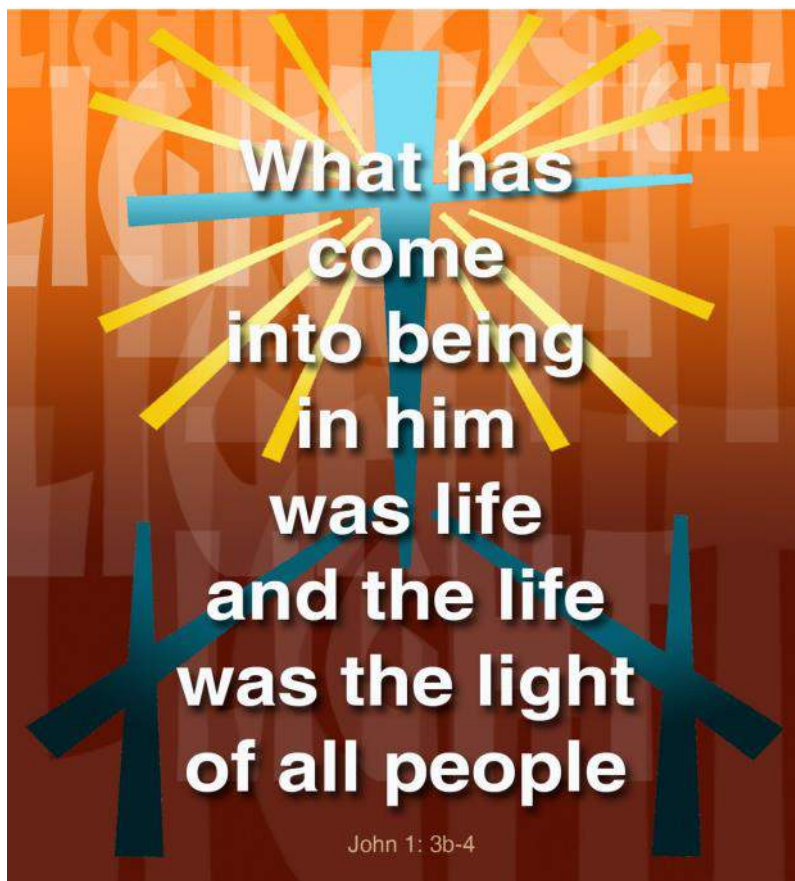


St Thomas' and St Luke's Ashton-in-Makerfield Magazine



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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
9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 All Age Worship	9 ^{am} Morning Worship 10.45 Worship Together 18.30 Communion	9 ^{am} Morning Worship 10.45 Worship Together 18.30 Youth service	9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 Communion 18.30 Evening Prayer
St Aidan's 18.30 Evening Prayer		St Aidan's 18.30 Communion	
5th Sunday 10.30 Hub Communion at one of the churches in the hub 18.30 Hub Communion at one of the churches in the hub			
St Luke's			
11 ^{am} Family Worship	11 ^{am} Communion	11 ^{am} Family Worship	11 ^{am} Family Worship
Weekdays			
Thursday 9.45am Holy Communion (BCP) 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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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 12.45pm 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 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 CofE 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

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 (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
	TT Weenies (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
Thu	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: Vicarage Road, Rookery Avenue, Ramsey Close, Townfield Avenue & St Oswalds 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.



Letter from Sue Thomas

Have you seen the artwork on the window of the new bath shop that has opened opposite church? Soon after it was 'painted' one of the owners pointed out St Thomas' on the side window to me and said that they had wanted the church to be in their snowy Christmassy scene. I was really encouraged – most of us reading this will have wanted to make sure that our Christmas contained something of Jesus!

When I looked at it though, something didn't seem quite right. The image of our church I see is with the tower on the left hand side as I look from our front door or walk along Warrington Road. In the window graffiti it was on the right. It was only the next day that I realised that it was drawn as the reflection of the church in their window and it made me think about what do we value as important enough for us to be reflected in our lives?

Would people who meet us in the supermarket, in the workplace, around town, know what our values are from the things we do or say? If we are Christians – would they know it?

Maybe you could join with me this year in thinking about how we can be more like Jesus this coming year, and making any necessary changes so that people can see his reflection in our words, actions and plans for the future?

As you will know, on 1st January St Thomas' parish becomes part of the parish of Wigan South. Jeremy will tell you more about these changes next month, but for now we are carrying on as normal during January as we transition.

Wishing you all a blessed 2020



Parish News



With Malcolm

Toys and gifts

Thanks to the great generosity of the congregations of St Thomas and St Luke's and the children of our school we were able to provide three gifts each to 18 asylum seeker children; 14 children in the homeless unit in Wigan and the women's aids.

More than sufficient gifts were donated to the ACT food bank for children in most need in Ashton. St Catherine's were delighted that we were able to provide for the children who they are working with as part of the Wigan Churches Family Welfare.

On behalf of all these children I would like to say a big thank you and God Bless you as they will because of your generosity have a happier Christmas,

Pat Hamilton

And a big thank you to you Pat for yet again organising the distribution of the gifts following our annual Toy Service.

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's great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32-33



Parish News



With Malcolm

Freewill Offering Envelopes If you use our envelope scheme and we are very grateful for your regular offerings, then you need to be aware of the changes which are to become effective on the 1st January when the south hub becomes one parish. The existing envelopes, which normally run to the end of March, should not be used and you should collect your little box of new envelopes from the back of church. These are individual envelopes dated for each week and last until the end of June. You will find that you still have the same number as before. Whilst informing you of these changes I would also like to take advantage of the opportunity of commending the 'parish giving scheme' and its advantages to the church. This scheme involves a payment direct from your bank in the sum that you decide however, if you are a tax payer, we receive the gift aid tax refund within ten days of your monthly donation being received. Clearly this is more advantageous to having to wait for the completion of the annual claim. I will be delighted to give you any additional information that you require as will Sarah our Treasurer.

Christmas Decorations in Church Each year just before the start of Advent and in preparations of our Christmas services, particularly the candlelit carol service, it is necessary to recover from storage in the church cellar the chandeliers, nativity figures etc. The chandeliers are then filled with candles and suspended to the chains in the body of the church. For too many years this task has been carried out by Ken Laites and myself and I want to thank Ken for his help. The problem now is that we are getting old (actually we are old) and for us it is becoming hard work especially when we think of the reverse procedure of taking down and returning to storage in the cellar. I am asking through the medium of this magazine for some 'younger volunteers' to take over what is a very satisfying task.

Malcolm



Mothers' Union

Diary:

As usual there are no Branch Meetings in January we can however look forward to our belated Christmas meal for members and friends at Bryn Masonic Hall on Friday 17th January meeting at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. I look forward to seeing everyone there and if you haven't done so already please let me have the £21.00 cost of the meal and your menu choice no later than 5th January.

Advance Notice

Saturday 15th February is our Brunch in the Church Hall from 11.00am to 1.00pm. We will be having our usual raffle, cake stall and tombola. as always we do rely on contributions from our members and of course your attendance at the event. Both are greatly appreciated.

Wednesday 19th February in St THOMAS CHURCH HALL our Annual General Meeting starting at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no better opportunity for anyone interested in the possibility of joining the Mothers Union of finding out more about the organisation and in particular the work of our branch. You can discover exactly what we do both here at St Thomas and in the Deanery, the Diocese and overseas.

Once again a great big thank you to everyone who provided Christmas Presents for the residents at Coops Foyer. They were very welcome and as always very much appreciated as can be seen from the acknowledgement which we received :





Mothers' Union

*Dear Mothers Union
RE-Kind Donations*

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big “Thank You” for your generous donation of Christmas gifts to our residents.

As you may be aware, the residents of Coops Foyer are all young people aged 16 to 25 years, some of which are facing a degree of financial difficulty so naturally they are very appreciative of your donation.

On behalf of the residents and staff of Coops foyer, once again a big “Thank you”.

*Yours Faithfully
Alison Ferris
Project Administrator*

We also received a Christmas card wishing all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for you have called us to seek you,
to know and to love you.
You have revealed yourself in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our God.
We come to worship you.
Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year
Love and God bless

Barbara

THE POTTER GRAVESTONES

PART 1

Enter the Warrington Road graveyard through the gate opposite the church hall and walk straight ahead. Have you ever noticed what you are walking on? Ten very large gravestones laid flat to provide a pathway. The gravestones each 6 feet(2 metres) long & 3 feet(1 metre) wide are too large and too heavy to have ever been placed vertically in the ground. They would have been supported on stone pedestals to form a table type grave. Two such table graves can still be seen near the pathway. These two graves are the resting place of relatives of the wealthy Stock family who lived at Blackley Hurst Hall, Billinge, and owned many coal mines in Ashton and surrounding areas in the 19th century. The ten large gravestones probably occupied positions in the oldest part of the graveyard, nearest the church, which was cleared many years ago to provide the Garden of Rest. If you look closely at the inscriptions on the gravestones you will find that 5 have the surname Potter. Who were the Potters? In this series of articles I will try to provide some of the answers.

The first gravestone nearest Warrington Road is inscribed "William & Ann Potter Their Two Breadths, In memory of Ann Potter wife of William Potter of Wigan who departed this life November 11th, 1816. Aged 35 years". "Since I could stay no longer here Farewell! Husband and Children. I've left you in the care of Heaven Hoping through Christ to be forgiven". Also inscribed on the gravestone are the names of John Potter; Charles Potter; Hannah Potter and Blanche Potter of Oldham.

Both William and Ann Potter(nee Littler) were born in Ashton and baptised at St. Thomas'. William was born 1778 son of John Potter and his second marriage to Isobel Merricks in 1772. Ann/Nancy Littler was born 1781 daughter of John & Ann Littler(Naylor). In 1801 William and Ann married in the Chapel of St. Helen, Prescott. William's occupation was stay-maker(corset maker) and linen draper. Before 1814 William owned a drapers shop on Hallgate, Wigan, (the area of todays Wigan bus station), and later on Market Place, Wigan. Market Place being the open area in front of Wigan

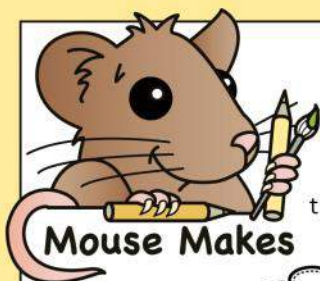
parish church between the top of Library Street/Lloyds Bank - WH Smith area.

William and Ann Potter had 6 children - James 1802 - 1857; John 1804 - 1828; Isabella 1806 - 1807; Isabella 1808; William 1810 - 1810: and Ann 1812. Son John went to live at Ashton under Lyne where he died aged 24 of decline. John was buried with his parents at St. Thomas', Ashton. Daughter Isabella in 1828 at Ashton under Lyne married Thomas Bentley Andrews, a tea dealer. Son James Potter became a linen & woollen draper c1825 opening a shop on the High Street, Oldham. In 1827 at All Saints, Wigan, James Potter, of Oldham, married Ann Byrom, of Wigan. James and Ann Potter(Byrom) lived in Oldham and had 9 children, William Henry 1828; John 1829; Charles 1832 - 1832 died of measles and was buried with his grandparents William & Ann Potter at St. Thomas, Ashton; Mary Ann 1833; Emma 1835; Hannah 1836 - 1837 died of tooth fever and was buried with her grandparents at St. Thomas, Ashton; Alice 1838 - 1853 died of consumption (TB); Agnes 1839; and Blanche 1841 - 1842 died of bowel complaint and was also buried with her grandparents William and Ann Potter.

Ann Potter(Littler), of Wigan, wife of William Potter, died of consumption(TB) in 1816 aged 35. In 1821 at St. Mary The Virgin, Deane (Bolton), Lancashire, William Potter, widower, of the parish of Wigan married Elizabeth Marsh, widow, of the parish of Deane. William Potter died of liver complaint in 1834 aged 56 and was buried with his first wife Ann Potter(Littler) at St. Thomas'. All William's property was sold and the money divided amongst his 3 surviving children, James Potter, Isabella Andrews and Ann Potter. William's wife Elizabeth was bequeathed £40 and "the bed and bedding in the little room next to the front bedroom in the house I now occupy". The total value of William's estate was under £1500.

To be continued.

David A. Fearnley.



Mouse Makes



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EPIPHANY is the time in the Church year that we remember when the 'wise men' or 'Magi' followed a star that led them to the Christ child Jesus.

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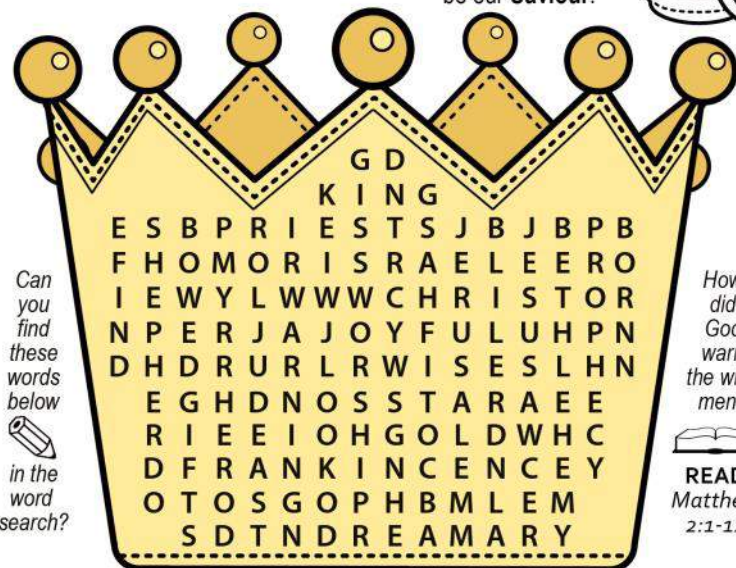


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A valuable metal. Reminds us that Jesus is **King of Kings**.

MYRRH

A fragrant spice put on a body before burial. Reminds us that Jesus was to die so that he could be our **Saviour**.



Can you find these words below in the word search?

How did God warn the wise men?



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Matthew
2:1-12

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GOLD • FRANKINCENSE • MYRRH • WARNING • DREAM



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Robert Carson's Film Report- January 2020

Movie Reviews

Frozen II (U)

Directed by Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck

Stars the Voices of: Idina Menzel, Kristen Bell, Jonathan Groff, Josh Gad, Evan Rachel Wood, Sterling K. Brown, Alan Tudyk, Alfred Molina, Martha Plimpton, Ciaran Hinds, Jason Ritter and Jeremy Sisto

In a Nutshell: How much pressure must there be to deliver a sequel to a film as big as Frozen? Opening in late 2013 and swiftly taking over the world without breaking a sweat, Frozen was and is one of the biggest animated movies ever. So naturally the race was on to craft a follow up, not to mention short films and theme park attractions. So now the sequel is finally here, how does it compare with its predecessor... does it justify the hype and will it equally go down in history as something as beloved? The answer is tenfold and more complex than a simple yes or no. Like the Harry Potter franchise or many a beloved franchise that appeals to a certain demographic, this has chosen the Potter trend of growing up with its audience whilst still maintaining that 'for all ages' feel. So, you have a deeper and more complex story that tests the characters resolves and strengthens their relationships and further their character arcs and journeys whilst still maintaining the wonder and magic that made this series such a charming hit in the first place. The songs whilst uniformly terrific don't quite have that catchy magic that made every single track from the first movie a hit, but songs like Into the Unknown and Lost in the Woods are still marvellous to behold and certainly have the intended impact. It's hard to say whether it'll be as beloved, certainly fans of the first will love this that I can guarantee and it'll make a ton of money. Personally, I really liked where it took the story and the characters and I really can't wait to see where this story leads next and I thought the music was excellent. There's only one thing for it, take a big giant leap into the unknown and discover for yourself...

Rating: 9/10

Also Seen:

Knives Out! (12A) 9/10

Last Christmas (12A) 7/10

Doctor Sleep (15) 9/10

Charlies Angels (12A) 8/10

Terminator: Dark Fate (15) 6/10

Rob's Top Twenty for 2020



The Top 20 for 2020!

20) The King's Man (15 TBA) (September 16th)

Ralph Fiennes leads an all-star cast in this World War set prequel to the Kingsman franchise, returning director Matthew Vaughn directs once more.

19) Halloween Kills (18 TBA) (October 16th)

Jamie Lee Curtis returns as Laurie Strode in the next installment of the long running horror franchise, following on from 2018s' excellent reboot.

18) Onward (PG) (March 6th)

Pixar's next smash hit takes place in an alternate world where fantasy figures such as elves, orcs and fairies live in normal society as Chris Pratt and Tom Holland voice brothers setting out on an epic quest.

17) Ghostbusters: Afterlife (12A TBA) (July 10th)

Jason Reitman, the son of original director Ivan Reitman, takes the helm for this sequel to the first two Ghostbusters movie as the original cast return alongside newbies such as Paul Rudd and Finn Wolfhard.

16) Dune (12A TBA) (November 20th)

Visionary director Denis Villeneuve takes the helm for this ambitious big screen adaptation of the epic book. Timothee Chalamet takes the lead with a stellar cast also including Stellan Skarsgard and Jason Momoa.

15) Top Gun: Maverick (12A TBA) (July 17th)

33 years after the iconic original, Tom Cruise returns to his most iconic role as ace pilot Maverick. Joseph Kosinski of Tron: Legacy and Oblivion directing takes the helm with Jon Hamm and Jennifer Connolly joining the cast for another ride into the danger zone.

14) Black Widow (12A TBA) (May 1st)

After the events of Avengers: Endgame, this prequel origin story goes back to the beginning to tell the story of Natasha Romanoff and her spy days. Scarlett Johansson leads a cast that includes Florence Pugh, David Harbour and Rachel Weisz in an action thriller that is long awaited.

13) Bad Boys for Life (15 TBA) (January 17th)

16 Years after Bad Boys II, Will Smith and Martin Lawrence return for one more outing as the hot shot detectives in this high-octane action sequel.

12) Birds of Prey (and the Fantabulous Emancipation of one Harley Quinn) (15 TBA) (February 7th)

Margot Robbie leads a cast of female antiheroes in this DC spin off, as Harley Quinn and cohorts face off against Ewan McGregors' nefarious Black Mask.

11) A Quiet Place II (15 TBA) (March 20th)

John Krasinski returns behind the camera for this follow up to the stellar horror sleeper hit of 2018; wife Emily Blunt returns alongside Cillian Murphy as silence proves deadly.

10) Last Night in Soho (15 TBA) (September 18th)

Edgar Wright follows up Baby Driver with this psychological horror thriller that features a cast that includes Terence Stamp, Matt Smith, Dame Diana Rigg, and Anya Taylor Joy.

9) West Side Story (PG TBA) (December 18th)

Steven Spielberg takes the helm for this fresh remake of the classic musical as Ansel Elgort takes the lead in the story of a forbidden love amongst gang wars in the 1950s.

8) Jojo Rabbit (12A) (January 1st)

Taika Waititi starts the year off with a boom as he directs the story of a young German boy in the midst of World War II who starts to wonder if this is the life that he wants to lead... oh and his imaginary friend is Adolf Hitler (portrayed by Waititi himself). Expect strong surreal laughs and a beautiful message about fighting hate.

7) Godzilla vs. Kong (12A TBA) (November 20th)

Director Adam Wingard follows up the two Godzilla movies and one Kong movie as both franchises come together in the fight to end all fights... who win emerge triumphant and how many more cinematic universes are there out there?

6) Jungle Cruise (PG) (July 24th)

The dream team of Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt take you on a wild period action adventure down the rivers of the jungle as Disney adapt another of their classic theme park attractions for this super fun adventure flick.

5) Bill and Ted Face the Music (PG TBA) (August 21st)

Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter return as Ted 'Theodore' Logan and Bill 'Preston' Esquire in this long in the making sequel in which their music must once again save mankind.

4) Soul (PG) (June 19th)

Pixars' big film for the summer, delves into the idea of souls and mortality. With a voice cast including Jamie Foxx and Tina Fey, expect a emotional and insightful story and the usual Pixar magic.

3) Wonder Woman 1984 (12A TBA) (June 5th)

Diana Prince returns in this 80s set story which features the return of Steve Trevor (Chris Pine) as well as new antagonists in the form of Pedro Pascal & Kristen Wiig.

2) No Time to Die (12A TBA) (April 3rd)

Daniel Craig returns one more time as the world's greatest secret agent and he faces off against new villain Rami Malek; expect thrills and all the usual Bond glamour.

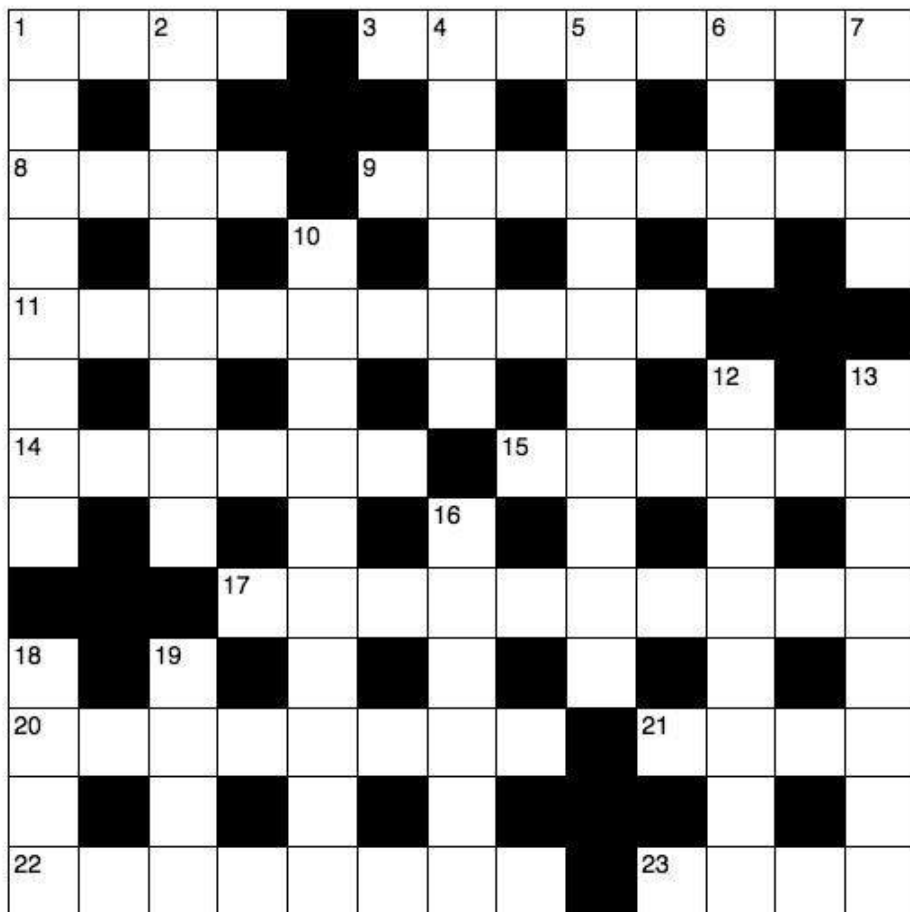
1) Tenet (15 TBA) (July 17th)

Christopher Nolan assembles a high-profile cast for his latest sci-fi head puzzle, plot details are unknown at the moment but expect the unexpected

In February's Issue:

Reviews of Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker and Jumanji: The Next Level plus the best of 2019!

Crossword



Crossword Clues and Answers

Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

Answers on page 28



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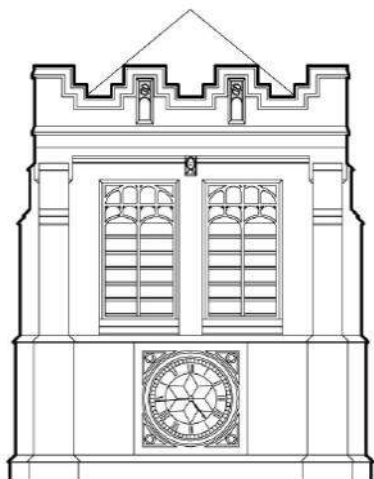
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Flowers in church this month	
Sun 5th	Vacant
Sun 12th	In memory of Angela Baxter from Sheila Baxter & family
Sun 19th	Vacant
Sun 26th	Vacant

Crossword

Answers

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

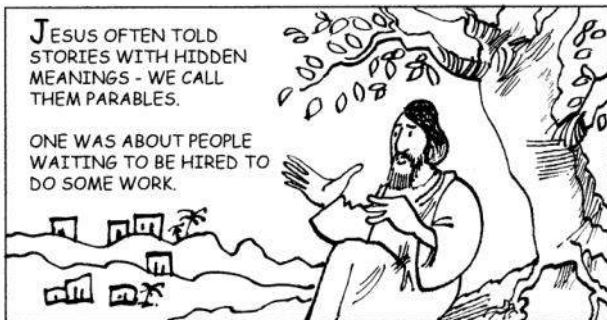
DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

The Hired Workers



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM PARABLES.

ONE WAS ABOUT PEOPLE WAITING TO BE HIRED TO DO SOME WORK.



A HOUSEHOLDER HIRED A GROUP OF WORKERS FROM THE MARKET PLACE, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. HE AGREED UPON A FAIR WAGE.



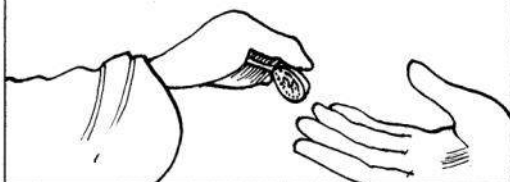
A BIT LATER ON THE HOUSEHOLDER RETURNED TO THE MARKET PLACE AND HIRED SOME MORE WORKERS.



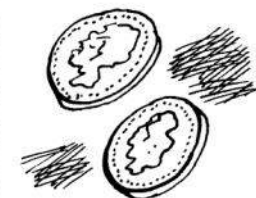
HE RETURNED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY, EACH TIME HIRING MORE WORKERS. HE EVEN HIRED SOME PEOPLE JUST AS THE SUN WAS SETTING!



WHEN THE DAY WAS OVER THE HOUSEHOLDER BEGAN TO PAY THE WORKERS, STARTING WITH THOSE WHO HAD ONLY JUST ARRIVED. HE PAID EVERYONE THE SAME.



THIS UPSET THOSE WHO HAD WORKED ALL DAY. THEY THOUGHT THEY SHOULD GET MORE.



BUT THEY WERE BEING PAID WHAT THEY HAD AGREED AT THE START OF THE DAY.

JESUS CONCLUDED "SO THOSE WHO ARE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THOSE WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST" - IT'S A HARD PARABLE!



see Matthew 20:1-16



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From Hilda, Raymond and Sharon

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Bullen
From Karen & Alec

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Anniversary 15th Jan & Birthday on 24th Jan
from his ever loving wife and family

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Bill & Hilda Payne, Jennifer & Daniel
In memory of my beloved father Eric Hurst
from David Hurst

In loving memory of my devoted and much loved mum Emily Stott
(9th January), sadly missed by your loving son Ian



St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty this month	
4th Jan	All ladies and Hilda Edwardson & team to dismantle
11th Jan	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
18th Jan	Meta Laites, Linda Malley, Kath Vella
25th Jan	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook, Margaret Carrington

Flower Guild Donations

Christmas thoughts of loved ones
From Elsie Deluce and family



St Thomas' Flowers

Flowers in church this month		
	Altar	Lady Chapel
5th Jan	Vacant	Vacant
12th Jan	In memory of all loved ones from Jean & Les Johnson	In memory of all loved ones The Bailey family
19th Jan	Vacant	Vacant
26th Jan	Vacant	Vacant

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Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

28th November	Joseph Eden	High Peak Lodge Care Home	78
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churches in 2020**



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