting positive reports that it is proving popular. I can't speak to everyone and I do admit to having a concern that there may be some members who are not able to take advantage of the social media efforts which the church is making to provide regular contact. Also this magazine and regular weekly notice sheets are only available on line. The Sunday Morning service is now available on zoom and can be dialled in by phone. I would ask that in your conversations you check whether the members that you speak too know what is available and if possible print off the notice sheet and short form magazine and pass them on. It does look like a long way back to normality.





Mothers' Union

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow-
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out-
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Edgar Albert Guest

To close I would just like to quote from Isaiah,
'Seek God and he will give you strength and a strategy
to come out of our present situation stronger.'

Love and Prayers

Barbara

ACT Foodbank

It is very encouraging to receive food from street collections organised by two separate pairs of teenage friends from Byrchall as well as donations from members of different churches around Ashton, schools and from others. However, the need is great at the moment, both in this area and across Wigan. Andrew asks particularly for part baked bread as well as the usual non perishables.

Normally we would be asking you to put food in the boxes in church, but obviously that's not possible. If you can drop off some items keeping within the government restrictions, we ask that you leave it in one of three places

- red wheelie bin outside the foodbank cabin
- large items in blue bin at the front of the vicarage (bagged please)
- food cabin on a Friday morning between 9.30 & 11 (food will be distributed from the church hall doorway)

Matthew 25:35-40 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."



"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

The two most famous apostles are remembered this month, for they share a feast day on 29th.

St Peter, 'the Rock'

St Peter (d. c. 64AD), originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which His Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church, and he is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrin, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the Gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with Gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under

Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly door-keeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

In England there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Wearmouth, and especially Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to SS Peter and Paul together.

Images of Peter are innumerable, but his portraiture remains curiously the same: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. Not surprisingly, his chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.

St Paul, apostle to the Gentiles

Like Peter, Paul (d. c. 65) also started life with another name: Saul. This great apostle to the Gentiles was a Jew born in Tarsus and brought up by Gamaliel as a Pharisee. So keen was he to defend the god of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them, and it was while on his way to persecute more Christians in Damascus that he was suddenly given his vision of Christ.

It was the decisive moment of Paul's life – Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul was then healed of

his temporary blindness, baptised, and retired to Arabia for about three years of prayer and solitude, before returning to Damascus.

From then on Paul seems to have lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He made many Jewish enemies, who stoned him, and wanted to kill him. Nevertheless, Paul made three great missionary journeys, first to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor and eastern Greece, and lastly to Ephesus, where he wrote 1 Corinthians, then to Macedonia and Achaia, where he wrote Romans, before returning to Jerusalem.

After stonings, beatings and imprisonment in Jerusalem he was sent to Rome for trial as a Roman citizen. On the way he was shipwrecked at Malta; when he finally reached Rome he was put under house-arrest for two years, during which time he wrote the four 'captivity' epistles. Later Paul may have revisited Ephesus and even have reached Spain. Tradition tells he was eventually martyred at Rome during the persecution of Nero, being beheaded (as a Roman citizen) at Tre Fontane and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands.

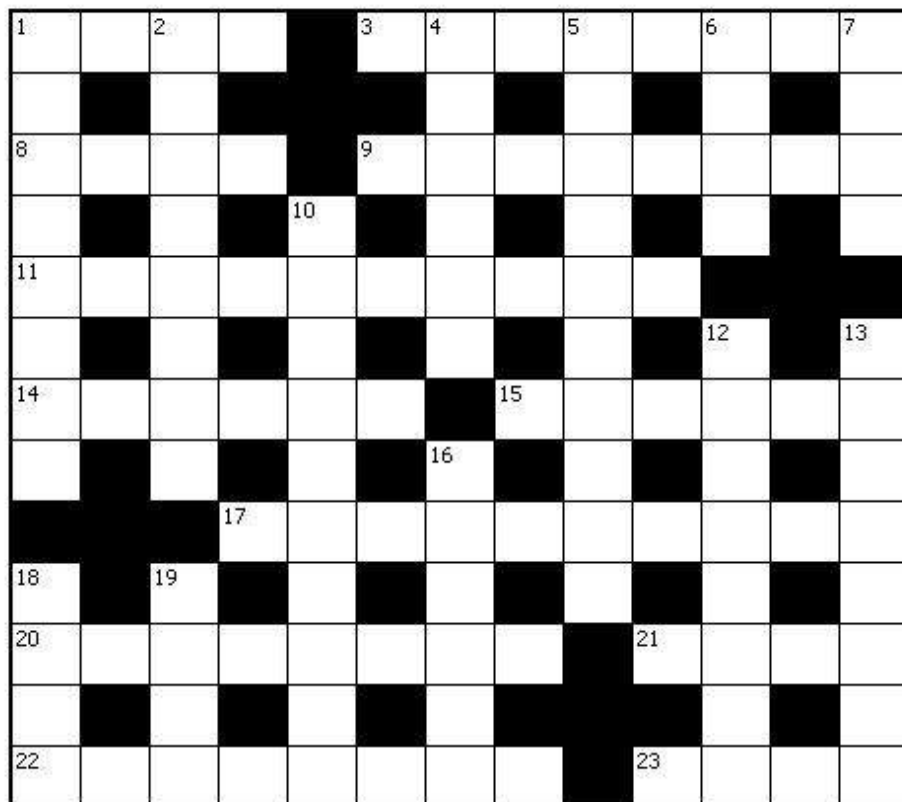
The belief that Peter and Paul died on the same day was caused by their sharing the same feast day.

Paul was not only a tireless missionary, but a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology. Paul's key ideas include that Redemption is only through faith in Christ, who abrogated the old Law and began the era of the Spirit; that Christ is not just the Messiah, but the eternal, pre-existent Son of God, exalted after the Resurrection to God's right-hand; that the Church is the (mystical) body of Christ; that the believers live in Christ and will eventually be transformed by the final resurrection.

It is difficult to overemphasise the influence of Paul on Christian thought and history: he had a major effect on Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others. In art, Paul is depicted as small in stature, bald and bandy-legged, with a long face, long nose and eyebrows meeting over deep-set eyes. His usual emblems are a sword and a book. In England he was never as popular as St Peter, and ancient English churches dedicated to him alone number only 43.

The history of the relics of Peter and Paul is not very clear. Tradition says that Peter was buried at the Vatican and Paul on the Ostian Way under his basilica. Certainly, both apostles were venerated from very early times both in the Liturgy and in private prayers, as testified by

Crossword



Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)

- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

Robert Carson's Film Report



Film Report- June 2020

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

Inside Out (U)

Directed by Pete Docter

Stars the Voices of: Amy Poehler, Phyllis Smith, Bill Hader, Mindy Kaling, Lewis Black, and Richard Kind

In a Nutshell: It's hard having a reputation so good sometimes, when you finally make the smallest slip it makes people gasp out very loud indeed. So it is with Pixar, long known as the best animation studio around with a flawless record of amazing movies, then along came Cars which I'll admit is fine (I even enjoyed the sequel) but doesn't hit all cylinders as flawlessly as all their other movies do, then films such as Brave and Monsters University were solid but not 100% and to some that is enough to suggest Pixar had lost it. Cue Inside Out, easily the most stunning movie of the year and a future classic that proves Pixar they always had it. The scale, the imagination, the wit, the emotion... never mind Pixar, if most movie studios and movies non stop were like this... we'd be in special days indeed, alas we're not always so lucky. As always there is a lovely voice cast with special props to Amy Poehler as the ever bright and cheery Joy leading the emotions in Riley's head, a concept that is so simple yet so layered and effective, it will change your outlook on your life and the way you lead your life forever in the most wonderful way. There is laughter to be had and fun situations but the main thing here is a raw emotion that is really something bittersweet and special... in essence this is a film about growing up, the end of childhood and in ways the death of innocence... such a deep and moving message for a family movie but one in the capable hands of Pixar, that is done 100% with the upmost attention, care, and beauty. It has everything and will veer you from laughing to sobbing hard and having the most uplifting experience... it's simply unmissable and simply a thing of absolute beauty....

Rating: 10/10

Baby Driver (15)

Directed by Edgar Wright

Stars: Ansel Elgort, Lily James, Jamie Foxx, Jon Hamm, Kevin Spacey, Jon Bernthal, Flea, and Eiza Gonzalez

In a Nutshell: Being unique and especially original these days is a tricky prospect, when you have dozens of adaptations or sequels or superhero movies then what is original or unique anymore. Enter director Edgar Wright as ever with a doozy of an idea that has been being cooked up for almost his entire life. Taking the standard heist movie with its car chases and bank robberies and setting it all to a soundtrack of the funkier music around is a pretty cool thing and this movie delivers on that prospect with style and aplomb. First up is the cast, and running the gamut going from great dependable work on show from the likes of Spacey, Foxx and Hamm you then also have the two romantic leads who are both terrific here whether it be the smooth, delicate, charming and vulnerable Elgort in the lead or the ever fantastic James as Deborah in this particular tale, you have some particularly fine and solid performances who make the characters here and the stories they have, just so relatable and real that you care deep. The soundtrack it goes without saying is magnificent with a fine mix of funky and fresh tunes making the action fizz on and off screen, whilst the on screen action itself is fantastically choreographed and directed also. So why oh why is this just oh so good? The simply answer is it just is, whether it's the magical mix of music and on screen action or just how darn fun it all is throughout. There's nothing quite like it now or coming up, we need to embrace unique and cool movies because where would we be if every movie was predictable and unoriginal? Watch it, watch it again and have a ton of fun!

Rating: 10/10

Also Seen

Extraction (18) 8/10

21 Bridges (15) 7/10

Mid 90s (15) 7/10

Crossword Answers

Across

1 Care, 3 Paradise, 8 Null, 9 Profaned, 11 Legalistic, 14 Closed, 15 Stores, 17 Missionary, 20 Covenant, 21 Thai, 22 Trade-off, 23 Eden

Down

1 Conflict, 2 Religion, 4 Arrest, 5 Affliction, 6 Iona, 7 Eddy, 10 Allegiance, 12 Preached, 13 Assyrian, 16 A son of, 18 Scot, 19 DVLA

Wordsearch

Coronavirus has turned our world upside down. But God is still there, and we can call on Him, as Psalm 91 (vs 1-6) reminds us...

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

³ Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.



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wings

faithfulness

shield

rampart

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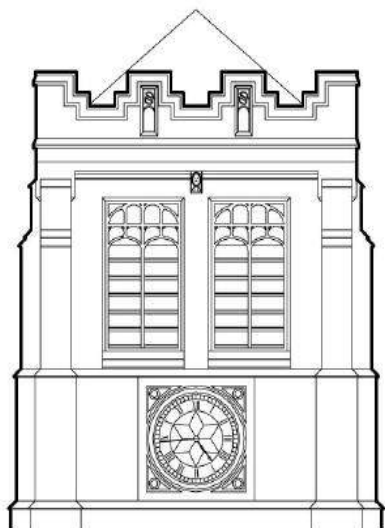
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Birthday memories of
Alan Deluce on 24th June
from
Elsie and family



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.

Prayer for troubled times

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.
Amen.

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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

1st May	James Bentham	Dovedale Road	76
5th May	Arthur Sherman	Duke Street	80
6th May	Charles Marshall	Bastion Road	81
11th May	Bernard Bold	Cumberland Crescent	89
14th May	Eileen Spencer	Crescent Avenue	85
18th May	Jean Moore	Walford Road	82
27th May	Kathleen Conry	Yewdale Road	82

**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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