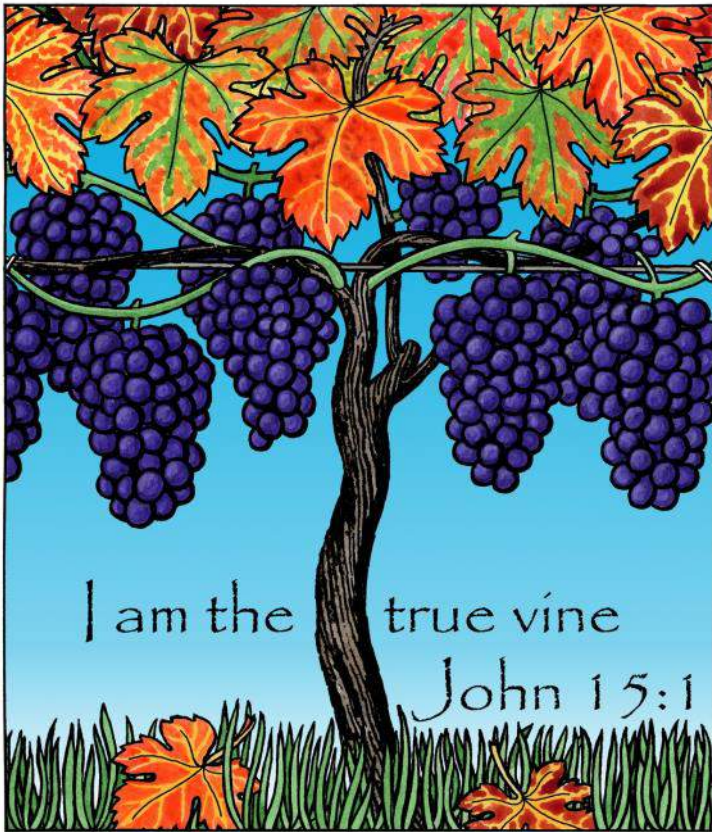


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Church Services in St Thomas' Parish, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas'

| 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday |
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| 09.00 Communion 10.45 All age service 18.30 Evening Prayer | 09.00 Morning Worship 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Communion | 09.00 Communion 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Evening Prayer | 09.00 Morning Worship 10.45 Communion 18.30 Youth service |

For information about 5th Sunday see the notices for that week

St Luke's

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| 11.00 Family Worship | 11.00 Communion | 11.00 Family Worship | 11.00 Family Worship |
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Weekdays

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| Thursday 9.45 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) In St Thomas' | Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for additional services details or exceptions, particularly around Christmas time. |
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Deadlines: Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk

Deadline for any submissions to be included in the October magazine, including donations is 12th September Any donations received after this date will be in the next edition.

| Deadline | October | November |
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| Hand Written | 10th September | 11th October |
| Computer | 12th September | 15th October |
| Magazine Release | 27th September | 27th October |

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Booking Baptisms and Weddings

We are now encouraging everyone who would like to book a baptism or wedding to come to the family service at either St Thomas (10.45am) or St Luke's (11am) and bookings will be taken afterwards.

Important Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas' church at 12.45 pm on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and also during the 10.45 am service on the second Sunday. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11 am on the third Sunday.

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

Marriage

You can marry in a C of E church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the church office on 01942 721484

Funerals

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



Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

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

TT—term time only

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

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Church of the Multiplication at Tabgha

All the saints have their special symbols. When we see a saint in a window or painting carrying loaves of bread, we know it is St Philip. It was Philip who wondered how the multitude gathered around Jesus could be fed in John 6. Our Lord met their hunger with just five loaves and two fish. *****

Bread has always been a staple food in the Holy Land, and in July the media reported that the oldest bread had been found in the remains of a Jordanian fire 14,000 years ago. Today all kinds of bread are sold in our bakeries and supermarkets. Each country has its own way of producing bread, but at heart it is the same procedure combining the four ancient elements of life: earth, air, water and fire – earth producing the grain for flour, air to transform the dough, water added to the mix, and fire to bake the bread.



Bishop Geoffrey Rowell tells the story of sharing a picnic with some Lebanese Christians. Fragments of the bread were scattered on the ground, and he idly cracked them with his feet. The reaction was immediate. 'Don't do that' one said. 'It is bread. It is life.' John tells us in chapter 6 how bread is a sign of life for the people, and a sign that points to Jesus whose life is generously shared with others. A church was built on the site of that miracle at Tabgha by the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is called the Church of the Multiplication. On the floor in front of the altar is a 5th century mosaic depicting the loaves and fish – beautiful and immediate in its simplicity.

We enter our own churches and see bread offered on the altar at every eucharist, and rejoice that Jesus is our host as He was by the Sea of Galilee. He comes to us with the same invitations: 'Take and eat. See and believe.' He offers us the bread of life. But more than that: He offers us the bread of eternal life.



Parish News



With Malcolm

Church Magazine

The magazine continues to be created by our Parish Administrator Vicki who depends entirely on items for the magazine created by members of our congregation. We do have regular reports from Mothers' Union, school and Robert's informative film reviews etc for which we are grateful but there must be much more going on in the parish and which would provide interesting subjects for the magazine let us hear from you either to me or by e.mail to magazine@stthomasstluke.org.co.uk

Keswick Convention

The convention celebrated 143 years when this year's event was held over three weeks in July and early August. A number of us from St Thomas have been privileged to attend for one week for the past few years and I for one would commend the event to all. The venue in the Lake District town of Keswick is in itself without comparison, the teaching is of a very high standard with very distinguished Christian preachers giving their time to open up the scriptures for some 12000 attendees over the three weeks. They are accompanied by excellent worship leaders, indeed Stuart Townend, who is giving a concert here at St Thomas in September, lead worship in the second week. We went for week three and were privileged each morning to be taken through a bible study on the book of Acts by an Australian Pastor David Cook. The Evening celebration included a series on the book of Philippians with a number of different preachers.

There are of course a number of other talks and seminars taking place throughout the Convention with a special programme for children. You can view all these on u tube by the Keswick Convention website or Clayton .TV.

As mentioned above I have no hesitation in commending the Convention to all and look forward to seeing you there next year for week two - we regulars will all be back eager to learn more of God's grace and the love of our resurrected Saviour Jesus Christ revealed through the Gospel.



Parish News



With Malcolm

Church volunteers

Our church thrives on the work of many volunteers none of who look to receive thanks for their efforts, it is done for the love of St Thomas and St Luke's. I would like to use the medium of this magazine to say that you are appreciated in all that you do.

Having said that there is always more to be done and if you feel that you are able to offer some time and effort the churchwardens will be glad to hear from you. Some examples of the areas where help would be welcomed are the provision of lifts to our services, keeping the grounds around the church and hall clean and tidy. We do also need someone to do monthly tests on our fire alarm and to ensure the defibrillators are functioning. No special expertise is required.



Malcolm



Letter from Jan

Living on a farm has made harvest time very important. When I was young a good harvest meant there was enough money to pay bills and put food on the table. Our farmland, along with much of the land locally is used primarily to grow corn crops- barley and wheat. Harvested during August, Within weeks, the land is prepared- fertilised, ploughed tilled - then planted with the seed which will grow into the following years harvest.

The job of harvesting these crops is largely automated these days, which huge combines, tractors and other specialist implements collecting and storing the crop within hours of the crop being ripe.

Gone are the days of locals coming to help collect bales- the farmers



and labourers are now highly skilled operating machinery with onboard computers dictating how much seed to plant, how much feed to give....

As Christians, we are taught by Jesus to plant seeds, nurture and reap a harvest. Plant the seeds of Good news, nurture through friendship, alpha, house groups and welcoming people to worship encouraging and enabling them grow into fledgling Christians

Just as the farmer has his specialist equipment and specialist knowledge of the land he farms, so we have specialist knowledge of



Letter from Jan

the love of Christ Jesus through our life experiences and we have the bible as our manual for living. It's vital that we use these skills on a daily basis, witnessing to others. The early chapters of Ephesians are an invaluable tool kit from God.



Encouraging and practical words from Paul to the early church in Ephesus are still relevant to us today. Spend some time reading over these chapters this week.

I urge you, says Paul, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:1-2

Paul's prayer at the end of chapter 6 is my prayer for us this month:
Peace to you brothers and sisters, and love and faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with undying love. Ephesians 6: 23-24

Jan



Mothers Union

Diary:

Wednesday 19th September Service of Holy Communion Service and in Church at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 26th September Deanery Festival plus Indoors Members Service at St Anne's Church Beech Hill Wigan 7.30pm. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to go.

I would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway at our Light Lunch on the 11th August. A special thanks to Michael Pye who kindly stepped in to collect the money and of course Malcolm and Ken who, as always, helped us to set up for the event. We raised the magnificent sum of £490.60 some of which will go to our own country and also to the Summer of Hope for families and communities and help us to 'Follow in Mary Sumner's footsteps'. As always there was the usual buzz of friendship and fellowship and great support not only from the members but also from the parish as a whole and our other regular friends who do support all our events, thank you very much.



Literature Sales

I know that it is still summer but our Literature Representative Maureen Cook is already busy with the sale of the Christmas Cards, calendars, books etc as detailed in the catalogue. I would urge you to contact her in plenty time to place your orders. Please remember that the money received by Liverpool Diocese as a grant related to turnover has a knock on effect by helping to keep subscriptions down. This is achieved by the sale of cards etc right through the year but in particular with good Christmas Sales.

Amen

Carolyn Peuleve, Diocese of Leeds

Love and prayers

Barbara

Prayers

Dear Father

September again! How quickly the months roll by. How quickly our lives move forward. Help us this September to welcome the new starts in our every-day lives – the new school year, the new clubs and activities for all ages that start up again this month. There are so many opportunities, so much to keep us busy. Help us Lord, this September to commit each new day and each new activity to you, aware that every day is a gift from you. Help us to choose wisely how we spend the time you give us and to reflect your love and generosity and kindness to those we meet each day.



A simple Sunday morning prayer

Lord, our very being here today is a prayer.

By being here we say 'We love you, Lord' and appreciate all you have done in saving us from our sins.

By being here we say 'Thank you, Lord' because we are aware of all the daily blessings you shower on our lives.

By being here we say 'Use us, Lord' because we are offering ourselves again to your service, and to live for your glory.

By being here we say 'Help us, Lord' because we face many trials and temptations are in need of your grace.

By being here we say 'Change us, Lord' because we want to be more like Jesus in all we say and do.

Our being here today is a prayer Lord, whether spoken or not.

Hear us we ask, in Jesus' Name. Amen



Letter from Sian

My hope is found in Christ alone

With Stuart Townend's concert coming up at St Thomas's soon, it got me thinking about hymns. A friend of mine (actually, she was one of our little bridesmaids back in 1988) put on Facebook recently that she wants to go back to listening to old hymns, did anyone have any suggestions? In just a few hours, there were 45 comments! It's a subject many of us are passionate, even protective, about.

"In Christ Alone" is arguably Townend's best-known hymn, in which he manages to root personal faith in the story of crucifixion, resurrection and redemption. Behind this hymn, written in 2002, is an interesting story. At a worship conference in 2000, a friend of his, who knew Stuart wrote lyrics, suggested he had a chat with Keith Getty, who loved to write melodies. So, Stuart and Keith met for a coffee, exchanged contact details and went their separate ways.

A few weeks later, Keith sent Stuart a CD with some of his tunes and, in the words of Stuart Townend, *"When it arrived I wasn't expecting anything much from it. But as soon as I heard the first song – which was just him on the piano, playing the melody in the right hand – I thought there was something about it, something quite profound. It was a classic melody, with that eternal, enduring aspect. I was getting to like it more and more and wondering what the song could be about. I phoned Keith and subsequently thought 'this is a song about Jesus' life, death and resurrection and what that means for us.'"*

Starting with the words, "My hope is found in Christ alone", Stuart got quite emotional as he wrote, trying to express what Christ had done for him and how it changed his life. He sent his lyrics back to Keith who liked them, but suggested he changed the first line. Initially, Stuart was irritated by this suggestion, as it messed up the rhyming scheme in his head, but he came around to thinking that changing it might make the first line stronger.

And so, it became "In Christ alone...", which is a powerful way to begin a hymn. In a traditional pattern, yet with a contemporary slant, the words emphasise the importance of Christ, the pain of crucifixion, the miracle of resurrection and the strength of living in Christ.

Another crucial part of this story is the beginning of Stuart and Keith's creative partnership, which could have gone wrong early on. Keith's idea of a change of word order could have dented Stuart's pride in his own writing, but he thought about it, got over it and moved on. I think this demonstrates some of what we've been reading in the lectionary recently in Ephesians. After listing some of the gifts that God gives to the church, St Paul warns about people trying to trick us and catch us out, as that causes division. He says:

“



Letter from Sian

“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” (Ephesians 4:15-16)

We are all gifted by God and called to use those gifts to help each other grow. Learning to do this is a lifelong process, but as we do, creativity will begin to flow and church will begin to grow.

Incidentally, I struggle when pushed to choose my favourite hymn, but When I Survey the Wondrous Cross and Here is Love are in the top 10. As for Stuart Townend’s hymns, I love the energy of Who Paints the Skies and the beauty of How Deep the Father’s Love. Anyone up for writing some new ones?!

Sian

Sudoku puzzle

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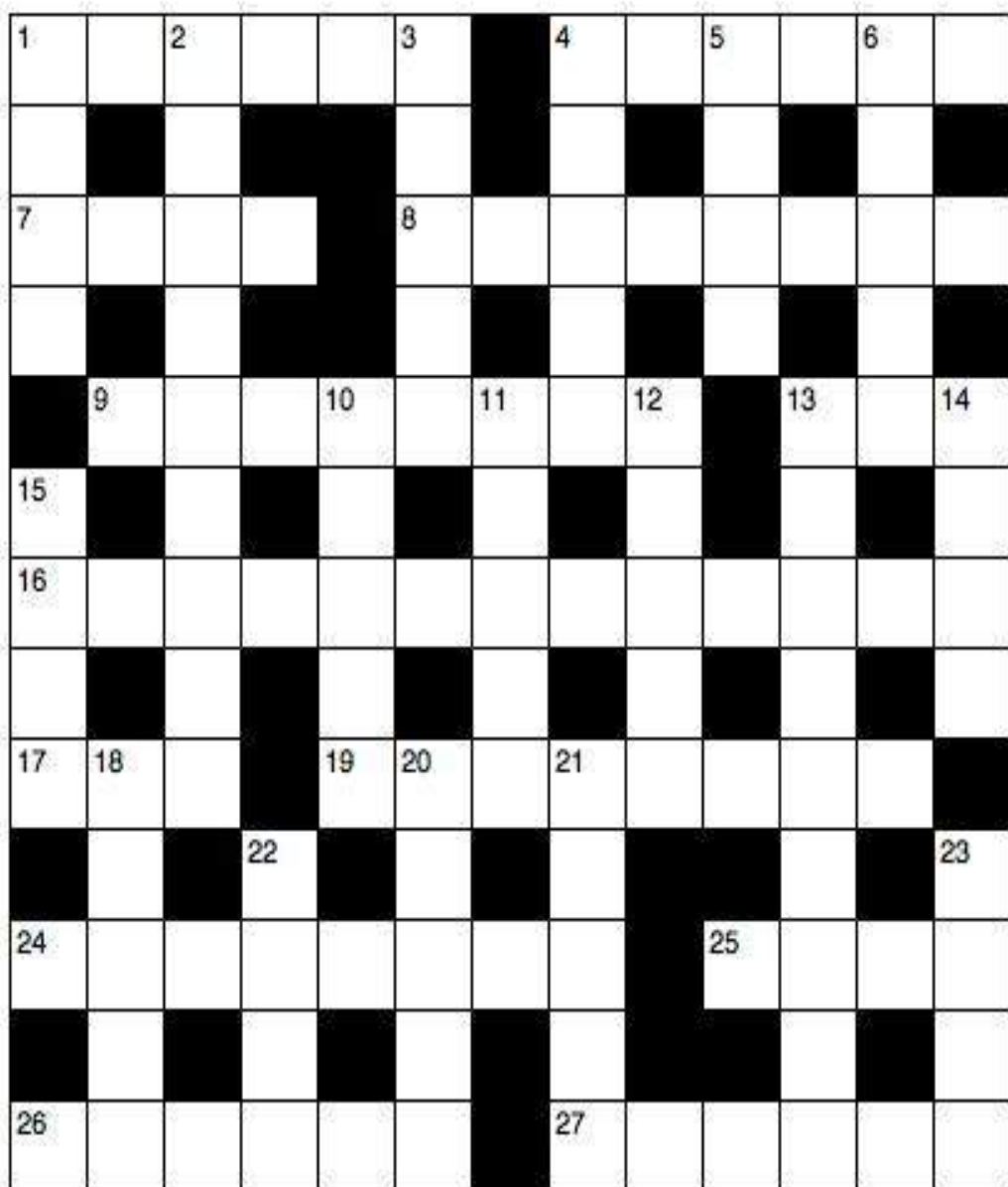
Crossword for September 2018

Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
19 Mock (Luke 14:29) (8)
24 Disgrace (Psalm 44:13) (8)
25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4) (4)
26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
27 Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
3 O raid (anag.) (5)
4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
11 Do ten (anag.) (5)
12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
13 Capable of being used (1 Kings 7:36) (9)
14 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)
15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)
21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)
23 He₄ was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)



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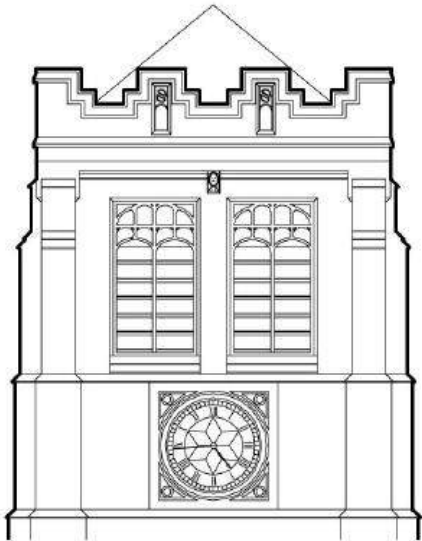
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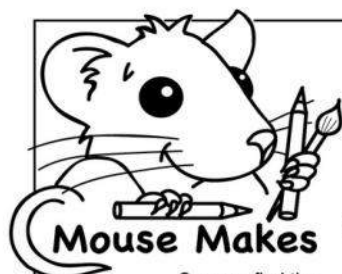
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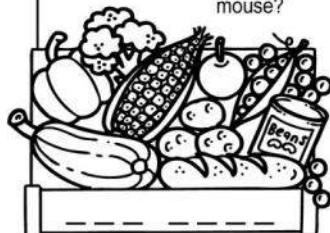
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A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWF SCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



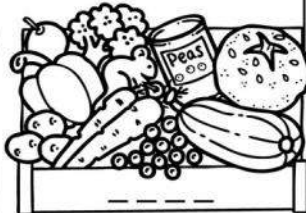
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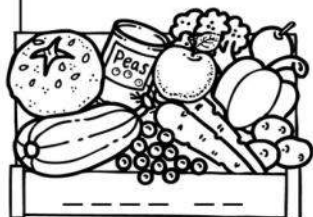
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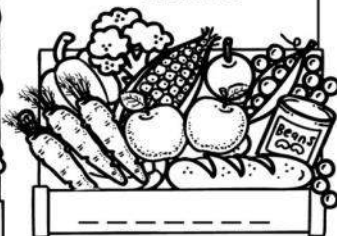
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Which two boxes have the same harvest food?

In our community

Saturday 15th September
An Evening of Song
Parkside Male Voice Choir



This year is the 25th anniversary of the Ashton Festival and we are proud to welcome Parkside Male Voice Choir who were the first to appear in the original 1993 Festival

7.30pm St. Thomas's Church

Tickets £4.50

Pay on door £5.00

Saturday 22nd September
Pemberton D.W. Brass Band



Pemberton Old Band has a long and outstanding history that dates back to the late 19th century. In recent years our organisation has gone from strength to strength.

Our First Section band is conducted by Ben Dixon

7.30pm St. Thomas's Church

Tickets £4.50

Pay on the Door £5.00

In our community

Saturday 29th September

Spectrum Community Choir

Charity Evening for Dementia / Alzheimer's



**Come along and enjoy an evening of song by one of our local
Choirs**

7.30pm St Thomas's Church

Tickets £3.00

Pay on door £3.00

Wednesday Walkers

I thought it was perhaps appropriate that I included an article regarding an opportunity that members of the congregation and friends have to join a small number of us who enjoy a walk on Wednesday afternoons. Nothing too energetic, usually a leisurely ramble of between 4 and 5 miles, either locally or a short drive away. Cars are shared when a drive is involved so no transport problems.

We are grateful to our regular leader and organiser David Dalton who has a wealth of knowledge of walks local and more afar. At present the numbers taking advantage of this very enjoyable way to get some exercise can be up to a dozen or so.

We usually meet at 1.30pm and are home by 5.00pm, good fellowship and pleasant chat no one left behind. If you are interested in joining us and you would be very welcome, then contact me in church or on 205136 and I will give you any more information that you might require. Alternatively see David in Church.

Malcolm



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Please place your donation in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please hand in at church or post to the vicarage. Please make any cheques payable to **St Thomas' PCC**. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

Thank you

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In memory of John Holden

Alyson, Jenny, Barry, Emily and Rosie would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support at this very sad time. Also for all the generous donations given in memory of John which have been divided between St Thomas' and St Luke's churches and Mountain Rescue.

We have been overwhelmed by the love and support and meals we have received and thank God for all his peace which has surrounded us.

Alyson Holden



In memory of Joanne Eatock

From Verena Langford

In loving memory of a dear wife



Passed away 16th September 2009 sadly missed from loving husband Ken

In loving memory of Alan Simpson

23rd September from Sheila Ian Amanda, Jo, Martin, Grandsons Tom, Daniel Josh & Luke

Birthday Remembrance of Thomas Griffiths and David A Griffiths

Birthday remembrance Austin Bullen 23rd September A deeply loved husband, dad, grandad and father in law From Jean, Karen & Keith, Jaki & Simon, Toni & Ben

Golden wedding anniversary

Congratulations to Jean and Ian celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary They were married at St Thomas; church on 2nd September 1968 and are now living in The Chilterns.

With thanks for Holy Communion from Margaret Cook



St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty

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| 1st Sept | Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies |
| 8th Sept | Meta Laites, Kath Vella, Linda Malley |
| 15th Sept | Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook |
| 22nd Sept | Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies |
| 29th Sept | Meta Laites, Kath Vella, Linda Malley |

In holy matrimony



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| 12th May | Michael Stephen Shoesmith Sarah Louise Cunliffe | Dunscore Road |
| 12th May | Kyle John Gerrard Charlotte Croft | Ruskin Avenue Adamson Street |
| 27th July | Paul David John Taylor Kirsty Louise Worth | Pretoria Road |

Flowers in church this month

| Date | Altar | Lady Chapel |
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| 26th Aug | For the baptism of my granddaughter Violet Dawn From Carol Stuart | Birthday memories of my mum Marie Auskalnis (15th Sept) from Carol Stuart |
| 2nd Sept | Anniversary remembrance of David Blyth from son Andrew, Laura, Amelia and all the family | Vacant |
| 9th Sept | Vacant | Anniversary remembrance of a dear mum & dad Elsie & Hugh Jervis From David, Elsie, Ann and families |
| 16th Sept | Birthday memories of Stan Shaw from Betty & family | Anniversary remembrance of Debra Davies. A dear mum, daughter, sister and auntie |
| 23rd Sept | Birthday memories of Austin Bullen from Jean, Karen, Keith, Simon, Toni & Ben | Birthday memories of Austin Bullen from Ann, Stan, Kathleen & families |
| 30th Sept | Birthday memories of David Blyth (27th Sept) from Andrew, Laura, Amelia & all the family | Vacant |

September Birth Month Flower



The birth flower for September is the **aster**, which symbolizes powerful love. Another flower associated with September birth is the morning glory. The birth flower for September is the aster, which symbolizes powerful love.



St Luke's Flowers

Flowers in church for August

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| 2nd Sept | Vacant |
| 9th Sept | In memory of loved ones – the Knowles family |
| 16th Sept | Anniversary remembrance of Angela Baxter & Connie Lockett from Sheila, Billy & family. In loving memory of a dear wife from loving husband Ken |
| 23rd Sept | In loving memory of husband Colin (15 th Sept) & son Stuart Andrew (24 th Sept) from Joan Graham |
| 30th Sept | In loving memory of Rodney Williams from Linda & Michael Ladyman |

St Luke's donations

Happy memories of John Holden. From Kath & Barry Cox

In loving memory of a dear wife, sadly missed.
From loving husband Ken

Verses for the Year

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1b

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14
September 2018

Sudoku Solution

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Crossword Solution

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The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Robert Carson's Film Report- September 2018

Movie Reviews

Mission: Impossible- Fallout (12A)

Directed by Christopher McQuarrie

Stars: Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson, Sean Harris, Alec Baldwin, Simon Pegg, Ving Rhames, Henry Cavill, Michelle Monaghan, Angela Bassett, Vanessa Kirby, and Wes Bentley

In a Nutshell: There is such a thing as franchise fatigue, just ask Police Academy or Halloween or even the Carry On movies... you just keep going but people start to wonder did we ask for these movies, how could it possibly be any good at all upon it's sixth or seventh outing? Yet strange things have occurred, the Fast and Furious movies for one seem to be keeping doing fantastically well and are actually decent films too and now someone after fourth and fifth films that were utterly stunning, somehow the sixth outing for Tom and his stunts and action is just perfect in every way and could be the best yet. From it's labyrinth plotting and peerless script and story through to it's superb ensemble cast where everyone shines and no one really lacks a purpose or story. Tom Cruise needless to say, is every bit as great as he always is in his signature role as Ethan Hunt, and he really is at his best here, and not just in the action department, the story really tests his character and puts him through it all, whilst everyone is great... there's special mentions for Henry Cavill, and Rebecca Ferguson who both really do shine in both very more complex roles than I can let on, whilst Alec Baldwin quietly steals scenes along with Vanessa Kirby. But anyway, the stunts! Oh boy, if this film doesn't just deliver the best action sequences you'll see this or any other year and it's all down to the cameras insistence on making sure that you know the actors are in there doing all this and it's all practical, the helicopter finale and the London chase alone are worth the price of admission and really go some way to proving that practical wins every day over doing it all with a computer and stunt doubles, bravo! It's a hard one to really sum up every single reason this film is so terrific, my advice is to simply just go straight away and see it on the biggest screen ever and prepare to be blown away.... if you choose to accept it.

Rating: 10/10



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Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG)

Directed by Ol Parker

Stars: Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Colin Firth, Pierce Brosnan, Stellan Skarsgard, Cher, Meryl Streep, Christine Baranski, Julie Walters, Andy Garcia, Jeremy Irvine, Dominic Cooper, Hugh Skinner, Josh Dylan, and Alexa Davies

In a Nutshell: Some films, you really love them and they do hugely well, but you wouldn't imagine them to have a sequel... because quite frankly how would they? Imagine a sequel to The Mist for example, or even a follow up to Cabin in the Woods, for spoilery reasons.... and Mamma Mia technically is one of those, gosh we're thrilled to find out there's another but you do think why and how? What else is there to do, what other songs are there to cover? But here we are, and somehow it's actually the superior film, though saying that we all love the first but it was hardly Shakespeare. In this installment, we flash backwards and forwards to see that while Sophie is pregnant and ready to have her first child and is also renovating the island hotel and preparing for a wedding, we flash back to see how her mother Donna met her three potential fathers and the adventures she had growing up and how she did it all herself mostly... it's a great technique as it gives us lots of time with the terrific Lily James as the young Donna plus an array of terrific young actors as Harry, Bill and Sam as well as Tanya and Rosie, whilst you have all your favourites back in the modern day setting with maybe a little less Meryl but everyone is great fun as ever all the same, and the musical numbers loud and fun, Pierce particularly not giving a hoot whether he's any good and just clearly having a ball dancing around, and Colin Firth as endlessly quality as ever.... plus a scene stealing turn by Andy Garcia as a stranger with a secret connection. It works wonders weaving back and forth and ties the story together beautifully culminating in a monumentally beautiful finale which will have tears rolling down the aisles before a show stopper number to finish off, whilst Omid Djalili happily steals scenes in an extended cameo that stretches to after the credits. What can I say, it's bold, brash, emotional and so much fun... it will make you smile a mile and lift your heart... go see it and feel much better about the world.

Rating: 8/10

Also Seen:

Hotel Transylvania III: Monster Vacation (U) 7/10

Hotel Artemis (15) 8/10

Skyscraper (12A) 7/10

Teen Titans Go! To the Movies (PG) 9/10





The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

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| 1st Aug | Brian Glenholmes | Severn Road | 73 |
| 14th Aug | Ethel Daly | The Strand | 98 |
| 15th Aug | Patricia Usher | Hereford Close | 68 |
| 17th Aug | Gordon Lowe | Old Road | 86 |
| 17th Aug | William Ryder | Oakwood Ave | 80 |

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



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| 22nd July | Elliot Kirkham | Watson Ave |
| 22nd July | Alyssia Morley | Tanhouse Drive |
| 12th August | Rhys Worman | Walford Road |
| 12th August | Emilia George | Severn Road |
| 12th August | James Bannister | Bransdale Drive |
| 19th August | Malakai Karikari | Caldbeck Drive |

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

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| <p><u>Boys Brigade</u> Captain Gareth Hamlett 07903866501 Anchor Boys (Tues 5:45pm) Olwen Wright 389595 Junior Section (Tues 6:45pm) Kat Duckworth 07517486188 Company Section (Tues 7:30pm) Contact Gareth Hamlett</p> | <p><u>Girl Guides</u> Rainbows (Tues 5:30pm) Anne Wooff 724207 3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies (Wed/ Thu 6:30pm) St Luke's Brownies (Tues 6:15pm) 3rd Ashton Guides/Rangers (Tues 7:15pm) Rachel Starkie 718350</p> |
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| | <p><u>Flower Guild</u> Meta Laites 723679</p> |
| <p><u>Children, Young People and Families</u> Sue Thomas 727275</p> | <p><u>Music Group Sunday 10:45am</u> Mary Owen 203277</p> |
| <p><u>Wednesday Weenies</u> Wed 1:00-2:30pm - Church Hall Lynn Anderton 07725 324447</p> | <p><u>Saturday FM</u> 4:00-5:00pm - St Thomas' School Nicola Burgess 706841</p> |
| <p><u>Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)</u> Sun 6:30pm Church Hall Ceri Mansell 727417</p> | <p><u>St Thomas' Mothers' Union</u> 3rd Wed: 7:30pm Barbara Taylor 205136</p> |
| <p><u>Fairtrade Stall</u> 3rd Sun 12:00pm Anne & Chris Wooff 724207</p> | <p><u>Fur Clemt Stubshaw</u> Mon 12:00-1:00pm at St Luke's Jennifer Harrison 718618</p> |
| <p><u>Litter Pick 1st Sat 10:00-12:00</u> Anne & Chris Wooff 724207</p> | <p><u>Bowling Club</u> Henry Hunter 712709</p> |
| <p><u>Asylum Seeker Support</u> Anne & Chris Wooff 724207</p> | <p><u>Messy Tots</u> Wed 10:00 - 11:30 at St Luke's Sue Thomas 07877 704645</p> |

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