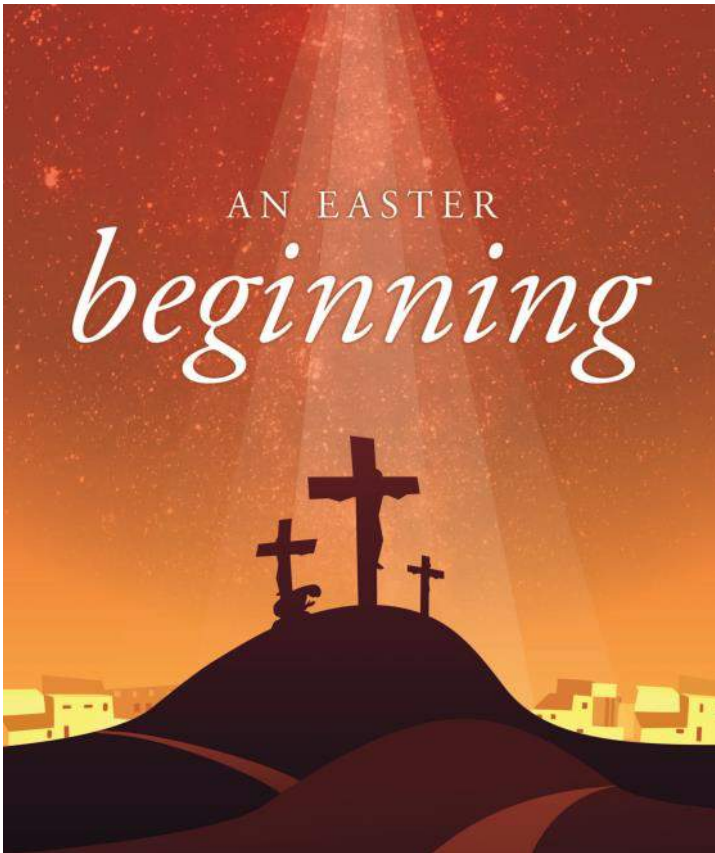


St Thomas' and St Luke's Ashton-in-Makerfield Magazine



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Church Services in St Thomas' and St Luke's

Sundays

St Thomas'

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

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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 office on:

01942 727275 or
office@stthomasstluke.org.uk



Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

Mon	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-	12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-	13.00
TT	Youth club for		11+ (Church
Hall)	15.00-		16.45
TT	Junior		Youth Club (Church
Hall)			17.45-18.45
TT	JYC		Extra (Church Hall)
			18.45-19.15
Tue			Coffee Morning (Church
Hall)			10:00-12:00
			Church open for prayer
			19.00-20.00
	Wed	TT	Messy Tots (Church Hall)
			13.00-13.45
	TT	Weenies	(Church Hall)
			13.00-14.30
Thu		Holy Communion	
			09:45-10.30

TT—term time only

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.

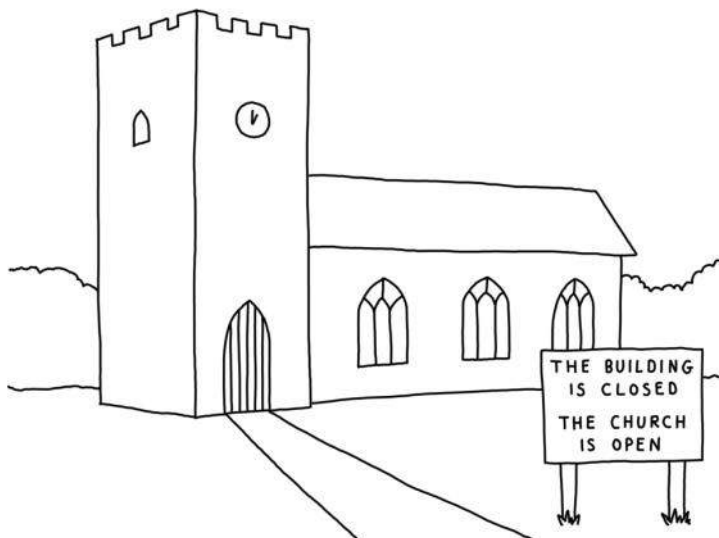
Ephesians 4:2-3

Message from our Archbishops

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York made the decision this week that: 'Our church buildings must now be closed not only for public worship, but for private prayer as well and this includes the priest or lay person offering prayer in church on their own. There can be no baptisms or weddings in church buildings until further notice. Funerals can only happen at the Crematorium or at the graveside and only immediate family members can attend.

It is imperative that as the Church of Jesus Christ, called to offer hope and light in the darkness of this world's ills, we maintain a praying presence for our community, though this must happen from our hearts and from our homes.

Our Church buildings are closed but the Church continues in supporting and encouraging our communities making use of telephones and other forms of technology to keep in touch with people and ensure pastoral care is maintained, and as shepherds of Christ's flock we are committed to making this happen.'



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Update from Jeremy

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” Matthew 22.

As a people called together in Jesus name to worship, to pray, to discover God revealed in his word, being alone is difficult. Though there are ways to stay connected in worship. Clearly there is much and many to pray for.

Across Church Wigan prayer is said at 9am and 9pm. The United in Prayer booklet includes the liturgy if you would like to join in at these or other times. If you wish to be led in prayer, the Church Wigan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchWigan> live streams at these times every day. In the booklet there are other helpful links for worship resources for families. If you would like to pick up a booklet, they will be in a box on the vicarage doorstep in fine weather.

We are a people called around the Lord's Table, but at times such as this it is impossible to share in the celebration of the Eucharist. Bishop Paul encourages us with this suggestion: ‘The tradition of the Church has always been that a congregation is needed for the celebration of the Eucharist. However, in these extraordinary times ... the people of the community can be encouraged to make a spiritual communion. The Church of England has prepared guidance for this which you can find [on the Church of England website](#).

With blessings, and prayer for God's peace to be with you, and the knowledge of God's love to strengthen you.

**Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to those in need
and heal the sick in body and mind.**

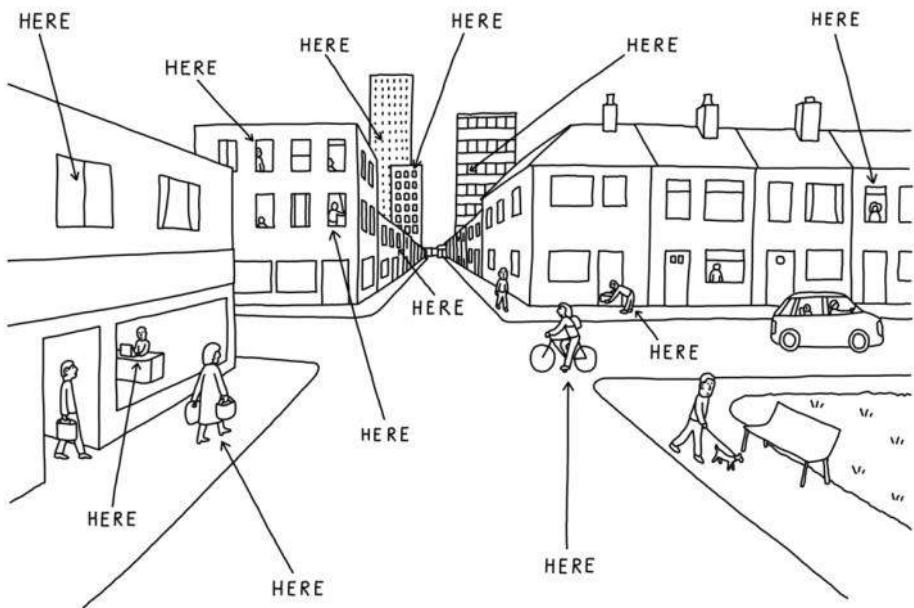
Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time.

**Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions
that separate us from you and from one another.**

**Give us grace to live our lives
confident in your promise that you are with us always.**

Amen.

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



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Letter from Sue Fulford

We have a ceramic ornament on our bedroom windowsill. The letters spell out the word 'love'. I bought a few years ago it from Poundland (I love any Pound Shop) along with candles to decorate the table for our Valentine's Day meal. The trouble is that nine times out of ten when I draw back the curtains it falls off the windowsill. Most times it 'bounces' but a couple of times one of the letters has broken off. I am not very good with glue (ask Mike about the candlestick I also tried to fix) so the repairs I have made mean we have been left with a far from perfect 'Love'. In fact, you can clearly see the cracks. And every time I pick it up from the floor it reminds me that human love is far from perfect and that there can be cracks in even the best of relationships.

If we want to see perfect love then we have to look to our God who loves each and every one of us with a complete, all encompassing sacrificial love. We are reminded of this especially at Easter. Billy Graham said: *'God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'*

God showed His love for us, when Jesus dealt with the problem of our sin on the cross. *'He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed'* (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus died in our place to bear our sin and guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin and to set us free from death.

This year marks the 75th anniversary year of the liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp I am reminded of the story of Fr Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish priest imprisoned in Auschwitz. On 31st July

Letter from Sue Fulford

1941 a prisoner escaped from the camp and in response the authorities selected ten men to die in the starvation bunker. One of the men, Francis Gajinisdek, cried, *'My poor wife and my children. They'll never see me again!'*

Then Kolbe stepped forward and said, *'I'm a Catholic priest. I don't have a wife and children and I am willing to die instead of this man.'* He followed the other nine into the bunker. Remarkably he got the prisoners praying and singing hymns and transformed the atmosphere in the bunker. He was the last person to die and after two weeks he was given a lethal injection and died at the age of 47.

Jesus' death was even more amazing than this, because He didn't simply die for one man, but for every individual in the world. If you or I had been the only person in the world, Jesus Christ would still have died in our place. That's how much God loves you.

Such amazing love demands a response. I am writing this at my friends' farm in Conwy where I am having a short break before joining you all in South Hub. I am surrounded by new life, new beginnings. There are lambs in the field, spring flowers in the hedgerows and the trees are beginning to bud. My thoughts turn to the changes I am experiencing. The new chapter in our lives as I come to live and work with you.

This Easter as we focus again on God's amazing love in sending Jesus to die in our place, I pray that this will be our new beginning. To accept His love and show it in our lives and our relationships as we work together to further his kingdom.

Sue

News from our churches

With Malcolm

Some time ago we set out on a journey into the future when our PCC resolved to press ahead with a scheme to replace our antiquated central heating boilers with under floor heating and to install a modern audio visual system.

It has been necessary to draw plans and to submit them firstly to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for their approval. Following a visit to church by the committee approval was received.

This then enabled us to make a formal application to the Diocese for a faculty to enable the work to proceed. The application was submitted in March last year and required the display of a formal notice on the church doors giving the members of the congregation the opportunity to make representations for consideration by the Chancellor (the diocesan equivalent of a high court judge). The application and the representations were given very detailed and quite obviously lengthy consideration by the Chancellor who found it necessary to carry out a visit and site inspection.

I am delighted to tell you that we are now able to take further steps on our journey having now received the formal approval of the faculty application. The faculty approves the removal of the pews and the choir stalls but with the proviso that the carved frontages from the choir stalls being incorporated into the design of the chancel being used to form screening to the organ and the disabled ramp access. It is important that we recognise the tremendous benefits accruing from the improved access to the building and the flexibility of use which the reorder give us.

How we quickly we now move forward is, to a large degree, in our hands as of course we now need to raise the necessary funds amounting to some £200.000. We do have £83398.00 in the heating fund and £24454. in the Audio Visual funds however, our recent fund raising efforts have not had the necessary urgency as of course we have been awaiting the faculty approval. It now has to be full steam ahead with our fund raising and our church leaders will be delighted to discuss how together might proceed in raising the required funds.

I don't have a relevant biblical text to quote not being so learned but I must tell you that I woke just after 4.00am this morning to find that our Heavenly Father had put five short but encouraging words in my mind those words are "Lets get the Job Done" It is my fervent hope and prayer that these words will echo across a united church and we can get the job done.

News from our churches

With Malcolm

I was delighted that my plea for articles for our magazine has been answered by Anita Archer with this very inspiring account of the part music has played in her life.

Malcolm

Sing With All Your Heart!

I feel very blessed that as far back as I can remember my life has been full of music. There wasn't a day when music was not playing in the house in one form or another. We were the 'cheesy' family that sang around the piano at parties. Sometimes it was songs from musicals or folk songs – often it was hymns. In my family, singing in harmony was as natural as breathing.

Over the years many of my most memorable experiences have come through singing. In school choir, church choir, operatic society, other choirs, listening to my dad sing or to my husband Jim playing the organ. There is nothing like music for making your heart soar!

When Jim died, I feared that I might struggle to engage with music again but thanks to the encouragement of my friends in the Worship Band, I feel I am enjoying singing as much as ever before. Each Sunday it is an enormous privilege to lead the people in praise at the 10.45 service.

Lots of people say they can't sing and tell stories of being told to 'mime' when they were in the school choir (I'm not talking about you Malcolm, honest!!). So have you ever listened to your young children or grandchildren sing? They might not sing in the right key, or in tune. They might totally forget the words, but your heart almost bursts with pride and love. I believe that when God looks down on His children as they praise Him, He doesn't look for performance or perfection. He looks at a heart full of love. You just can't be miserable or sad when you sing and there is a saying "He who sings prays twice".

So when you sing – in church, in the car, even in the shower – remember to sing with all your heart in praise of our wonderful Lord and Saviour and in thanks for all He has done for us.

And if you are ever feeling down, put on a CD of hymns or worship songs and let your heart soar.

Praise The Lord!!!
Anita Archer



Mothers' Union

Diary:

Wednesday 15 April Church Hall 7.30pm the Speaker is Babs Hennessey on an unsung heroin Mary O'Shaunessy.

It was pleasing to see so many at our Annual General Meeting and I was delighted that Kelvin 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. I would like to thank our members for the lovely bouquet of flowers which was presented to me.

The Wave of Prayer meeting this year was at St Thomas' church and was well attended by members from all our Ashton churches. The service was prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. A collection raised the sum of £105.00 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.

It is with considerable sadness that I must record the death of another of our members. Margaret Rogers, one of our indoor members, died on the 25 February. It had always been a pleasure to take home communion to Margaret in her home in Princess Road and later to Appleby Court Nursing Home. She was always interested in what the MU was doing and in particular what was happening in Church. She was member for many years and will be sadly missed and I am sure that I speak for all our members in passing on our sympathy to her family at this difficult time.





Mothers' Union

With the whole Church
throughout the world and in heaven
we rejoice,
for Christ is risen.
Let every Christian rejoice,
let every heart rejoice,
for Christ is risen.
We ask your blessing this day
on all who are celebrating the resurrection.
We pray especially for groups that are persecuted
or oppressed because of their faith.
We remember also all who doubt the Good News
and all who are seekers.

Love and God bless
Barbara

The Leprosy Mission

Thank you everyone for your generous support on World Leprosy Day this year on 23rd February 2020. A cheque for £280-90 has been sent to Headquarters for Hospital Heroes, a training programme for leprosy Doctors and Nurses. This included donations in the special envelopes and following the services on the 23rd, for the refreshments.

A big thank you also goes to all those who helped in the kitchen, especially Viv, Keith, and Anne, and the volunteer washers-up – and everyone else.

We are very grateful for your support.

Barbara (Burton) and Margaret

ACT Foodbank

There is a greater need than ever for non-perishable food items, such as instant mashed potatoes and rice pudding for our foodbank. The foodbank operates out of St Thomas' car park on a Friday morning (9.30-11am) as well as providing emergency food at other times.

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)

Thank you very much for your support



Love your
Neighbour
AS
You love
Yourself



The psalms have given voice to human anxiety for centuries. Here are some ancient prayers for those who are anxious:

“Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low.”

Prayers for help

Psalms 27, 90, 138, and 142

“I have taken refuge in you.”

Prayers expressing confidence in God’s protection

Psalms 46, 91, 100, and 121

“I sought the LORD, and God answered me.”

Prayers of thanksgiving for God’s salvation

Psalms 34 and 116

“Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?”

Prayers of encouragement to trust in God

Psalms 42, 71, 77, and 130

Compiled by Rev. Dr. Melody Knowles

NAPOLEON III's VISIT TO GARSWOOD HALL 1846

Many distinguished guests stayed with the Gerards at New Hall/ Garswood Hall, Ashton in Makerfield. In 1901 General Sir Redvers Buller who 1899 -1900 had commanded the British Empire forces during the Boer War in S. Africa stayed at Garswood Hall. In 1898 Edward Prince of Wales who in 1901 on the death of his mother, Queen Victoria, became King Edward VII, stayed at the Hall. The prince's party included Lord Curzon, who in 1899 became Viceroy of India, and Foreign Secretary in 1919; General Brabazon, who in 1899 commanded the Imperial Yeomanry during the Boer War; Lady de Trafford of Trafford Hall, Manchester, and Lady Randolph Churchill the mother of Winston Churchill. A very early guest at Garswood Hall, in 1846, was Prince Louis Napoleon of France, who in 1852 was declared Emperor Napoleon III. Louis Napoleon was the nephew of Napoleon I who had been defeated at Waterloo, near Brussels, in 1815 and died 6 years later in exile on the island of St. Helena in the S. Atlantic. Prince Louis Napoleon was born in 1808 a son of Louis and Hortense Bonaparte King and Queen of Holland. Napoleon I had placed his younger brother Louis Bonaparte on the throne of Holland in 1806. Hortense was the daughter of Josephine de Beauharnais and her first husband Alexandre, Count de Beauharnais who had been executed in 1794. In 1796 Josephine de Beauharnais married Napoleon Bonaparte and her daughter Hortense became the stepdaughter of Napoleon. In 1804 Napoleon Bonaparte declared himself Napoleon I, Emperor of France and Josephine became Empress of France.

In 1810 Napoleon I annexed/joined Holland to France and King Louis Bonaparte of Holland abdicated. He separated from Hortense and went to live in Italy. Hortense and the children returned to Paris. After Napoleon I's defeat at Waterloo in 1815 and the restoration of the monarchy Hortense and her 2 sons Napoleon Louis, aged 11, and Louis Napoleon, aged 7, fled Paris into exile in Bavaria and later Switzerland. . In the 1830's Louis Napoleon made several short trips to London and New York. In 1840 he returned to France to lead a failed revolt against the French monarchy and was imprisoned in the Fortress of Ham in NE France. In 1846 disguised as a workman he escaped from the fortress and fled to England.

Louis Napoleon resided in Fenton's Hotel, St. James Street, London. In July 1846, several weeks after arriving in England, Louis Napoleon was invited by Sir John Gerard to stay at the New Hall/Garswood Hall. Louis Napoleon replied in a letter from Fenton's Hotel "that it would give me great pleasure to be your guest" and he asked Sir John if he could provide "a pair of phaeton(an open carriage) horses and a guide so that I may take a short trip in the area before returning to London". After the visit he wrote another letter thanking Sir John and Lady Gerard for "the pleasant time I had at New Hall" signing his letters "Napoleon Louis B" (B = Bonaparte). In later years the room at New Hall occupied by Louis Napoleon was called the "Emperor's Room". In 1848 Louis Napoleon had an apartment on Lord Street, Southport and whenever in Lancashire he was a constant visitor of Sir John Gerard who supported Louis Napoleon financially during his exile. Sir John Gerard and Louis Napoleon often hunted with hounds, possibly using the pack of hounds which were kept in the dog kennels in Skitters Wood. Louis Napoleon was described as "one of the best rough riders after the hounds that was ever seen in Lancashire". The Gerards friendship with Louis Napoleon was in sharp contrast to their view of his uncle Napoleon I almost fifty years earlier. In 1798 Sir William Gerard of New Hall had raised a local troop of 60 cavalymen, The Ashton Volunteer Cavalry, to defend the country if Napoleon invaded and Lady Gerard gave speeches against the evil Napoleon.

In 1848 a revolution in France forced King Louis Philippe to abdicate. Louis Napoleon returned to France and was elected President of the Second Republic. In 1852 he was declared Emperor Napoleon III of France. 1853 he married Eugenie Montijo, of Spain, who became Empress Eugenie. Napoleon III was responsible for the building of modern Paris. His architect Baron Haussmann built the large squares, parks and wide streets or boulevards in the city. In 1870 Napoleon III led an ill-equipped France into the Franco - Prussian war (1871 Prussia and other smaller states joined together to form Germany) leading to the seige of Paris, defeat, and the abdication of Napoleon III in 1871. Napoleon III was exiled from France and went to live at Camden Place, Chislehurst, Kent, where he died in 1873. Empress Eugenie, who became a close friend of Queen Victoria, died in 1920.

David A. Fearnley

Robert Carson's Film Report



Movie Reviews

Birds of Prey and the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn (15)

Directed by Cathy Yan

Stars: Margot Robbie, Rosie Perez, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ewan McGregor, Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Ella Jay Basco, Chris Messina, Ali Wong, and Daniel Bernhardt

In a Nutshell: How hard must it have been some days to be DC? Sure, they had the Superman movies with Christopher Reeve plus the Nolan Batman trilogy... but with Justice League and Suicide Squad it did start to look like they'd always be playing catch up with Marvel rather than ever really coming close to being a match. Then something happened, it kinda started with Wonder Woman which actually came before Justice League but then Aquaman and Shazam signaled a sea change for this studio and suddenly business began to boom once more and boy do things start booming when this movie gets going. Taking the absolute highlight of Suicide Squad (unless you also count Will Smith being Will Smith) and giving her a spin off movie that ties her story with the Birds of Prey from the comic books, who are a gang of female anti heroes and vigilantes, this dynamic action comedy explosion in a glitter factory also happens to be the most enjoyable time I've had at the cinema since goodness knows when. I had a comment when seeing Godzilla: King of the Monsters that every frame you could pause it and hang it in a gallery, I take that back because this is a much better example. You can take the 9/10 I've given it below and rank it up to a 10 for all I care because this movie rocks.... Sure, it won't be to everyone's tastes as this is basically if Deadpool was set in Gotham City; it's caustic and very witty but also super packed with action and super slapstick violence, it's not for those who can be squeamish let's say. This is what it feels like when you take the training wheels off a superhero comic book movie and let it do whatever it wants. And the result just gives you a permanent grin (not to evoke a certain character who lingers around the frames of the movie without ever making an appearance) and a sense of just pure comic book escapism. Margot Robbie (who is currently having a tremendous time anyway with Bombshell and Hollywood) was born to play this role and is somehow twice the great performance she gave already in Suicide Squad and steals this movie (which is fair as she is the star) but she has some competition from Ewan McGregor, hamming up a storm as the ruthless crime lord and villain of the piece, so over the top and so wonderfully evil. They are backed up by a great cast of characters with Winstead, Perez, Bell and Basco utterly magnetic as the eponymous Birds with Winstead particularly making a terrifically awkward impression. From the fantastical fight scenes and cinematography and set design to the fun cast and fun atmosphere, this is the dictionary definition of a blast and deserves a big audience and if not then a huge cult following... more of this please if you can Hollywood!

Rating: 9/10

Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)

Directed by Jeff Fowler

Stars: James Marsden, Ben Schwartz (voice), Jim Carrey, Tika Sumpter, Adam Pally, Natasha Rothwell, Lee Majdoub, Neal McDonough, and Tom Butler

In a Nutshell: Movie history is fraught with attempts to translate the vast popularity of video games into movies; from the early days of Street Fighter and Super Mario Bros through to the more recent and more successful likes of Detective Pikachu and Warcraft. Now, one of the most iconic of characters finally gets the big screen treatment and thankfully the results are going to please a lot more people than the Mario movie once did. Finding a more palatable way of taking an outlandish character and worlds and porting them over into a live action environment, this movie is a super fun blast of energy that will win over families and fans alike with its fun humour and rapid energy. James Marsden brings the same likeable everyman quality he brought to Hop as the lead hero who discovers Sonic after he escapes his homeworld and winds up on ours... a situation that fantastically incorporates the landscape of the game into the action without ever taking precedence. He is assisted by a perfectly solid support cast, not least a wonderfully fun Jim Carrey as the villainous Dr Robotnik (not quite the big bald moustache wearer of the games just yet) and the terrifically charismatic Ben Schwartz as the voice of the eponymous hero hedgehog. It's your typical family movie tale of a loser guy bumping into the title character and going on an adventure and with that, it's nothing truly special... but it's total fun throughout and funny and charming and it's going to be a huge hit. And sometimes a fun time at the movies is all we need, that and the fact that this really delivers as a video game adaptation too. I for one, can't wait for more adventures with the fast-blue hedgehog and hopefully... some more 'tails' to tell.

Rating: 7/10

Also Seen:

The Invisible Man (15) 9/10

Parasite (15) 9/10

Emma (U) 8/10

Dolittle (PG) 7/10

The Lighthouse (15) 9/10

Out in April

The New Mutants (15) (April 8th) Four Kids and It (PG) (April 10th) The Secret Garden (U) (April 10th)

Trolls: World Tour (U) (April 13th) A Promising Young Woman (15) (April 17th)

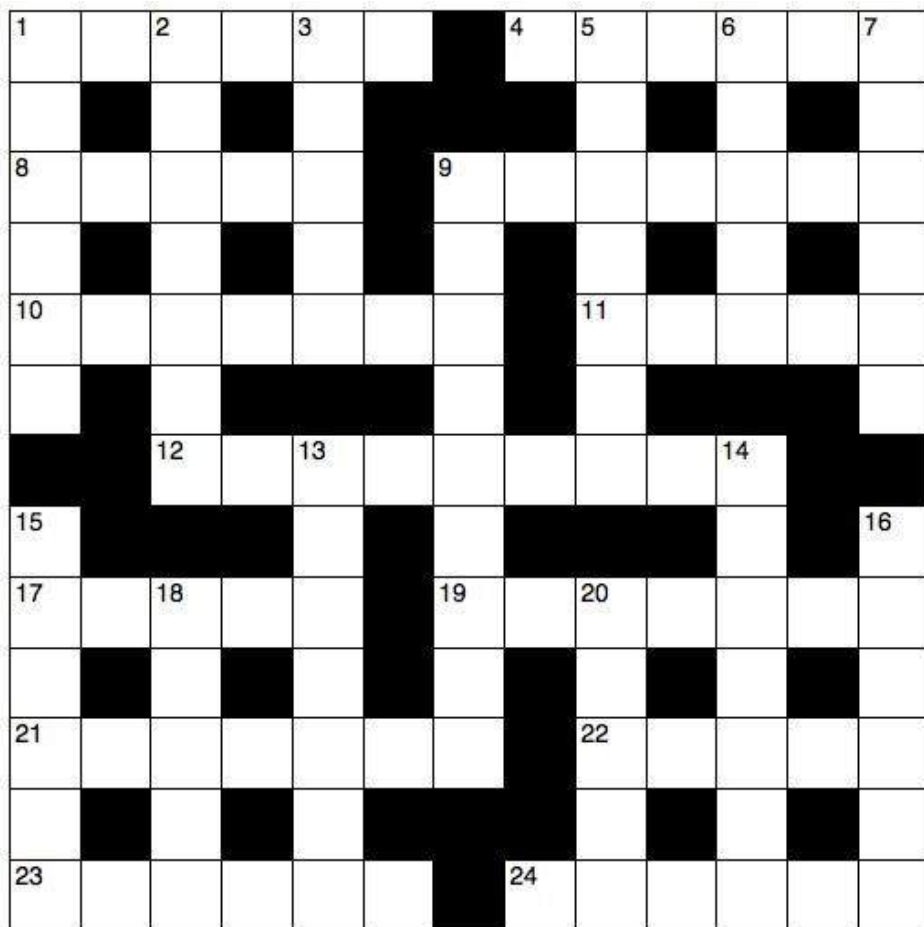
Antlers (15) (April 17th) Dream Horse (PG) (April 17th) Antebellum (15) (April 24th)

Finding the Way Back (15) (April 24th) Our Ladies (15) (April 24th)

In May's Issue:

Reviews of Onward and A Quiet Place: Part II

Crossword



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)

- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

A letter to all at St Thomas'

Thank you so much for praying for me. I am probably on the best side at the moment. Just recovering from 28 weeks of radiotherapy. I am on a long journey with pancreatic cancer.

But I have the peace of God inside.

At times I have written poems or prose and found that much of it turned to conversations and thoughts of God. I have many, so I thought I would share this with you.

Here Goes

God keep us safe

Stay with us O Lord

Make your will known

For surely evil will perish

God will prevale

God will prevale

That truth is for all

The truth for all of us

The price paid by the death of the son

Belief in Jesus, this is for all

All believers, life everlasting

All believers for me and each and everyone

Jean Piper

Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



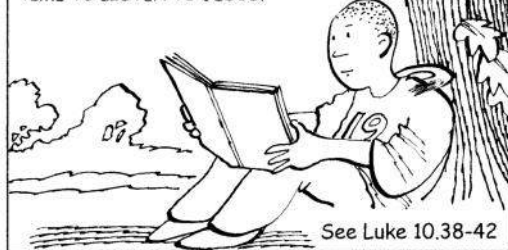
MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42



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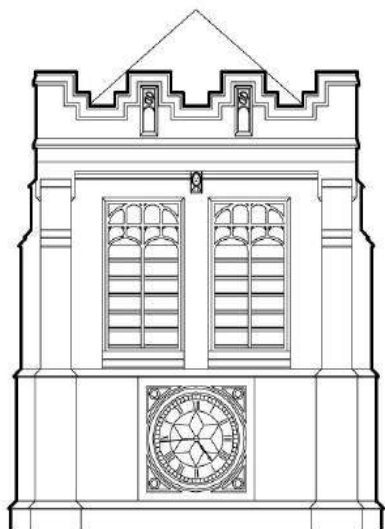
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.



There was a reason why no-one wanted to be the least important - the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.

It was the job of the least important servant to wash everyone's feet...



The disciples didn't have a servant, and none of them wanted to do the feet washing...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a towel around his waist.



Peter couldn't believe what he was seeing!



You will understand later why I am doing this.



If you don't let me, you will no longer be my disciple



If you've had a bath, then you only need your feet washing!



Once Jesus had washed all their feet, he put his robe back on and sat down.



Do you understand why, your teacher, did this? I am setting you the example of how you are to serve each other. Do it, and God will bless you.



St Thomas' Donations & Remembrance

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If you can, please ring Sue T (727275) and she will post a form out to you. This takes the pressure off our volunteers who count the money too as they are always vulnerable taking cash to be banked.

Funds currently in use are: Africa Fund, Asylum Seeker, Audio Visual, Church Hall, Building & Maintenance, Garden of Rest, General, Grave Maintenance, Heath Road Graveyard, Heating and Fit for the Future. **Unless otherwise stated donations will go into the General Fund.**

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Anniversary Remembrance (5th March) and
Birthday Remembrance (29th April) of
Clara Shaw

A loved Mum & Grandma
Barbara, Malcolm & family

Anniversary Remembrance (20th April) of
Stuart Richard Collins (Stu)

A dearly loved Son, Brother and Uncle
From his loving mum, Jeanette & Family

Birthday (23rd March) and Anniversary (6th April) memories of a
dear and much loved brother and uncle,
James Scriven

from Freda, Karen, Janet, Wendy Tracy and families

Treasured memories of a dear wife
Dorothy Taylor Simpkin (20th April 2017)

sadly missed by her family,

Husband Derek, sons Geoff & Steff, Phillip & Wendy, Andrew &
Tanya. Grandchildren and great grand children Sister
Janet & Tony. Brother Jim & Sandra. Brother-in-law Colin

Omitted from February's edition (apologies from Editor)

Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance of David Bowen
(25th Feb & 3rd March)

A dearly loved Husband, Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and Fa-
ther-in-Law



Donations in memory of Betty Shaw
A dear friend
Margaret Makinson

Donation in memory of Margaret Rogers
With love Barbara & Malcolm

In loving memory of a very dear friend
Margaret Rogers
From Mary Hardman

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From Jean & Les Johnson

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From her family

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From Edward & Janet



St Luke's Flowers

If church had been open then on Sun 26th April
the flowers would have been

In loving memory of Florence Ladyman from Linda & Michael Ladyman



St Thomas' Flowers

In fond memory of Margaret Rogers
from
Betty Shaw

Crossword

Answers

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell.

11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

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16 March	Harry Banks	Rushmoor Avenue	91
18 March	Brenda Rudkin	Penrith Crescent	76

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



23rd Feb	Zara Lola Davies	Perrybrook Walk
8th March	Oliver Michael Shoesmith	Downall Green Road

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