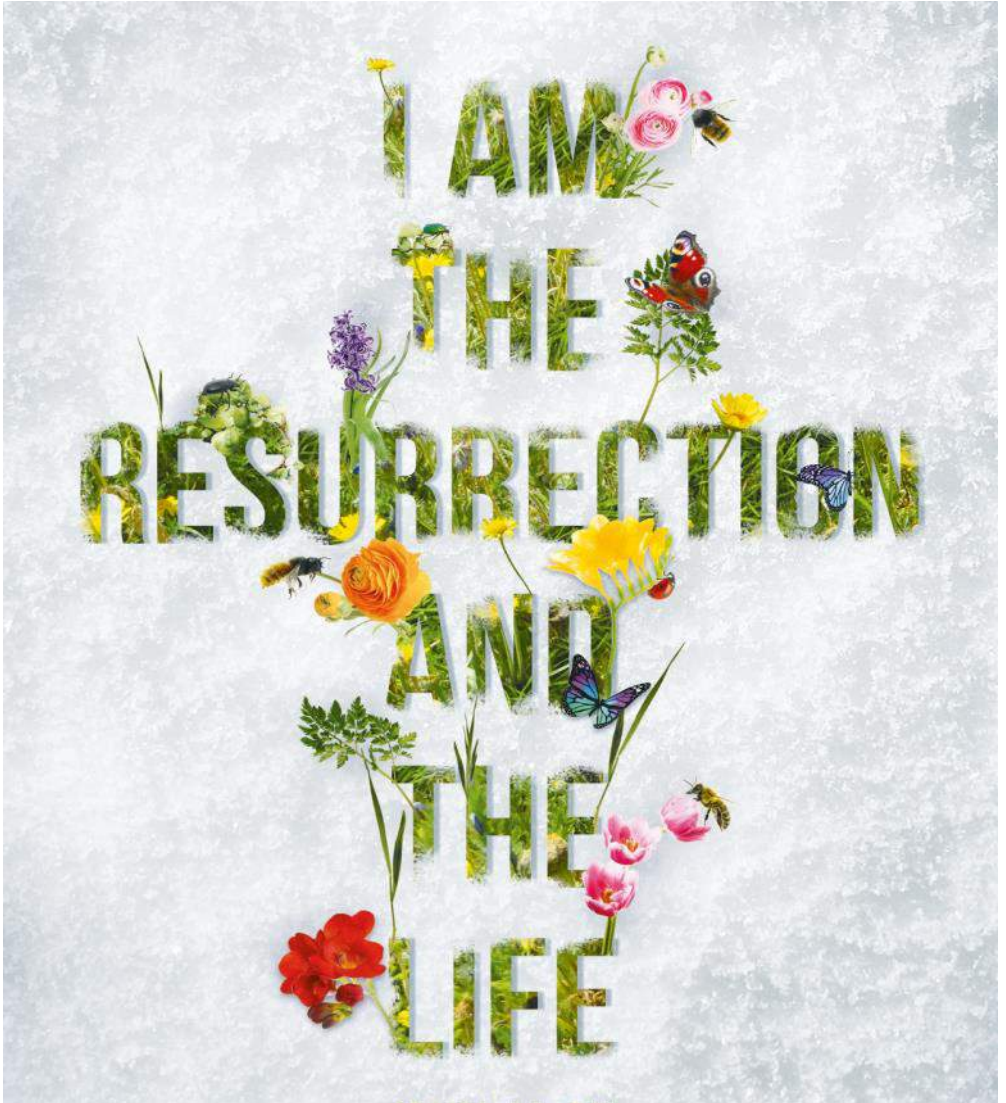


St.Thomas' and St. Luke's Ashton-In-Makerfield



April 2019

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

Sundays

St Thomas'

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

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

St Luke's

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

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

Deadline for any submissions to be included in the May magazine, including donations is 15th April Any donations received after this date will be in the next edition.

For any queries please contact the office on 01942 721484 or office@stthomasstluke.org.uk

Deadline	May	June
Hand Written	13th April	11th May
Computer	15th April	14th May
Magazine Release	26th April	26th May

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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.

Funerals

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

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 or office@stthomasstluke.org.uk



Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

<u>Mon</u>	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
<u>TT</u>	Youth club for 11+ (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
<u>TT</u>	Football (Byrchall Sports Hall)	17.00-18.00
<u>TT</u>	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	17.45-18.45
<u>TT</u>	JYC Extra (Church Hall)	18.45-19.15
<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.

Streets for Prayer: This month we are praying for the people who live and work in Trent Road, Derwent Road, Welland Road, Riding Lane and Edge Green Road

TANGO

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

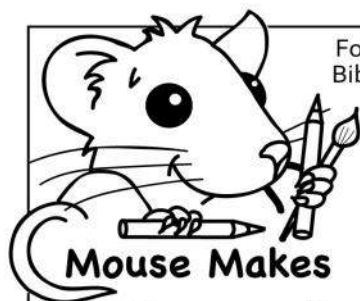


If you have any items of furniture that you no longer want TANGO will collect Free Of Charge from your home.

If you want more information about [TANGO](#) or to arrange a collection please ring: 01744 607388



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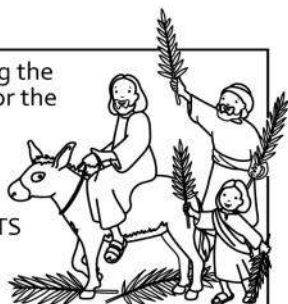



Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

Into Jerusalem

read Matthew 21:1-11

DONKEY • ROAD • COATS
BRANCHES • PALMS
KING • HOSANNA



 **The Last Supper**
read
Matthew 26:17-30
TWELVE DISCIPLES
PASSOVER
ROOM • BREAD
WINE • SON • MAN
BODY • BLOOD
CUP • MEAL

 **Betrayal and Death**
read Matthew 26:36-27:56
GETHESEMANE
PRAY • BETRAY
KISS • ARREST
MESSIAH • CHRIST
SON • ACCUSED
CRUCIFY • JESUS
CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE
NAILS • CROSS
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QUAKE • DEATH
LOTS • DICE



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Burial and Resurrection

read Matthew 27:57-28:20

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS



Letter from Helen

April! We should have had Brexit certainty by now, but as I write this nothing is certain! Looking at all the nature-type activities advertised in the region in March and April there is the expectation that we will have warmer weather, spring will have sprung, but with the effects of global warming, a warm February and storms in March, nothing is certain! A friend is off from work because of mental health issues. She doesn't know when she will be able to return to work – that it itself increases anxiety. Uncertainty creates anxiety. How do we cope with this uncertainty!

We're half way through Lent. We start to remember how Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem. The disciples went with him, but they were not really sure that this was a good idea. Who knew what they would find in that city! The authorities were not exactly friendly. Jesus, of course knew that he was going there to face his death, and three times he tried to tell them, but for the disciples – they were not sure. They didn't understand. It was all unknown!

Life is like that, isn't it! We cannot know the future. We look at coming events and some of us will see the wonderful opportunities and some of us will see the potential disasters. Some of us will not understand why things have to change. If only we could be sure it was for the best! We do not have certainty but we can have faith. Faith allows us to go forward into the future even though 'nothing is certain'.





Letter from Helen

“And yet for those who believe some things are certain! This month there are still the dark day of Good Friday and the joy of Easter to come. Much of this will always be a mystery, but we can be certain that Jesus died for our sakes, on the cross, so that we can receive forgiveness of all the things that we have said or done (or indeed NOT said or done) that have shown that we have missed the mark set by God’s perfect love for us all. If we have given our lives to Jesus and set Him as our Lord then we can be certain that we can be accepted into his Family. When we are finished with this painful confusing life we will be with God in heaven. But more than this, as we trust in Him, He will give us rest and joy in this present life too. Jesus said ‘I have come that you might have life – life in all it’s fullness’ (John 10:10). He may not take away the uncertainty that surrounds us day by day, but He can empower us to live through it with increased confidence knowing He is beside us.



‘How can you know this?’ you may say. Though no-one may see it, I can be certain because of my personal experience since giving my life to Jesus and receiving a peace of heart and mind that passes all understanding. Some will share that same experience. At this time of so much uncertainty in our lives we would do well to focus on the certainty of Easter and God’s gift to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Why not try it!

May God bless you as you put your trust in Him this Eastertide.

Helen Steele



Parish News



JOHN TAYLOR (c1862 1918),

With Malcolm

HEATH ROAD, ASHTON IN MAKERFIELD,

GROCER, MINERAL WATER MANUFACTURER & BOTTLER



Having the surname Taylor I was intrigued when asked by David Taylor, one of the intrepid band of regular litter pickers, did I know anything of a 'John Taylor Pop maker of Ashton in Makerfield'. David had acquired a very old pop bottle bearing the name of the pop maker and the address of Ashton in Makerfield. As an incomer, some 53 years ago, I had no knowledge of this local company. David said that he couldn't find anything about this John Taylor on Google and would like to know more.

I thought that if I don't know then I am sure that I knew someone who would know or could find out. So I set about challenging our local historian and contributor to this magazine David Fearnley to finding out what was known about this local businessman.

To my great surprise and delight he was able to let me have a complete history of the family and this within a space of two days.

John Taylor was born in St. Helens in 1862, moved to Chapel Lane, Wigan, and then, after his marriage in 1888 to, moved to Ashton in Makerfield. He became a grocer & mineral water manufacturer & bottler living in Heath Road, Ashton in Makerfield.

There seems to be an earlier family involvement with Ashton in Makerfield as John Taylor's great great grandfather was probably Thomas Taylor, son of Henry Taylor of Haydock. Thomas Taylor was born on the 21/6/1750 and baptised at St. Thomas', Ashton in Makerfield on the 29/6/1750.

John Taylor's great grandparents were John Taylor and Ann Jameson. This John Taylor, son of Thomas Taylor, was born on the 24/10/1774 and was baptised on the 11/11/1774 at St. Thomas'. He in turn married Ann Jameson at St. Oswalds, Winwick on the 4/7/1803. They had a son William who was born on 20/4/1807 at Ashton in Makerfield. William married Mary Birchall on the 6/4/1834 at St. Oswalds, Winwick and were John Taylor's grandparents. John Taylor's father was William Taylor, the 2nd son of William and Mary Taylor and who was born on the 12/12/1835 and baptised on the 18/12/1835 at St. Thomas'.

They had a son William who was born on 20/4/1807 at Ashton in Makerfield. William married Mary Birchall on the 6/4/1834 at St. Oswalds, Winwick and were John Taylor's grandparents. John Taylor's father was William Taylor, the 2nd son of William and Mary Taylor and who was born on the 12/12/1835 and baptised on the 18/12/1835 at St. Thomas'. At that time the family lived at Florida Stables, Ashton, which was situated on Haydock Lane, Pewfall. William Taylor, snr., was employed as a waggoner probably in the coal pits at Florida. c1859 William Taylor had married Alice (surname unknown) Their son John Taylor. was born 1862..

The 1871 CENSUS revealed that William Taylor aged 35, was an ostler which was a stableman looking after the horses (usually at an inn). Their son, John Taylor, aged 8, was living with the family in Chapel Lane, Wigan.

The 1881 census revealed that John was no longer living with his family in Chapel Lane and at the age 18 he had probably already left home but he does not appear elsewhere on the 1881 census.

As mentioned our John Taylor who born in 1862 at St Helens was married on the 9/5/1888 at St. Thomas' to Ann Naylor. Their first child was Harold born on the 13/4/1889 and baptised on the 9/6/1889 at St. Thomas'. A daughter Eveline Taylor was born 22/4/1891 and baptised 13/5/1891 also at St. Thomas. a second daughter Lillian Taylor was born on the 23/6/1892 and baptised on the 10/7/1892 again at St. Thomas. Marian Taylor was born on the 7/12/1893 and baptised on the 24/1/1894 at St. Thomas. They all described as children of John and Ann Taylor Heath Road, grocer. Another child Percy Taylor was born 8/6/1895 but sadly died one month later.

The 1891 CENSUS reveals that the John and Ann lived at 22 Heath Road The son Harold Taylor also lived there as did Isabel Smith aged 17, described as a domestic servant, born Ashton.

The 1901 CENSUS confirms that John and Ann are still resident at Heath Road but he is now described as a mineral water manufacturer. All the children are now said to be resident at 22 Heath Road along with Martha Richardson, aged 23, domestic servant, Edward Pennington, general labourer, born St. Helens

By the time of the 1911 CENSUS Ann Taylor had died aged 48 in 1905 John is described as a widower, grocer & mineral water manufacturer & bottler, born St. Helens. By this stage he is living at 28 Heath Road along with his son Harold and three daughters Eveline, Lillian and Marian. Also resident was Sarah Smith described as sister in law and housekeeper.

The story concludes, or does it, with the death of John in 1918 aged 56 certainly 28 Heath Road continues as an off licence until 1999. Does anyone out there know what happened to the family?

With grateful thanks to David Taylor and David Fearnley

Malcolm



Mothers Union

Diary:

Wednesday 17 April Church Hall 7.30pm the Speaker is Paul Moores from the Leprosy Mission. This meeting is open to anyone interested in finding out more the work of the Leprosy Mission.

It was pleasing to see so many at our Annual General Meeting and I was delighted that Flic agreed to chair the meeting. The usual format was followed and I along with our Treasurer Pauline Wharton and our Secretary Pat Hamilton were able to make our reports on the past year in the life of the branch and the theme for the future. We continue to be most fortunate that the branch is so well served by a dedicated Branch Secretary and Branch Treasurer.

We were all saddened by the death of Brenda Percival and as former leader of this branch we decided that it would be most appropriate to make a donation to church in her memory.

The Wave of Prayer meeting at Canon's hall was well attended by members from St Thomas and St Luke's. The service was prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. A collection raised the sum of £102.00 which will be used to strengthen communities throughout the world by supporting programmes which enable women and children to have a better quality of life.

I attended a meeting for Branch Leaders at St James House the purpose being to meet our new President Caroline Collins and the Board of Trustees. Caroline compared the Board of Trustees as the trunk of a tree with the Branches literally forming the branches of the tree and the leaves representing all our the individual members. She urged us to think about the future and consider the importance of strategic planning and concentrating on say one or two projects for the branch. She was very encouraging in her words asking us all to consider what the MU means to us, to think outside the box and to encourage new members.

Advance notice The Deanery Festival will be at St James Church Poolstock on Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Mothers Union

Give me time, Lord,

Give me time to think, Lord,
give me time to pray.

Give me time to know that you are with me day by day.
Give me time to listen to that still small voice within
and by your Holy Spirit's power keep me free from sin.

Give me time to love you, Lord,
for this is your command.
And through the love you've given me
others ' understand.

Give me time to praise you, Lord,
for all the things you've done.
For all the things you've given me,
for all the battles won.

Give me time to worship you,
with all my heart and soul.
For nothing less befits a King
who has made me whole.

My child, my gift to you is time,
but have discernment true,
and use this gift I've given you
with prayerful wisdom, too.
Remember that you have a will
to use freely as you choose.
So, in the using of that will
remember to 'be still
and know that I am God,
who gives you all the time you need
to do the things I ask of you.'

Stephanie Marks, UK

Love and God bless

Barbara

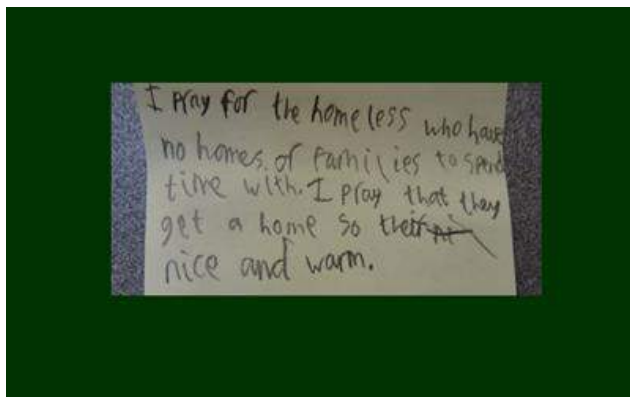
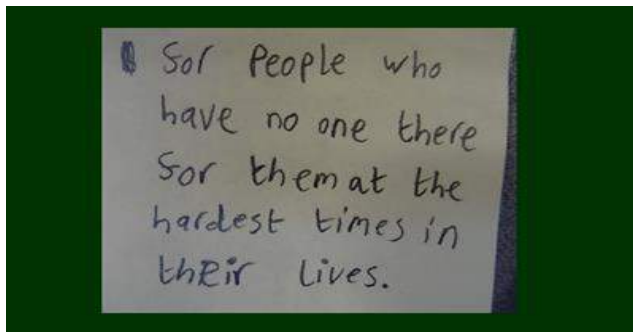


St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Before half term the Y6 St Thomas' Ethos team visited St Aidans School to meet 3 other ethos

teams. They were

from St Aidan's Billinge, St Peter's Bryn and Rectory school. Sian led the meeting and showed us lots of images from around the world. Together we made a wall out of sticky notes with prayers written on them. We called them Post-it Prayers! We learnt about the bad things happening in the world around us and asked God to help make our world a better place to live in.





St. Thomas' C of E **Primary School**

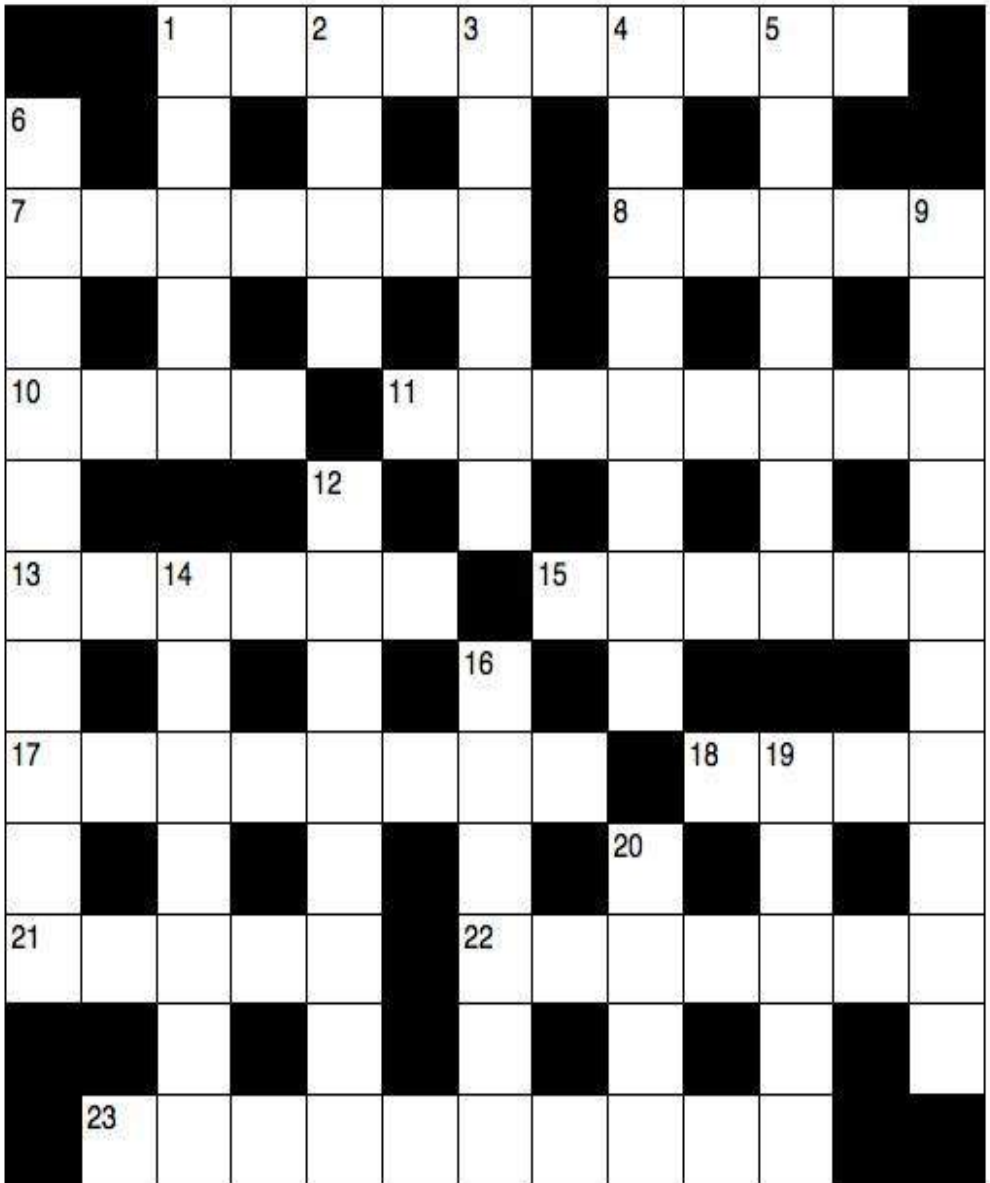
The 2nd week after half term 39 children, a mix of Y6 and Y5, went on the yearly residential to Low Bank Ground, which is in the Lake District near Coniston Waters. They went Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March and did 8 different wilderness activities like orienteering, gill scrambling and kayaking. It was great fun and the children learned a lot about being independent and also working as a team to help each other.

On Tuesday 12th March the Year 3's did an assembly all about the Romans. The Y3 children's parents and the rest of the school came to watch. It was very fun and there were lots of songs and dancing. Parents wrote in the comments book praising the children on their wonderful performance and thanking the staff for all their hard work.

Written by Eve &
Megan Y6



Crossword



Crossword

Across

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
- 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
- 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
- 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
- 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
- 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
- 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
- 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
- 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
- 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)
- 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
- 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)
- 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
- 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
- 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
- 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
- 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
- 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
- 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
- 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
- 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)
- 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
- 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)

Word Search

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Sudoku puzzle

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The Film Review

With Rob Carson



The LEGO Movie: The Second Part (U)

Directed by Mike Mitchell

Stars the Voices of: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, Will Arnett, Tiffany Haddish, Stephanie Beatriz, Nick Offerman, Charlie Day, Alison Brie, Will Ferrell, Maya Rudolph, and Richard Ayoade

In a Nutshell: It's hard isn't it? When your movie is just that good, that original and unique but it's also so insanely popular that there has to be a sequel. But how to ignite that spark once more and capture just what it was that worked so well? Well, simply put you just expand upon it all and go deeper, which is where this sequel soars and captivates in equal measure. I can put it out there from moment one, this isn't quite as dazzling and original as that first movie; mainly because how can you be; but that never matters, this film is still an absolute riot from start to finish. It's very very funny, it's sweet and it's exciting.... It has awesome musical numbers and a really terrific message. Once the beautiful message of this movie hits and you realize what the movie has been doing for its running time and how it has weaved it through the story through the whole time you've been watching, it's a real Inside Out moment where you realize just how deep and ingenious family movies can be over almost any other movie you'll see. The voice cast as ever is perfect, with Pratt and Banks both perfect in these roles while once more Will Arnett steals the whole movie as Batman while Haddish is a perfect new addition and steals a ton of screen time, her and Arnett have fab chemistry. The songs somehow even outdo the first movie, you thought Everything is Awesome was catchy? Just you wait, and stay through the credits for the best end credits song ever. All in all, this is one sequel that builds (pun intended) on its predecessor rather than flounders.... It's a treat for all ages, and will be loved in equal measure if there's any justice.

Rating: 9/10

Released in April:

Pet Semetary (18) (April 4th) Missing Link (PG) (April 5th) Shazam! (12A) (April 5th)

The Sisters Brothers (15) (April 4th) Wonder Park (PG) (April 8th) Hellboy (15) (April 11th)

Little (12A) (April 12th) Wild Rose (15) (April 12th) Dragged Across Concrete (18) (April 19th)

Greta (15) (April 19th) Avengers: End Game (12A) (April 26th) Eighth Grade (15) (April 26th)

How to Train Your Dragon- The Hidden World (PG)

Directed by Dean DeBlois

Stars the Voices of: Jay Baruchel, America Ferrera, Cate Blanchett, F. Murray Abraham, Kit Harrington, Gerard Butler, Craig Ferguson, Kristen Wiig, Jonah Hill, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, and Justin Ruppel

In a Nutshell: Remember 2010? When the most bittersweet and lovely family franchise of our generation came to a beautiful close with Toy Story III and we all blubbed forever while our kids looked at us funny? Well, it's that time again... time to get emotional and look back on another perfect and beautiful franchise. I can say up top that as good as the Dragon franchise is, it doesn't really hold a candle to how perfect the Toy Story films were. But they are still utterly exceptional and the franchise that proves Dreamworks can do great animated storytelling. Whether it's the gorgeous animation and landscapes, the perfectly picked voice cast who once more do sterling work (with one notable exception being someone clearly standing in for an actor who doesn't appear and it's so obvious that someone is trying to replicate the voice of said actor and it jars a bit). As all these films do, it throws in a love interest for Toothless; but rather than be a gimmick, it boldens the story and proves a jumping off point for driving the plot to where it needs to go and invests some more interesting drama and character into proceedings. I will say that after the emotional sweep of the second film, this is maybe a smidge less but by the emotional finale to the whole trilogy that comes at the end.... Such things don't matter, there won't be a dry eye anywhere because the journey has come full circle and it's a perfect and beautiful ending. A generation has grown up with this franchise and has loved it, and it's subsequent TV shows and spin offs; so in that regard, it really does pay it all off beautifully. Like Toy Story before it, never say never to more; but as a trilogy closer, this is a beautiful way to send it off into the distance.

Rating: 9/10

Also Seen:

Instant Family (12) 8/10

If Beale Street Could Talk (15) 9/10

Fighting with my Family (12) 9/10

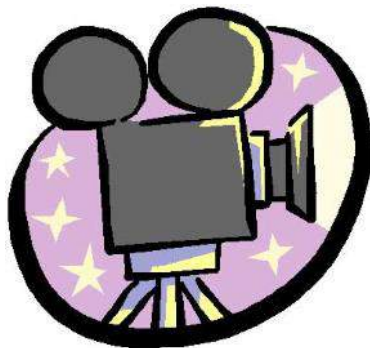
On the Basis of Sex (12) 8/10

The Kid Who Would be King (PG) 8/10

Happy Death Day 2U (15) 7/10

Slaughterhouse Rulez (15) 7/10

Can You Ever Forgive Me? (15) 9/10



Monthly Prayer

Gracious, loving Father,
Thank you for the wonderful reality of Jesus' resurrection on that first Easter Day.

Thank you that, because Jesus is alive, life has meaning and purpose. When we don't understand why some things happen, when life is difficult, when we are struggling through pain and loss, help us to know your risen presence and love in our lives.

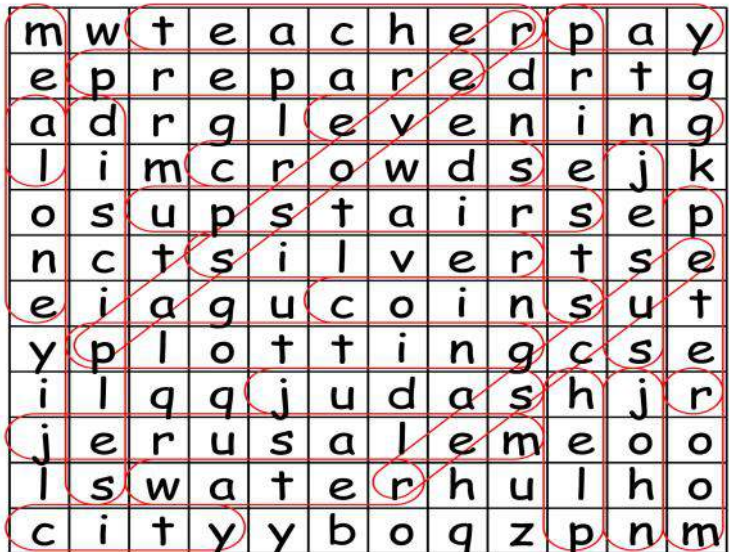
Help us to choose to trust you.
Help us always to be thankful for your amazing Easter gift of life and hope.

In Jesus name,

Amen.



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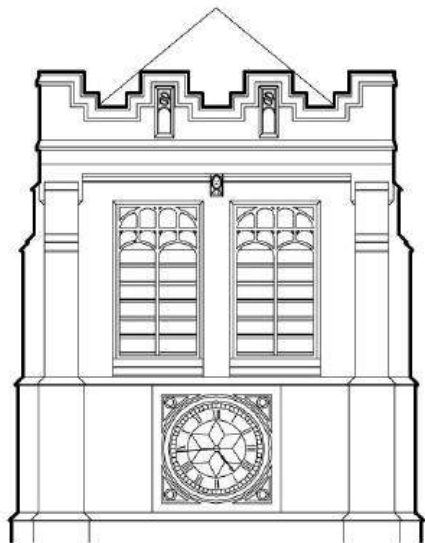
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Flowers in church this month

7th April	Vacant
14th April	Vacant
21st April	Vacant
28th April	Vacant

In memory of Walter Hazelden
from wife Annie and family

Verse for the Year

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God' great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32-33

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**Sudoku
solution**

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1	8	7	3	2	9	5	4	6
2	5	4	7	6	1	8	3	9
3	6	9	8	5	4	1	7	2
7	1	8	2	9	6	3	5	4
5	4	2	1	7	3	9	6	8
9	3	6	4	8	5	2	1	7



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For Jean Piper– Holy Communion



In memory of Brenda Percival, wife of our former vicar Derek Percival and former branch leader of The Mothers' Union

In loving memory of Brenda Percival from all her friends in the Flower Guild

In memory of a very dear friend Brenda Percival from Valerie & Henry Hunter, Hilda Edwardson, Barbara & Malcolm, Meta & Ken, Margaret Makinson & family, Barbara Davies, Bobbie Masnyk, Margaret Lyon, Jean & Les Johnson, Mary Hardman, Jannette, Donald, Jessica & Ethan, Madge, Amanda & Mark, Vanessa, David, India & Mia. Sadly missed.

Treasured memories of a dear wife Dorothy Taylor Simpkin (20th April 2017) Sadly missed by all her family. Husband Derek, Sons Geoff & Steff. Phillip & Wendy, Andrew & Tanya. Grandchildren & great grandchildren. Sisters Margaret & Colin, Janet & Tony, Sandra & Jim.

Birthday remembrance of Clara Shaw (29th April) a dear mum and grandma from Barbara, Malcolm & family

In memory of Joan Wadsworth from Anne Abbott

For Joan Wadsworth from all her family

Birthday remembrance of Graham McLaren (20th April) a dearly loved dad & grandad from Pauline, Kevin, Susan, Nick, Jack and Scarlett

Anniversary remembrance of Stuart Richard Collins (Stu) 20th April. A dearly loved son, brother and uncle from his loving Mum Jeanette and family

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Birthday remembrance of Pat McIlwee a much loved mum and nana from Karen, Linda & families



St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty

Apr 7th	No flowers-Lent
Apr 14th	No flowers-Lent
Apr 21st	All ladies-Easter flowers
Apr 28th	All ladies-Easter flowers

April birth flower



The [daisy](#) is the April birth flower. Flowering in spring, they are known for their delicate white petals that surround a fluffy golden yellow center. The most popular [types of daisies](#) include the English daisy, Shasta daisy, Gerbera daisy, and the painted daisy. Originating in England, where daisies grow wild in open fields, English daisies are the most classically recognizable species. [Gerbera daisies](#) are the second most popular daisy and are widely cultivated around the world and are bred to represent nearly all colors of the rainbow. As the April flower, they are one of the most popular flowers during spring



St Thomas' Flowers

Flowers in church this month

	Altar	Lady Chapel
Apr 7th	Lent	Lent
Apr 14th	Lent	Lent
Apr 21st	Easter flowers – Congregation	Easter flowers – Congregation
Apr 28th	Easter flowers – Congregation	Easter flowers— Congregation

Flower Guild donations

In loving memory of Brenda Percival
from Maureen and Les Cook

Treasured memories of Sheila Lester, a much
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Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

6th March	Joan Wadsworth	Hollingswood Close	78
6th March	Penny Anderson	Greenfields Crescent	99
15th March	Leonard Teasedale	Highfield	90
22nd March	Irene Bridge	Rookery Avenue	91
27th March	Elsie Hopkinson	Shawcross NH	104
28th March	John Usher	Edward Drive	84

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



10th March	Elizabeth Jo McGregor	Old Road
10th March	Molly Ann Pilling	Princess Road

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