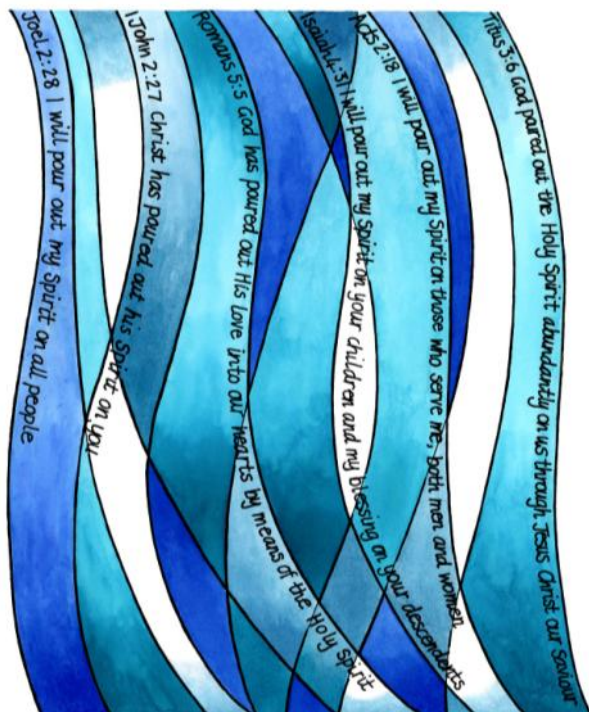


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Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas's		St Luke's	
9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday Only)
10.45 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Parade & 4th Sunday Family Communion)		Family Worship (2nd Sunday Family Communion)
6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion)	4.15 p.m.	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday Only)

Weekdays

Thursday 9.45 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)	Other services and Saints' Days as announced. Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for dates, details or exceptions.
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Parish Office: St Thomas's Church Vestry, **Thursday 6.30 – 7.30 p.m:** For all enquiries regarding church matters and arranging baptisms and weddings. Contact - 01942 721484.

Deadlines: Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to stthomasandstlukesmagazine@gmail.com

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Important Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas Church at 12.45 on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11 am on the 3rd Sunday.

To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's/St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to undertake baptism preparation classes.

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 vicar or call in at Vestry Hour on a Thursday evening.

Funerals

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



Letter from the Vicar

The work of the church in this age is no different to the work of the church in all ages. We have an ancient calling - to know God and to share God with others.

When we read the book of Acts chapter 18, encountering the apostle Paul's journey to Greece; we may reflect on what resonates with us personally - in Paul himself, or in the task that he obediently undertakes, or the context of the city of Corinth that he is in.

Corinth was an important, prosperous city. The Corinthian people worshipped Greek and Roman Gods. It seemed like a hard place to share faith. The Bible tells us that Paul arrived 'in weakness with great fear and trembling.' He had faced hostility in other towns.



Paul tried first to share the Gospel in the established worshipping communities - the synagogues. A few people responded positively, but most rejected his message. In prayer, Jesus told Paul that he should not be afraid - Jesus knew that many of the people were his (Acts 18:9-10).

Paul and the new believers left the synagogue and formed a new worship community of disciples - meeting in one of their homes. Paul led a community of disciples that were not focussed on the established places and ways of worshipping. They must have, therefore gathered in the community, in homes, in workplaces, in the open spaces.





Letter from the Vicar

He didn't forget the synagogues. Paul's teaching led the ruler of the synagogue to believe - and he was baptised together with his family. Many more people followed them.



Paul's fresh way of worshipping and being community bore much fruit in the city of Corinth, with many people becoming disciples of Jesus.

There are parallels for us as we seek transformation in ourselves, our church and in our communities:

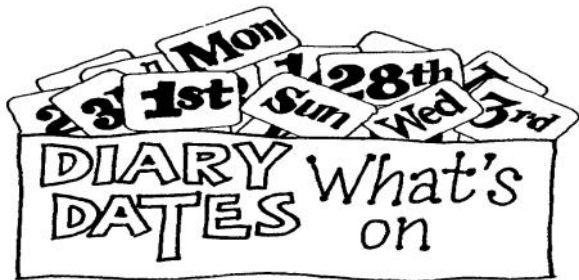
- Paul's obedience to the commission Jesus sets his disciples - to go and make disciples.
- Paul's own fear and trembling at the task.
- The resistance that he finds in the religious establishment.
- The fruitfulness in forming new worship communities.
- Key community leaders coming to faith.
- A vibrant city with many distractions and beliefs transformed by disciples acting out their faith.

For Transforming Wigan see Transforming Corinth.

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Jeremy Thomas





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - May 2016

<u>Tuesday</u>	Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) Church open for prayer.	10:00am- 12:00pm 7.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Communion. Princes Pantry. (St Luke's) Vestry hour.	9:45am 10:00am— 12:00pm 6.30-7.30pm

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

Streets for Prayer: This month we are praying for the people who live and work in **Houghwood Grange, Longden Road, Hollingwood Close, Alderton Drive, Edgerley Place, Old School Place.**

TANGO

TANGO at St. Marks Church,
Haydock support and resource families within the Haydock/Ashton area by providing food; clothing; furniture and household items.



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Parish News



Christian Aid Week



The tremendous effort made by members of the Parish in delivering and collecting the envelopes is greatly appreciated and the resulting effort on behalf of the Charity is one which as a Parish we can be rightly proud. However the work doesn't end with the collection, for many years a band of willing volunteers has met on Sunday afternoon at the end of the week itself to count the money donated.

In the past we have simply emptied the bags and counted the money as one total. We have now been informed by Christian Aid that the envelopes collected by each volunteer must be counted separately, a total calculated and noted, with a receipt issued to the collector. We have no experience of this manner in dealing with the count and really depend on a good number of volunteers assisting in this operation between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on Sunday afternoon on 22 May.

So that we can organise a working system for the count would you please let Sue or myself know well in advance if you are able to help. You know the old saying 'many hands make light work.'



Malcolm





Mothers Union

DIARY:

Wednesday 18 May in the Church Hall at 7.30pm the speaker is Jodie Clayton from Alzheimer's Society

Summer Evening Trip this year is to Manchester Cathedral on the 15 June. There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral followed by afternoon tea at 'Proper Tea' cafe. Then back to the Cathedral for Evensong with the children singing.



Advance Notice To celebrate 140 years of the Mother's Union the Deanery is having a Service of Thanksgiving at St Francis Church, Kitt Green followed by a Strawberry Tea in the Hall. This is on the Thursday 7 July at 1.30pm.



Scargill Weekend 19th May - 21st May 2017

Booking form to be returned by 1st June 2016 with deposit of £25.00 non-refundable.

Sadly Alice Waterworth who has been a members for some 33 years passed away on the 8 April; she had been in hospital for a few weeks. She attended our meetings regularly until a few years ago when her health began to fail and she will be sadly missed.

For each other

Lord,
You have called us to know you,
You have called us to love you,
You have called us to serve you,
You have called us to proclaim you,



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Mothers Union

Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit;
 and make us worthy of our calling;
 help us to see how we need each other,
 and to share the talents and abilities which you
 give us.
 In Jesus name we pray.



Love and prayers
Barbara

FREE WILL OFFERINGS— MARCH 2016

DATE	AMOUNT	NO. OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE PER ENVELOPE
06/03/16	224.43	57	3.94
13/03/16	110.50	28	3.95
20/03/16	481.75	82	5.88
27/03/16	288.13	61	4.72
TOTAL	1104.81	225	
AVERAGE	276.20	56	4.91



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Easter celebrations

Spring term finished at St Thomas' School with a '*Religious Education with Art*' week. All classes from reception to Y6 received a large blank canvas to express their creativity on. All pupils worked together in their class to come up with a design based on our school Christian values: forgiveness, service, respect and truthfulness. During this process, they were joined briefly by ten art students from Byrchall High School, who very kindly helped each class with their own creative ideas.



As this art work was created, discussion took place in lessons about the meaning of Easter and our school Christian values. This provided each and every one of our children with new skills and knowledge. Using lots of different materials, seven wonderful canvases were produced and are now proudly displayed in school for all to see.

The spectacular ending to this week was a whole-school Easter Assembly. Prizes were given out by Mrs Jones for the Easter egg competition, but as ever, it was very hard to judge due to the vast array of creativity and imagination. Two prizes per class were given but well done everybody, you were all winners!





Sponsored walk

The final amount donated to THE UK SEPSIS TRUST in memory of Thomas Tagg was £3,300 from our school and £7,003 from the auction evening, making a grand total of £10,303. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

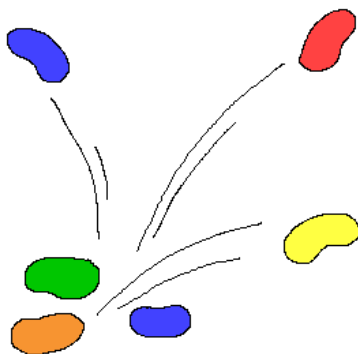
Jelly Bean Prayer (School Ethos Group)

Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.

Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made.

Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans,
colourful and sweet
Is a prayer, a promise,
a loved one's treat!
Amen



Bible Verse: 1 John 4:16

And we ourselves know and believe the love which God has for us.

God's blessings be with you all,

Fair Trade needs your Help!



I'm sure that many of you have enjoyed being able to buy Fairtrade goods in our church hall on the first Sunday of the month as it makes it so easy to help people, who have far less than us, support themselves.

All the items on the stall are supplied by Fair 4 All including the float! The boxes just need to be collected beforehand and then returned. There is a real danger that Fair 4 All may have to close and so we would lose our stall too. Please read the article below that they have sent us and think about whether you could spare some time to help to keep them open.

In September 2002 Fair 4 All, Warrington's Fair Trade shop opened for the first time. Set up by Jackie Hancock, Diz Banyard and Hilary Thomson as a not for profit partnership to promote Fair Trade, it traded in a double unit stall on Warrington Market and was staffed by volunteers.

5 years after opening, the shop was given the opportunity to double the unit size and has remained that size ever since also becoming a worker co-operative but still staffed entirely by volunteers. Excitingly, Warrington is to have a new market and Fair 4 All is one of the stalls hoping to move into that market, as ten years ago, after much hard work and cooperation from Warrington Borough Council, Warrington became a Fairtrade Borough and a Fairtrade borough without a dedicated Fair Trade shop doesn't seem make sense.



However, sadly nearly 14 years of trading has meant many changes in volunteer's lives and as circumstances change so people's availability also changes. Fair 4 All currently has the crisis of a lack

of sufficient volunteers, meaning it is struggling to find enough people to cover the hours required by the market license which are 9am - 5pm Monday to Saturday (particular Saturdays). We are therefore appealing for your help.



Would you or someone you know consider volunteering for 4 hours or more a week or even per fortnight? Fair 4 All is staffed by a friendly team, training is given and though there are no wages travelling expenses are paid, free hot drinks given and volunteering means that you have the reward of knowing that you are helping other people, who without Fair Trade would find their lives very much harder.

If you feel you could be one of the team and are interested in volunteering or just want to know more, please phone 01925 415121 or call to see us, asking to speak to one of the management team. Please prayerfully consider whether you can help Fair 4 All to continue promoting Fair Trade in Warrington! Thank you.

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Bishop Paul, the Bishop of Liverpool, will join us to both speak and lead us in the special 'Breakout Eucharist' at 1pm in a marquee with seating for those who need it.

There will be Park & Ride buses from the DW Stadium although many of us will get the usual Wigan bus which goes past the park and runs every 15 minutes from St Thomas' and 30 minutes from St Luke's. We are also making arrangements for those who need support on the bus and then within the event, or need a lift to the park. Please let us know if you would like help.

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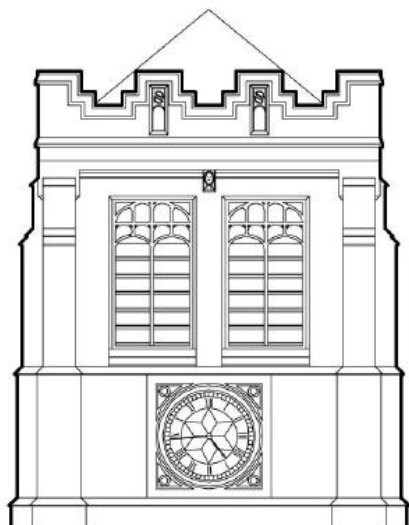
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FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING MAY		
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
1ST MAY	VACANT	Birthday memories of Beatrice Brown a much loved Auntie from Joan, Dennis and Wendy
8TH MAY	Birthday memories of a dear Auntie Anne Forshaw (6th May) fro Irene	In memory of all loved ones from Mrs Wood & family and Mr & Mrs Lawton & family
15TH MAY	VACANT	Birthday remembrance of Susan Cherrington (16th May) a dear wife, Mum, daughter, sister and Auntie
22ND MAY	In loving memory of Raymond Bullough a dearly loved husband, husband, Dad and Grandad from Avis & family	In loving memory of Harriet and Herbert Pilling dearly loved parents and grandparents from Avis & family
29TH MAY	In loving memory of Peter Raymond from Jean & family	Birthday remembrance of Debra Davies (31st May) a dear Mum, daughter, sister and aunty



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FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING MAY

DATE	
1ST MAY	VACANT
8TH MAY	VACANT
15TH MAY	Family memories from Joyce Whittle
22ND MAY	Memories of husband Derek from Edith Taylor Loving birthday remembrance of a dear friend Mary Duckworth from Anne Bailey
29TH MAY	For loved ones from Carole Pye



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May 22nd and June 6th**

a dear Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great-grandad

Freda	Samuel and Matthew
Karen, Jimmy, Laura & Andrew, Gary Leah, Mason & Alyssa	
Janet, Victoria, Rachael and Jonathon	Craig and Nicola
Wendy, Adrian, Michael and Bethany	Tracy, Ian, Ethan and Jessica

Birthday Remembrance (May 16th) of Susan Cherrington

a dear Wife, Mum, Daughter, Sister and Aunt

Brian, Samuel & Matthew	Mum
Karen, Jimmy, Laura & Andrew, Gary, Leah, Mason & Alyssa	
Janet, Victoria, Rachael and Jonathon	Craig and Nicola
Wendy, Adrian, Michael and Bethany	Tracy, Ian, Ethan and Jessica

Birthday Remembrance (May 31st) of Debra Davies

a dear Mum, Daughter, Sister and Aunt

Craig and Nicola	Mum
Karen, Jimmy, Laura & Andrew, Gary, Leah, Mason & Alyssa	
Janet, Victoria, Rachael and Jonathon	Samuel and Matthew
Wendy, Adrian, Michael and Bethany	Tracy, Ian, Ethan and Jessica

In Memory of David Bowen

A dearly loved Husband, Dad, Grandad & Great Grandad,
Friend and Neighbour

Isabel, Alan and Peter and Family

Joan Nicholls

Carl and Barbara

Mildred and Don

Christine and John

Stan and Joan

Margaret and John Harley

Malcolm and Barbara

Meta and Ken

Valeria and Henry

Hilda Edwardson

Marie Lyon and Family

M Hilton

Margaret Raymond

Marjorie and John

Anon

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In loving memory of

Mary Duckworth—a dear and special friend

From Annie Bailey



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice (12A) Directed by Zack Snyder
Stars: Henry Cavill, Ben Affleck, Jesse Eisenberg, Gal Gadot, Amy Adams, Jeremy Irons, Diane Lane, Laurence Fishburne, Holly Hunter, and Harry Lennix

In a Nutshell: Easier to cut straight to the chase, it's Batman and it's Superman in the same film! Imagine that, it's like having say Iron Man and maybe The Hulk in the same film.... oh wait a minute! Spiderman and Ant Man? Erm... it's still pretty darn impressive though and worth getting excited about right? Well yeah. Sure it has some fairly big issues going on in it's hefty framework but this is still a bout of excitement and gripping drama all the same. It can't hold a candle to Marvel and their way of wrangling this stuff together, but who can? The good stuff to start with, and beyond expectations (though I always had faith) Ben Affleck is phenomenal as both Bruce Wayne and Batman, a real lost soul with pain and anger burrowing beneath the surface, whilst in her limited screen time Gal Gadot steals it all as Diana Prince aka Wonder Woman. Plus both Jeremy Irons and Laurence Fishburne generate a whole host of charm and sly wit in their moments which are far too few.... plus Amy Adams is always watchable and lovely.

The effects as expected, are fairly awesome and the whole thing looks terrific... director Zach Snyder always being a visual master and the visuals he creates here are spellbinding, from apocalyptic visions of the future to portentous landscapes and fight scenes, the imagery is stunning. And regardless of some wobbles, I found the storytelling quite compelling for the most part, some of the ideas brewing and to come are quite exciting. But then to what doesn't work? For one, Jesse Eisenberg is fairly bonkers as Lex but it does grate fairly fast, while Diane Lane gets cruelly underserved in her role... plus while the storytelling is compelling it's also fairly everywhere at times still.... plus the whole thing basically boils down to trying too hard without going into too many spoilers they are trying too hard to do in one film what Marvel did over years of careful planning and it feels rushed and bloated sadly. Though I'm still intrigued to the future still.... so in the end, is it worth checking out? Most definitely, it's still a great fun time if a bit too epic and overlong and gloomy at times... but it's well worth it all the same to be seen on the biggest screen you can find... it's not perfect but what is. It's still Batman and Superman and that's always going to be awesome....**Rating: 7/10**





The Film Review

With Rob Carson



High Rise (15) Directed by Ben Wheatley

Stars: Tom Hiddleston, Luke Evans, Elisabeth Moss, Sienna Miller, Jeremy Irons, James Purefoy, Keeley Hawes, and Reece Shearsmith

In a Nutshell: Whereas it's so simple in a way to sum up Batman and Superman or Zoolander or some films like those... how to sum up High Rise and what's so good about it? It's a film that from the get go, pulls no punches... hurtling you straight into this dystopian nightmare... uncompromising and darkly grim in the most blackest of black comedy ways. Leading you through this maze is the beautiful Tom Hiddleston, never better as the quietly unassuming but troubled surgeon Dr Laing... again Tom puts in a terrific performance, never showy and always quietly charming and smooth. Also in the mix are a very showy and utterly magnificent turn by Luke Evans as Richard Wilder, a bolshy documentary maker who is so Oliver Reed like, his character might as well be called Ollie.... his is a terrifying and dynamic turn, confronting people head on and very very uncompromising, you had a welcome return from Jeremy Irons as the architect of the tower block where the action takes place... Irons as always dripping with charm and sinister menace in the most unassuming way, frail but tactile.

James Purefoy oozes slime as ever, and Sienna Miller is just getting more and more terrific with every film she's in whilst Elisabeth Moss is quietly tragic as Wilder's neglected wife... all the cast put in terrific turns though, and without going too much into what is contained within this dark treat of a film, suffice to say that it's a terrifyingly prescient look at the struggles between the classes and what can happen when it's left to get out of hand... darkly comic and unflinching in it's vision... this is a true treat that needs to be seen and devoured. It's a trip for the senses and a true visionary masterwork.... **Rating: 10/10**



Also Seen:

Hail Caesar! (12A) 8/10

Kung Fu Panda III (PG) 7/10

10 Cloverfield Lane (12A) 9/10

Zootropolis (PG) 10/10

The Huntsman: Winter's War (12A) 7/10



THE LADY & THE LAMP

On 12th May 1820 a baby girl was born who changed the way that we care for people who are ill. Florence Nightingale grew up at a time when only the worst kind of person became a nurse but she had an idea of the way things could be. Her chance to change things came with the Crimean War.

Florence travelled there with a few others and started work in the military hospital at Scutari where conditions were dreadful: wounded soldiers were left lying in dirt without proper food or care and most of them died. The army doctors already there didn't want Miss Nightingale or her nurses, but gradually they improved conditions. The nurses scrubbed and cleaned as well as caring for the wounded and the soldiers began to recover. Florence Nightingale was called the Lady with the Lamp because she would walk the wards at night, checking on patients. After the war, with the support of Queen Victoria, Florence was able to improve hospital care for everyone.

WASHING WORDS

All the words in this wordsearch are to do with clean and dirty. Can you find them all? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

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R	T	U	B	B	U	I	O	A	S
U	P	S	H	B	M	V	P	C	D
B	A	T	H	E	C	A	U	U	E
B	T	E	G	N	O	P	S	U	N
Y	R	R	I	W	I	P	Y	M	I
L	I	U	T	A	M	R	A	U	A
A	D	E	S	S	D	B	R	O	T
D	W	T	A	H	S	K	A	O	S

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duster dry
grime grubby
mud soak
soap sparkling
stained tap tub
vacuum wash
wet



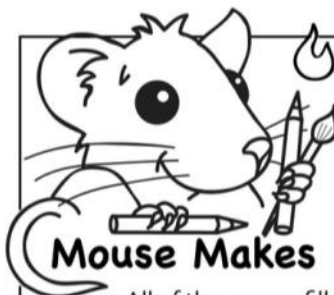
What did the dirt say to the rain?

If this keeps up my name will be mud!

What did the big tap say to the small tap?
Little squirt!



... and what did the small tap reply? Big drip!"



It was the festival of **Pentecost**, 50 days since **Passover** and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate.

The Apostles and other believers were all together in one place when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.

All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

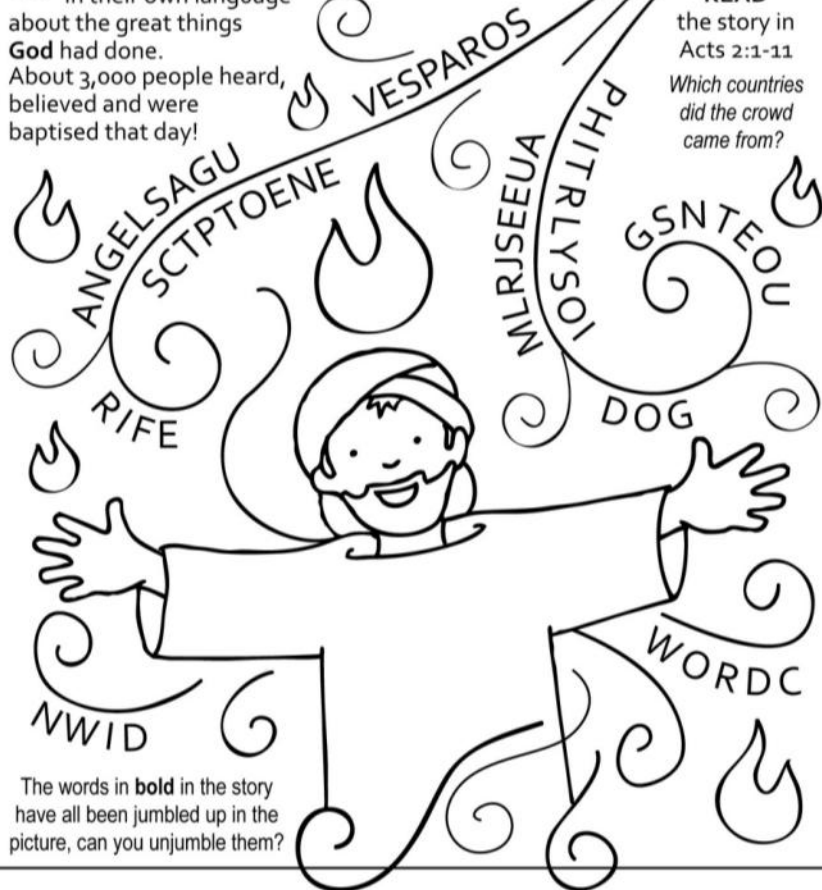
A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things **God** had done.

About 3,000 people heard, believed and were baptised that day!

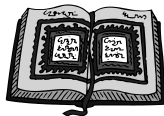
READ

the story in
Acts 2:1-11

Which countries
did the crowd
come from?



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the picture, can you unjumble them?



The Registers

Funerals - "May they rest in peace"



24th Feb.	Irene Duxbury	Alton Close	91 yrs
2nd March	Margaret Bishop	Tatton Drive	84 yrs
22nd March	Doreen Prior	Conway Road	72 yrs
4th April	Joyce Sloan	Ashwood Care Home	87 yrs
1st April	David Bowen	Westfield Avenue	83 yrs

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



10th April	Layla Lucy Holland	Princess Road
17th April	Harvey James Joseph Hockey	Lowbank Road

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Boys Brigade

Captain: Gareth Hamlett (07903866501)

Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 5.45 p.m.)

Olwen Wright (389595)

Junior Section (Tuesday 6.45 p.m.)

Kat Duckworth (07517486188)

Company Section (Tuesday: 7.30 p.m.)

Contact Gareth Hamlett

Girl Guides

Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)

Anne Wooff (724207)

3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies

(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)

Irene Taylor (Wednesday) (703410)

Susan Hughes (Thursday) (725291)

St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.15 p.m.)

Susan Hughes (725291)

3rd Ashton Guides & Ranger Guides

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)

Rachel Starkie (718350)

Music Group Mary Owen (203277)

Sunday – 10.45 a.m.

St Thomas' Choir

Sunday - 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.

Paul Tushingham (711085)

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Tues - 10 a.m.

Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)

Barbara Taylor (205136)

Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.

Bubbles (Pre-School)

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Wednesday Weenies

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