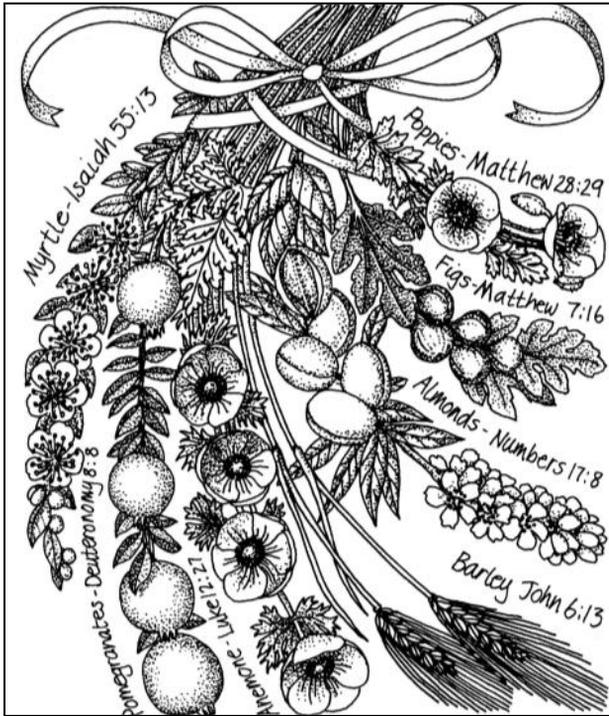


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# Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

## Sundays

St Thomas's		St Luke's	
9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday Only)
10.45 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Parade & 4th Sunday Family Communion)		11.00 a.m.
6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion)	4.15 p.m.	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday Only)

## Weekdays

Thursday 9.45 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)	Other services and Saints' Days as announced. Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for dates, details or exceptions.
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**Parish Office:** St Thomas's Church Vestry, **Thursday 6.30 – 7.30 p.m:** For all enquiries regarding church matters and arranging baptisms and weddings. Contact - 01942 721 484.

**Deadlines:** Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to [stthomasandstlukesmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasandstlukesmagazine@gmail.com)

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## Important Parish Information

### Baptisms

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

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

### Marriage

You can marry in a C of E church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the vicar or call in at Vestry Hour on a Thursday evening.

### Funerals

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



# Letter from the Vicar



When a child comes forward at Communion and I pray a prayer of blessing, one of the parts of the prayer is often - if not always - 'and may Jesus be your friend forever'. I am praying that in a close relationship with Jesus they may find in him a source of love, peace, guidance, strength and of life itself.

I find myself reading once again a special book to me - 'Anam Cara' by John O'Donahue. It's special because it was given to me by a family friend, Father Luke McGee, a little while before I became a Christian. It is special because it was one of the significant things that opened my mind to find more about who Jesus could be to me.

One of the concepts of Celtic tradition is captured in the phrase 'anam cara' which is Gaelic for soul friend. In the early Celtic church, a person who acted as a teacher, companion or spiritual guide was called an anam cara. In Celtic understanding, when you had an anam cara you were joined in an eternal way 'with the friend of your soul'.

When O'Donahue offered the news that Jesus is the secret anam cara of every individual it was a revelation to me at the time. If in friendship with Jesus we enter into an eternal relationship with God himself, then that was something I wanted to find out more about. And through the friendship, teaching and companionship of some great spiritual guides I did.

The gospel message of Jesus of course is more than just friendship, but what a place to start a relationship. I leave you with a blessing from John



# Letter from the Vicar

O'Donahue's book, which is a far more eloquent and thoughtful prayer than my words 'and may Jesus be your friend':

May you be blessed with good friends.

May you learn to be a good friend to your self.

May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where there is great love, warmth, feeling and forgiveness.

May this change you.

May it transfigure that which is negative, distant or cold.

May you be brought in to the real passion, kinship and affinity of belonging.

May you treasure your friends.

May you be good to them and may you be there for them; may they bring you all the blessings, challenges, truth and light that you need for your journey.

May you never be isolated; but may you always be in the gentle nest of belonging with your anam cara.

**Jeremy Thomas**

***Helen Coffey will be writing the August and September magazine letters as I will be taking some time out in July and August for study, prayerful reflection and some holiday time too. During this time Helen will be taking responsibility for the day to day running of the parish.***



# Parish News

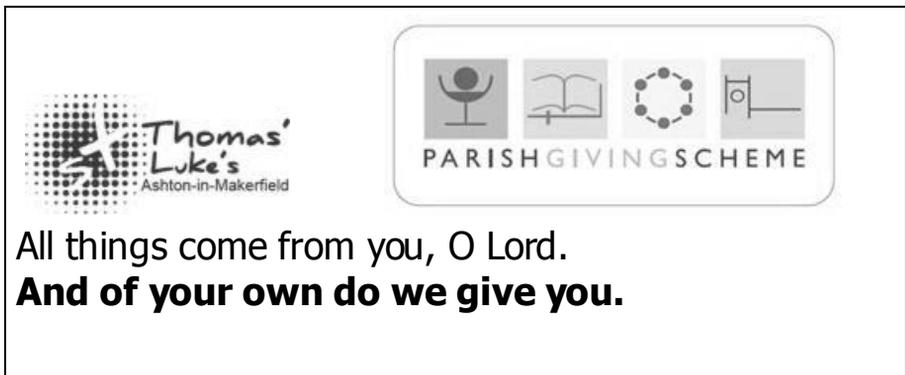


## Parish Giving Scheme

In previous editions of the Magazine I have explained this Scheme and the considerable benefits to the finances of **our** Parish. The progress of implementation has been so encouraging that I wanted firstly to thank those Church members, in excess of 40 ,who have already set up the direct debits and of course secondly to encourage others to join.

It is really a brilliant method of making regular donations especially if you are a tax payer and can sign the gift aid declaration which adds 25 pence to every pound that you give. The real plus is that the we receive the gift aid in so short a time as 10 days after the donation is made. Yes on the 10th of each month the gift aid is in our Church account.

The Scheme is open to everyone who has a bank account and not only to those who already have standing orders payable to Church. For those people who feel somewhat embarrassed at the thought of not putting collection on the plate as it comes round during the service we have tokens to replace envelopes or cash. These tokens simply say that your collection is given through Parish Giving. I have included below an example of the token showing both sides. In its back to back issued form it is the size of the Parish Giving Scheme logo as shown.





# Parish News



After reading this article and considering your giving it is perhaps apt that you revisit the prayer of David from 1 Chronicles 29: 10-13 which was part of the reading for Sunday 14 June.

<sup>10</sup> David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,  
"Praise be to you, LORD,  
the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

<sup>11</sup> Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendour,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>12</sup> Wealth and honour come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

<sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name

***Malcolm***

**Christian Aid**



Once again it is a great big thank you to all who helped in any way with Christian Aid Week. Despite not having the usual number of volunteers to deliver and collect envelopes, those who did helped to collect the magnificent sum which with the Gift Aid added amounted to £3387.44. A really tremendous effort for which I am sure the recipients of assistance will be ever grateful. A special thanks to Hilda Bramwell and Maureen Cook who took responsibility for the organisation this year with a guiding hand from Sue Thomas.

***Malcolm***



# Mothers Union

## Diary Branch dates

**Wednesday 15 July** This is the date of our usual evening trip with supper. The problem this year is that at the present moment neither I nor the committee have been able to come up with any feasible ideas for this year trip. At the time of writing there will be not be a trip; that is unless any of you can come up with an idea that we can take forward! Any bright ideas let me know as soon as possible.



### Advance notices

We will be having our Light Lunch on in the Church Hall 11-00am - 1.00pm. on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August** Everyone welcome, contributions will be gratefully received to our cake stall, raffle, tombola. Please do come along and enjoy your lunch and enjoy the fellowship as you chat with your friends.

**Wednesday 19th August** Church Hall 7.30pm the speaker is Judith Walmsley Police Women.

### Reg Bailey

June sadly heralds the last full month of Mothers' Union Chief Executive, Reg Bailey CBE, with the organisation, as he retires in July after 17 years of service. Reg has made an invaluable contribution to the direction and success of Mothers' Union during his time with us, including the work he has done on the commercialisation of childhood through the Bailey Review. He will be very much missed! The selection of a new Chief Executive is currently underway.

Please pray for Reg and his family as they look to the future, and for the selection of a new Chief Executive.

### Sad News

We pray for the family and friends of Dorothy Delaney who died suddenly on the 11 June. She had been very much involved in our Mothers' Union Branch until recently when she moved into a nursing home and became one of our Indoor Members. She regularly received Home Communion from our Home Communion team. If I have one memory of Dorothy it is that she was 'a Lady' and we will miss her.



## **A busy woman's prayer**

My Lord Jesus, as the pressures of my life throng about me I come to you for peace. My concerns crowd about me, jostling and bumping, pushing for attention, demanding action and my precious time.



'But first, dear Lord, let me reach out and just touch the hem of your robe — still for a moment, caught by your gaze. You know my needs without words but what a relief to pour it all out and give them to you. I claim your peace, won for me at Calvary; your strength for the day.

Thank you for loving me so much. Send me out now into your world, ready to share your love.

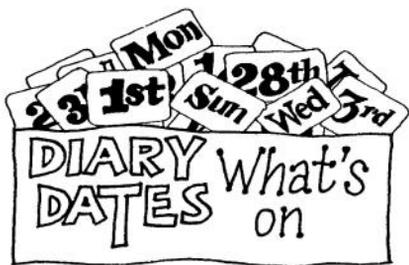
For your sake alone.

***Love and prayers***

***Barbara***

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5/5/15	250.14	55	4.55
11/5/15	412.55	97	4.25
18/5/15	395.30	52	7.60
25/5/15	499.76	84	5.95
31/5/15	330.11	62	5.32
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1887.86</b>	<b>350</b>	
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>377.57</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>5.39</b>



## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - July 2015**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer. Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) Church open for prayer.	9:00am 10:00am - 12:00pm 7.30-8.30pm
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Holy Communion. Princes Pantry. (St Luke's) Vestry hour.	9:45am 11:30am - 1:00pm 6.30-7.30 pm

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



## St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils completed the SATS test on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, which lasted a full week. It was an important time and all the staff members were very proud of the outstanding attitude demonstrated by the students throughout the tests.

After a well deserved restful weekend we returned to school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate both the children achievements and also mark the beginning of a fun filled "Christian Aid Week".



Activities included games, a daily raffle, bring and buy sale events which included lots of delicious cakes brought into school by the pupils, and a special treat for staff with Mrs Pearson (Year 5 teacher) offering manicures for £5.00. What a treat! On the last day of school week we held a non-uniform day which required a donation towards the fund.



We are very proud that the school raised a total of **£1,089.42**, which together with the church collection of **£3,387.44** gives us the colossal amount of **£4,476.86**.

We would like to say a big thank you for all the donations and to every single person who contributed in any form or shape to make this an outstanding success for such a special cause.

**God Bless You All**

**Elaine Mateus**

*"Be generous and share your food with the poor, you will be blessed for it".*  
Proverbs 22-9

## **Sophie's Abbot Hall diary**

### **Friday**

Dear diary

Today we went to the children's session and we warmed up by doing a dance and shaking around, then we did some more dancing then we heard a story and did some learning about it. We had a picture to colour and everyone did a good job.



### **Saturday**

Dear Diary

Once again we went to the children's sessions. We did some more dancing and got told the story of when Jesus did his first miracle at the wedding and turned the water into wine. Then we coloured in our water and changed it into wine by adding sparkles. Then we did another dance! Now we are decorating biscuits with icing and sprinkles. YUMMY!!!

### **Sunday**

Dear Diary

Today I went to the children's sessions with my awesome brother Jason. We listened to John 3:16 in the form of a song. We also made wishing wells and Jason wrote down the verse from the bible and we also played with Magnetix. PS it was really fun!!!

***Thank you Sophie for sharing this with us.***



## **Abbot Hall 2016**

Last month Malcolm mentioned that we were looking for an alternative venue for 2016 that would be cheaper. After extensive research, we have decided to go back to Abbot Hall on the weekend of March 11th-13th. We did find some cheaper accommodation but we would have had to provide our own food or buy in a basic menu.

However, we could find nothing that matched the quality and value for money that we get at Abbot Hall. We managed to negotiate a cheaper rate for adults in non en-suite accommodation and we have started a fund to help individuals who may struggle to meet the full cost.

If you are interested in finding out more about what goes on at Abbot Hall then please talk to Helen, Izzy or Carole. The booking forms are out for this weekend in both churches; we would love you to join us!

We have also booked Bispham Hall Scout camp for a family camp next June. More details about this weekend will be out towards the end of the year.





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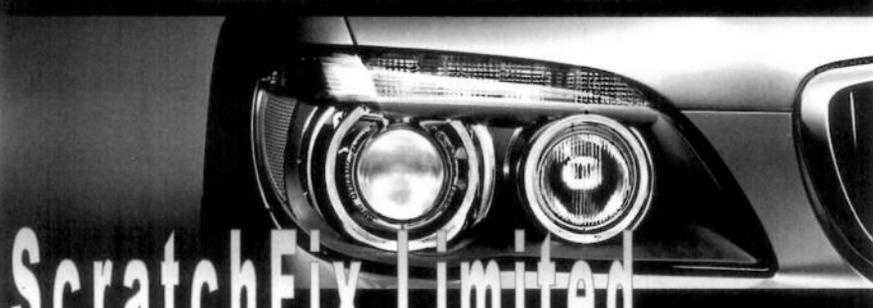
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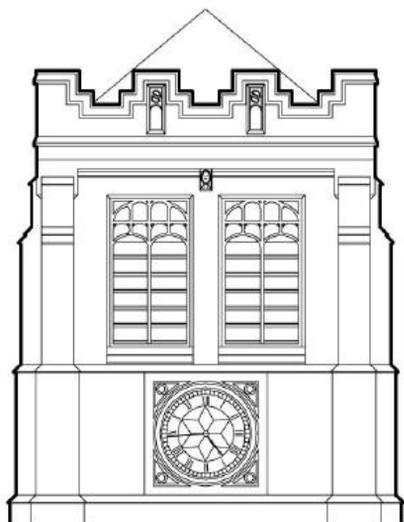
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25TH JULY	Mrs Edwardson, Mrs Cook

<b>FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING JULY</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ALTAR</b>	<b>LADY CHAPEL</b>
5TH JULY	VACANT	VACANT
12TH JULY	VACANT	Birthday remembrance of a dear mother Elise Jervis from Dad, Elsie, Ann and their families
19TH JULY	For our wedding anniversary (20th July) from Janet and Doug Wildman	Birthday memories of Sheila Lester (22nd July) a much loved friend and Auntie from Joan, Dennis and Wendy
26TH JULY	VACANT	VACANT

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# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



### **Tommorowland (12A) Directed by Brad Bird**

Stars: Britt Robertson, George Clooney, Hugh Laurie, Tim McGraw, Kathryn Hahn, Raffey Cassidy, Keegan-Michael Key, Thomas Robinson, Chris Bauer, Judy Greer, and Matthew MacCaull

In a Nutshell: A film is all well and good... it entertains nations, makes you chuckle or cry or scream and you have a grin on your face. But a film with ideas, now that can inspire you and challenge you... make you want to go out and do something, or maybe even make the world a better place. Brad Bird has always been a underrated genius of a director, from his animated gems like The Incredibles and Iron Giant not to mention Ratatouille and making the best Mission Impossible movie yet with Ghost Protocol... give him a massive canvas to play with and some serious ideas, and oh boy are we in for something unique. Based on the idea that Walt Disney was preparing the way to build a city that would build on the ideas of tomorrow and feature the best talents and minds from around the world... to say too much about this movie would spoil it's surprises and ideas but it's fuelled by the vision of Disney and the idea of making the future a better place for all.

Naturally, the effects are jaw dropping with future scapes and jet packs and flying cars all doing the rounds and so many ideas and gadgets whizzing around, it's a whirlwind of invention and fancy, and add to that a really strong cast including a dependably impressive Clooney and a fantastic turn by newcomer Britt Robertson, plus a sinister Hugh Laurie and you have something truly unique that whilst I guess you can some of it's plot turns and ideas can get a little confused, they still inspire enough and make enough sense to roll you along for the ride and ideas like this and a film like this has to be applauded for trying to inspire and make a difference... I won't say too much at all, but make the trip and you won't regret it... be inspired to make a change!



**Rating: 9/10**

### **Mad Max: Fury Road (15) Directed by George Miller**

Stars: Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult, Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Zoe Kravitz, Hugh Keays-Byrne, Josh Helman, Nathan Jones, Riley Keough, Abbey Lee, Courtney Eaton, and Richard Carter

In a Nutshell: Some things you just have to see to believe and Mad Max Fury Road is most certainly one of them... and the great thing is that whilst this is very much in the tradition of the movies that preceded it, though the first Mad Max is infinitely different to it's sequels.... it's a absolute blast that you can enjoy with having never seen the other movies. Something like casting and particular actors

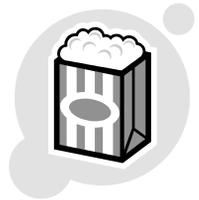


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isn't a major importance but they outdo themselves all the same with Hardy a terrifically broody presence as Max, even if the star winds up being Theron as the steely Furiosa, with fantastic roles for all the ladies in this one, all holding their own and taking over the action with Rosie a particular highlight, whilst Hoult is wonderfully crazy and unrecognisable as one of the antagonists. This is one of those movies where my review can just be it looks awesome and is awesome because that's just the thing, the stunts and the effects and the cast are all just jaw dropping cool... it's something you have to go and see with your eyeballs to truly appreciate, there's not a whole bunch of describing I can do to do it justice. The practical effects and chases and stunts are truly something else and pretty unique in this age of computers doing everything, so it has to be applauded. This is essentially one big long car chase with a great cool cast of characters and non stop action that will scorch your retinas and make you grateful to be alive to witness something as earth shatteringly epic as this.... do not miss!



**Rating: 9/10**

Also Seen:

Poltergeist (15) 7/10

Pitch Perfect II (12A) 9/10

Big Game (12A) 7/10

Also Out in July

Amy (15) (July 3rd) Terminator Genisys (12A) (July 3rd) Comet (15) (July 3rd)

Magic Mike XXL (15) (July 3rd) The Choir (PG) (July 10th) Love and Mercy (12A) (July 10th)

Song of the Sea (PG) (July 10th) Ted II (15) (July 10th) Ant-Man (12A) (July 17th)

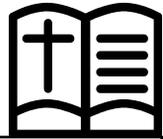
The Gallows (15) (July 17th) Maggie (15) (July 17th) Self/ Less (15) (July 17th)

Inside Out (PG) (July 24th) Southpaw (15) (July 24th)

Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation (12A) (July 30th) Hot Pursuit (15) (July 31st)



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From Annie Bailey

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My Dear Parents **Doug** (July 13th) and **Jessie Evans** (July 22nd)  
From Hazel

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A dear Mum from Julie	Nanna Sarah from Anne Marie, Paul, Liam and Megan
Grandsons Geoff and Mark	Auntly Betty from Lynn, Brian and Family
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Mum, Dad and Brother, **Mr and Mrs Gibson and David**  
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## TAKING & GIVING

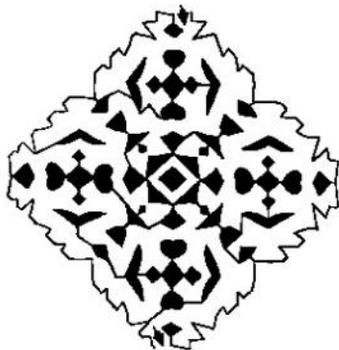
If you look at a map of Israel you will see that there are two small inland seas. And if you look closely you will see that these two seas are linked by the River Jordan. The river starts in the northern hills and goes through the Sea of Galilee, then through the Jordan valley, and ends up in the Dead Sea. But even though the water is all from the same river, the two seas are completely different.

All around the Sea of Galilee are towns and villages, trees and farms. The Dead Sea has no trees or farms, it is dead. What makes the difference? The Sea of Galilee is alive because it has an outlet. It passes the water on as quickly as it flows in. The Dead Sea is dead because it passes no water on.

In St Luke's Gospel we read what Jesus said about giving – 'Give to others, and God will give to you' (chapter 6, verses 27-28). Unlike the two seas we can choose how we want to be: to give and take and be alive. Or just to take - and become sad and lifeless.

## IN & OUT

Can you find your way through this lacy maze?

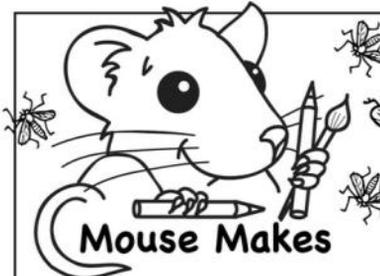


**Did you hear about the slimy monster who was famous for his farmyard impressions?**  
He couldn't do the noises but he could do the smells.



**And what about the monster who went shop-lifting?**  
He was crushed under Tesco's.





## Mouse Makes

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said *"The Lord, the God of Israel says, 'Let my people go into the desert so they can have a festival to honour me.'"* But Pharaoh said, *"Who is the Lord? Why should I obey him? Why should I let Israel go? I not know who the Lord is so I refuse to let Israel go."* Pharaoh punished the Israelites but Moses prayed to the Lord and the Lord said, *"I will use my great power against Pharaoh, and he will let my people go."* So the Lord turned the river Nile into blood, then he covered the land with frogs, sent a plague of gnats, then a swarm of flies, then disease on all the animals, then a skin disease, then a great storm of hail, then a plague of locusts, then darkness that covered the land... Each time Pharaoh would not let the people go until Lord killed every first born man and animal in Egypt and Pharaoh's own son died. Then Pharaoh made the people leave Egypt with all their sheep and cattle. *"Go", he said "And say a blessing for me too."*

### The Ten Plagues

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*Can you find these words from the story in the grid above?*

LORD • GOD • MOSES • AARON  
ISRAEL • PRAY • HONOUR  
FESTIVAL • PHARAOH • EGYPT  
RIVER NILE • WATER • BLOOD • FROGS  
DUST • GNATS • SWARM • FLIES • GO  
DISEASE • CATTLE • SHEEP • SORES  
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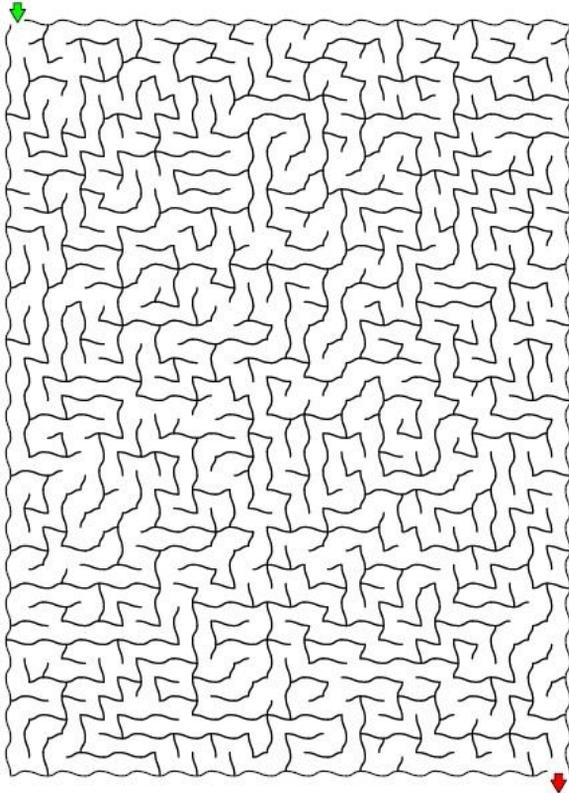
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# PUZZLE TIME!!

## MAZE



# PUZZLE TIME!!

## SOLUTIONS

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# The Registers

## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"



18th May	Sarah Prescott	Bolton Road	95yrs
26th May	Gaynor Wright	Birchwood Close	54yrs
28th May	Eveline Kuzio	Ashton View Nursing Home	87yrs

## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



24th May	Lucas Christopher Thomas	Monmouth Crescent
	Harry Thomas Prior	Hereford Close
14th June	Harry Neil Palmer	Peter Street

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## Boys Brigade

**Captain:** Gareth Hamlett (07903866501 )

**Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 5.45 p.m.)**

Olwen Wright (389595)

**Junior Section (Tuesday 6.45 p.m.)**

Kat Duckworth (07517486188)

**Company Section (Tuesday: 7.30 p.m.)**

Contact Gareth Hamlett

## Girl Guides

**Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)**

Anne Wooff (724207)

**3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies**

**(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)**

Irene Taylor (Wednesday) (703410)

Susan Hughes (Thursday) (725291)

**St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.00 p.m.)**

Helen Hughes (748863)

**3rd Ashton Guides & Ranger Guides**

**(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)**

Rachel Starkie (718350)

**Music Group** Mary Owen (203277)

**Sunday – 10.45 a.m.**

## St Thomas' Choir

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

**Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.**

Paul Tushingam (711085)

## Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'

**Tues - 10 a.m.**

**Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)**

Barbara Taylor (205136)

## Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.

**Bubbles (Pre-School)**

**Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6)**

**Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)**

Sue Thomas (727275)

sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk

## St Luke's Over Sixties

**Monday – 2.00 p.m.**

**Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club**

## Wednesday Weenies

**Wed – 1.00 p.m.:** Jan Cornthwaite

(721626)

## St. Luke's Donation Secretary

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