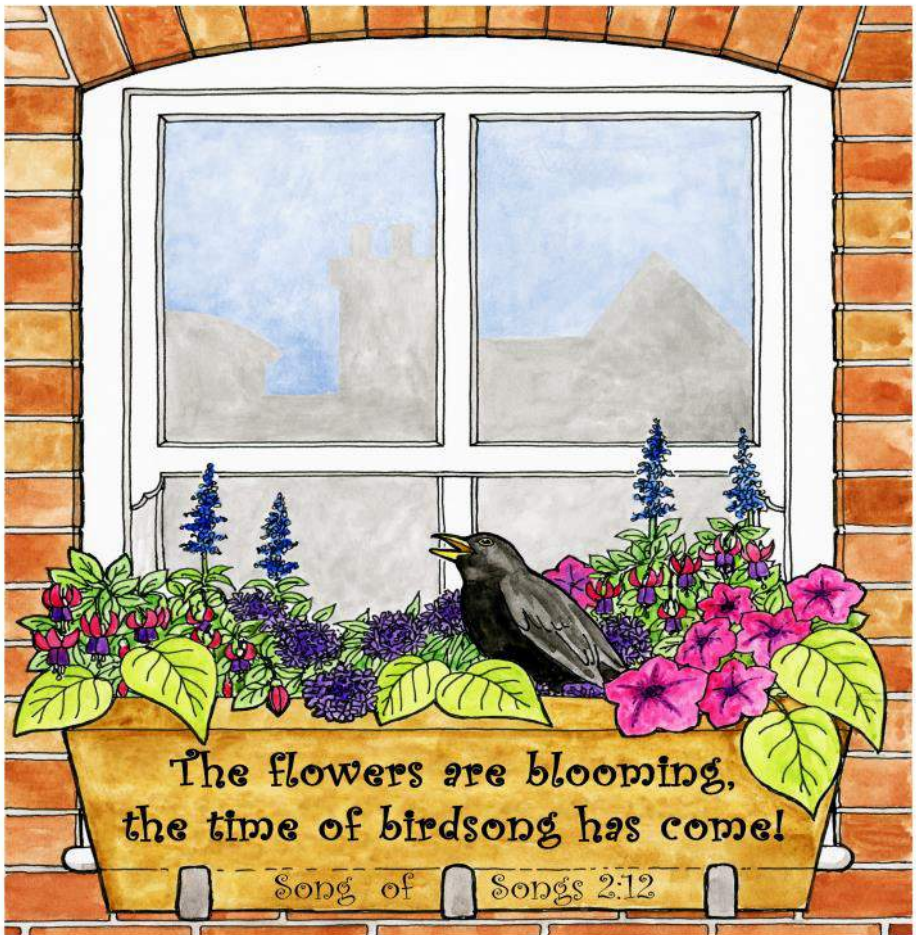


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Church Services in St Thomas' Parish, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas'

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
09.00 Communion 10.45 All age worship 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.

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 June magazine, including donations is 11th May 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

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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

Mon	Payer 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	Football (Byrchall Sports Hall)	17.00-18.00
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
Averham Close, Chetwode Avenue, Chelwood Park ,
Newlyn Drive , Haydock Park Gardens

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Wigan South Hub Weekend

Lambert Manor 3rd – 5th May

(well it will always be Abbott Hall really!!)

It was with great excitement, on the afternoon of Friday 3rd May, that 93 of us (from Florence, the very youngest member of our church family, to some of our most senior and respected members) headed North for our Hub weekend away.

On that morning whilst packing I had a feeling that something amazing was going to happen and that the time together was going to be a great blessing. And I was right!!

As usual we met for our evening meal and then moved straight into the hall for our first session. Our speaker for the weekend was Kevin Roberts from ReSource, an organisation which supports Anglican churches to mature and grow in the Holy Spirit and become more outwardly focused. We were soon to learn the power of Kevin's teaching as we were all gripped by his powerful stories and his passion.

The Adventure Begins Here!

The overarching theme of the weekend was based on Ezekiel 47. 'The river flows from the temple, through the desert and into the sea'. In the first session Kevin set the scene for the three main talks – Life in the Spirit, Life in the Church and Life in the Community. He told us that although God is wonderfully predictable in His love, he is unpredictable in His plans for us and we should always be on the lookout for the new things He is doing.

After a short time of singing everyone seems to disappear to their rooms fairly quickly. The young ones were no doubt exhausted from spending hours in the pool and playing in the beautiful gardens. Saturday morning dawned beautifully with a perfect, cloudless blue sky! We met up at 8 o' clock for prayers and then a hearty breakfast.

Everyone was keen to get started and the sense of expectation in the hall was tangible. Kevin quoted from Isaiah 43 'Behold I am doing a new thing'. He gave us a picture of the river of God as a carpet of blue running through the room. He urged us to consider our place in that river. Are we ankle deep – knee deep – waist deep – or totally immersed and swimming in that river? Are we ready to take a leap of faith and do something radical?

After a quick refreshment break and some more great singing, we resumed with Kevin telling us a story about being a Pentecost people and the impact the Holy Spirit had on the early followers of Jesus. The Spirit empowered t



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he people to want to be together and they overflowed with love for one another and for the people all around them. They met together in their homes, had their meals together, praised and sang together and this model of the Kingdom of Heaven was so appealing that daily people were added to their number.

Kevin asked those who wanted to make a deeper commitment to stand up and take a step into the river. The atmosphere in the room was electric and we could all feel the power of the Holy Spirit moving amongst us.

Suddenly all the issues about the Hub and the reordering seemed to fall away and there was such a feeling of love amongst us. There were people there from all the churches in the Hub and at that moment we were all of one mind. It felt like a real taste of what the Kingdom of Heaven would be like. It was amazing.

The afternoon was almost like an anti-climax as I think most people would have been thrilled if Kevin had offered to do an extra session in the afternoon. But after lunch and the group photo call, people headed off in various directions depending on their individual fitness levels. The mountain goats – led by Maureen and David – to do a bracing walk. The swimmers for playtime in the pool. The shoppers into Grange for a browse in the shops and a coffee and cake (how could we possibly fit in more food?) And some were content to just ‘chill’ and read in one of the lounges.

After another superb evening meal, we all packed into the hall for Malcolm’s annual talent show. After a couple of technical hitches caused by a slow wi-fi connection, the whole concert was excellent, with just the right mix of acts – dancing, singing, gymnastics and even a magician with a message!!

Maybe an indication of how blessed we had been was the fact that more people than ever attended a time of evening prayer after the concert. That evening nobody seemed to want to go to bed and we all sat around in the lounges chatting and laughing – I guess it was just the way the early Christians did it all those years ago.

On Sunday morning we all reluctantly packed up our cars and made our way into the hall. A group of ReSource supporters from all over the world had been praying for our weekend and Kevin had received a message from



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a lady in New Zealand who had a vision that the Communion Service was going to be a real blessing. She was certainly correct!

In this session Kevin talked about the main purpose of the church, to bring others to know Jesus. He said so many profound things that will stay with me forever (luckily I always take a notepad so that I can write down the words that impact most). 'If a church ceases to be missionary, it ceases to be church'. 'The church is a school for sinners, not a society for saints'. 'We cannot live a full life in the spirit without a full life in a church family'. 'Independence is NOT a virtue'. 'The Holy Spirit will always draw us alongside others, never away from them'. 'When we enjoy fellowship we get a taste of tomorrow's bread today'.

So we are called to live life on the 'front line'. Boldly going where God calls us and doing what he asks us to do. Kevin challenged us to be God's hands and feet in our community and share the blessings that we have been given with our neighbours.

Kevin was an inspirational and charismatic teacher who challenged us all to jump into the river and immerse ourselves totally in doing God's work – not just in our Hub but all over the world.

I would like to thank everyone who made the weekend so amazing and such a blessing. It was great to make friends with the people from the other Hub churches and I am sure everyone felt like the Hub project became so much more real and viable. Particular thanks to Kevin. Thanks to all the organizers, to those who did such a great job with the children and young people and to the staff for looking after us so well.

Finally, we are God's chosen instruments for the transformation of the world. I pray that He will give us the grace and strength to fulfil our calling.

Anita Archer



Parish News



With Malcolm

At the last round of consultations held at St Aidan's in April we were given an explanation of how the financial arrangements will change when the Parishes in the South Hub officially become the Wigan South Parish on the 1st January 2020. Andrew Thurston who is advising Church Wigan has given some further guidance which I feel will help us all understand more clearly how it will affect us personally. I have included reference to St Luke's as we are familiar with the situation in our own parish where St Luke's currently contribute to the parish share and the expenses relating to Greenfields Crescent.

1. Parish Share will become Deanery Share from January 2020, and will be agreed between the Wigan Joint Council and the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance. It will cover both the costs relating to the stipends in Church Wigan – provided by the Diocese – and the costs of Deanery wide mission and support delivered through the Wigan Deanery Trust. The Church Wigan Joint Council will agree how the Share is allocated to the seven new Hub Parishes, and these will make payments to the Joint Council which will then collate them and forward to the Board of Finance and Wigan Deanery Trust.
2. Since most people associate themselves with their local "church" (Church Wigan is referring to these as Worship Communities) each Hub PCC will then agree the contributions each of the Worship Communities within the Hub Parish should make - this will apply across all Worship Communities and not just the existing parishes within the new Hub.
3. We are looking at options for dividing up the Deanery Share in future so that each Worship Community and Hub Parish makes a "fair" contribution. Factors such as number of worshippers and demographics will be used (these are similar to the criteria in the current diocesan allocation) along with other local considerations, such as how long a Worship Community has been established and potentially whether any local expenditure on buildings and people is necessary to maintain and grow mission. Over time, the Joint Council and PCCs will develop local criteria, but in most cases, at least for the first year (2020), the allocation is likely to be very similar to the current (2019)
4. St Luke's, as one of the Worship Communities in the South Hub, will have an allocation, and members will be encouraged to continue with their generous giving, either through personal giving or fundraising.



Parish News



With Malcolm

5. All money will be accounted for at Hub Parish level using financial software specifically developed to manage church accounts and will pass through the Hub Parish bank account. As explained at the meeting, within the parish financial software, each Worship Community will have its own fund (we referred to this as a designated fund at the meeting as this is how it is treated in the Accounts) so that payments made by members of the community as well as expenses incurred in operating it can be associated with that Worship Community. The people at St Luke's can therefore continue to raise money as at present; it will be banked into the Hub Parish account (probably at a local post office) and recorded in the software as part of the St Luke's designated fund. The Hub PCC Treasurer will be able to produce a report so that the members of St Luke's can see how they are progressing financially.

6. Where people want to make personal donations, they can either put cash or cheques in the "plate", make payments by Standing Order or BACS into the Hub Parish bank account, or contribute by direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. Cheques and Standing Orders will be payable to the Wigan South Parish (as there won't be a separate St Luke's bank account) but the financial software will be able to allocate these contributions to the St Luke's designated fund. As now, we will encourage people to gift aid donations where possible so that we can benefit from the tax allowance.

7. There may be occasions where people want to give for a particular purpose, for example to contribute to a building fund or make a gift or legacy for a specific purpose in memory of a loved one. In these circumstances the giver can "restrict" their gift to ensure that the money can only be used for the intended purpose. The PCC Treasurer can give advice on how to do this.

The new arrangements will simplify administration (so that local leaders can spend more time on mission rather than admin tasks), improve governance (the requirements on charities such as churches are more stringent than in the past) and allow us to maximise opportunities for reclaiming gift aid and getting better deals on utilities, insurance etc. from bulk buying.

We were assured that there will be further details as we get nearer the date of the changes and full training for those who will operate the new systems. In the meantime, copies of the slides Andrew used at the meeting can be had from the PCC Secretary.



Mothers Union

.Diary:

Wednesday 19th June visit to St Wilfred's Standish. Meet in their Parish Hall at 6.45pm for tea and cake followed by a tour of the Church. Please let me know if you wish to go.

Deanery Festival

The very successful Festival this year was held at St James Church and I am delighted to pass on the thanks which Margaret Anderton has sent to all branches thanking members for their support. She comments that without this support and the presence of the branch banners and project offerings it would not have been such an uplifting evening.

Advance notices

The Summer Evening this year will be on Wednesday 17th July when we will be entertained by the Hindley Churches Together Community Choir. There will be refreshments at the cost of £3.00 including raffle.

Our Light Lunch this year will be in the Church hall on Saturday 10 August between 11.00am and 1.00 pm. We will have the usual stalls, cakes and tombola etc. Raffle and tombola contributions will be gratefully received. As always everyone is welcome.





Mothers Union

In the busyness of my everyday
slow me down Lord
and give me a place of quietness
and calm.
A space for prayer.
A space to lay before you
my muddled thoughts.
A space for you to smooth my path
with the gift of your grace.
A space of peace and quietness
for me to be still with you.
Banish the shadows
of confusion and doubt
and fill my space with the light of your love.
In Jesus' name, the Light of the World. Amen

Love and Prayers

Barbara



Where do the glasses we collect go?

Thank you for your recent donation of an assortment of spectacles – all of which will be extremely useful to our partner health units in sub-Saharan Africa

In the coming weeks, your donation will be sent along with medicines to a number of the different health units Inter Care supports in sub-Saharan Africa. Our beneficiaries are always very grateful for the consignments of Medical Aid they receive from us.

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There are many ways to help support Inter Care's vital work including www.charitablebookings.org this allows you to make restaurant bookings online or via the charitable bookings app while raising £1 per diner at no cost to you. In addition, to help fundraise we recycle items such as jewellery, used printer cartridges (ink jet only), mobile phones, cameras, laptops, tablets & gadgets (including broken or damaged) which we send to companies in the UK.

With the help of individuals like you we are able to provide more medical aid than ever before. We currently support a population catchment area of around 10 million people in rural health units in Ghana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zambia.

Your support is very much appreciated, thank you!



We are looking for someone or a small team to collect glasses and other items from our churches and deliver them to Garswood periodically. Please contact Sue Thomas (727275) if you feel you can help.



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Last term at St Thomas's CE School we had lots of fun watching reception class perform their Mother's Day assembly. It was a lovely performance by the youngest class and we're sure all the parents and families who came to watch loved it.

Every year at St Thomas's we always celebrate Easter by having an Easter egg competition where children from each class make an entry at home. Two winners are selected in each class and get a prize (an Easter egg). The winners from Key Stage Two are; Abigail and Sam, Heidi and Toby, Lucas and Jamie, Tilly and Alexie. There is a photograph of all the winners on our school website- why don't you check it out?

On Tuesday 30th April the N.S.P.C.C came in to talk about child cruelty and how we can talk to other people about how we are being treated. They came into Y5 and 6 to do some activities about what you should do if you have a problem and you don't feel able to tell anyone; ring Childline at 080011111.

Try praying with a Teaspoon prayer (**TSP**).

T: Give **T**hanks to God for all that he has done for us, keeping us safe and loving us.

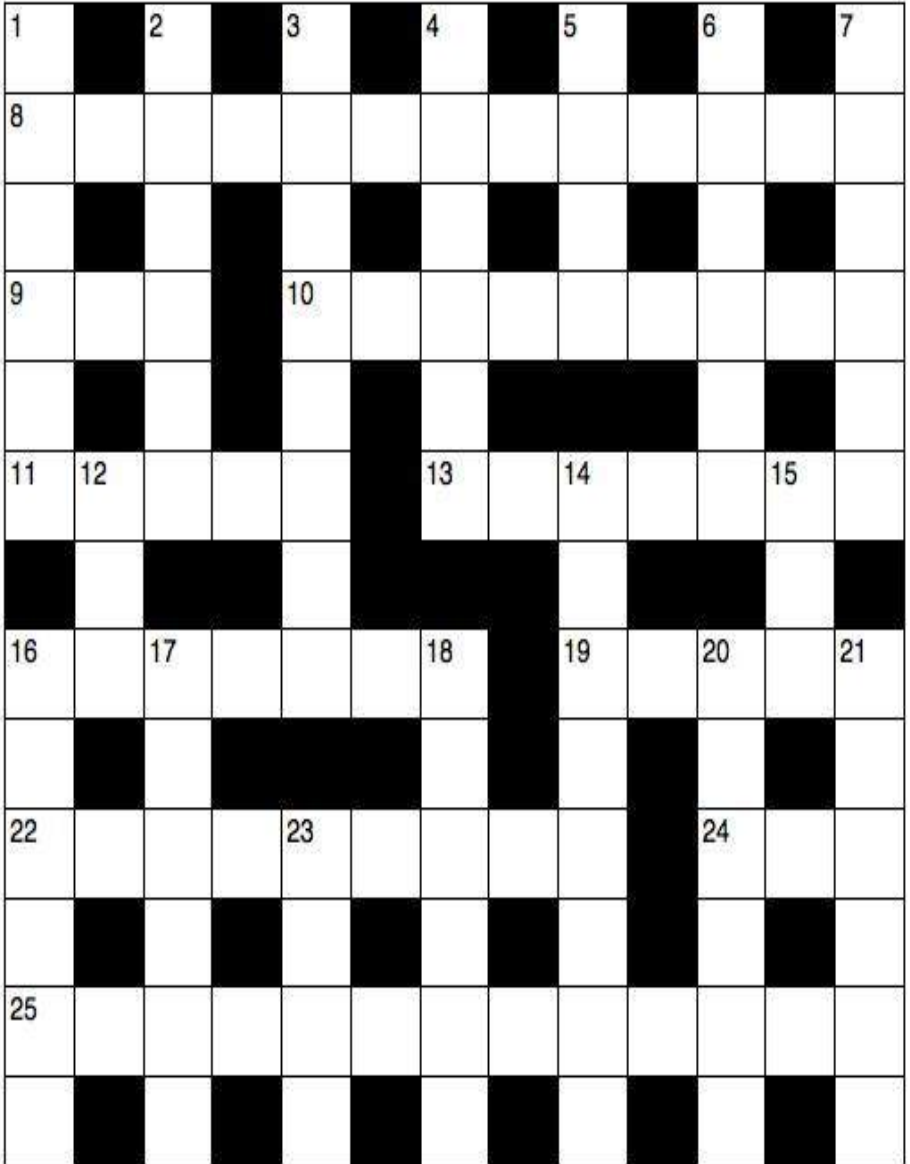
S: **S**ay sorry to God for all our sins and give us a fresh start.

P: **P**lease look after us and keep us safe from harm.

Summer term is always a busy term and we ask that you pray for us all at school, particularly Y6 as we get ready to move onto our high schools.

Megan and Eve

Crossword



Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
9 In favour of (3)
10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
22 Holy Communion (9)
24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
12 Ate (anag.) (3)
14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
23 Diva (anag.) (4)



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Avengers: Endgame (12A)

Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo

Stars: Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans, Josh Brolin, Chris Hemsworth, Jeremy Renner, Mark Ruffalo, Paul Rudd, Scarlett Johansson, Bradley Cooper, Brie Larson, Don Cheadle, Karen Gillan, Danai Gurira, Jon Favreau, and Gwyneth Paltrow

In a Nutshell: How do you start off a review for a film this big, or a film this anticipated and long awaited? Do you simply put something simple like well it's perfect and it's great? Or do you break the fourth wall of movie reviewing by doing what I just did? However you do it, it's best to start by addressing the usual things... the effects are as always, terrific and all the cast are on form throughout though a real special mention to both Downey Jr and Evans who have always been iconic in these roles but here really deliver something special and deserve to win some plaudits and real kudos for what they pull off, same goes for Johansson and Hemsworth to be fair who both have utterly terrific moments too. But if I had to pick out one it's Downey who really encapsulates a career in this role with a defining performance here, it's beautiful and terrific. It's kinda hard to talk too much about everything without being spoilery but suffice to say it's a phenomenal piece of moviemaking because it literally does everything you could want in a giddy and wonderful way... it's a payoff to so many little things and offers all the things you ever wanted to see and all the characters you wanted to so see do the things. All the characters get great moments and things to do and then characters you maybe didn't expect come back and do great things... simply put just see the movie and you'll know what I mean. For me, having grown up watching these movies for 11 years it was simply everything. It may not do the exact same for everyone, but for me this movie was perfect and deserves to be seen and rewatched and studied and pored over and adored and loved and savoured, because how often does a movie franchise get it so right and have this much success and this much ambition and simply work in this way again? It may never do in the same way again

Rating: 10/10





The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Wild Rose (15)

Directed by Tom Harper

Stars: Jessie Buckley, Julie Walters, Sophie Okenodo, Craig Parkinson, James Harkness, Jamie Sives, Ashley Shelton, Bob Harris, and Gemma McElhinney

In a Nutshell: In sharp contrast to the hype and excitement about Avengers and other various big blockbusters, how nice is it to take a chance on a smaller lesser known film and still be similarly blown away by something so excellent? It's a great nice feeling and leaves you wanting to take more chances on little gems like this more often. Featuring a barnstorming (and if there's any justice, super-star making) performance from Jessie Buckley not to mention sterling support from the always on-fire Julie Walters, this is a beautiful brash and bold story about following your dream no matter how hard you're hit and no matter how easy it could be to give up and go the easy route and one of the big things in this movie that stunned me when I read the credits, was not only does Buckley sing all the tunes in the movie, but all the songs on the soundtrack that play too; its only come the credits that you realize everything has been her and it's utterly mesmerizing. Backed by a nice supporting cast and some great location work spotlighting some interesting locations both here and abroad as well as its aforementioned great soundtrack and great message, this is a movie well worth seeking out and living in... it's a true gem!

Rating: 9/10

Also Seen: **Missing Link (PG) 8/10, Shazam! (12A) 9/10, Hellboy (15) 6/10 Anna and the Apocalypse (15) 10/10, Sorry to Bother You (15) 8/10**

Released in June:

X-Men: Dark Phoenix (12A) (5th), Gloria Bell (15) (6th), Late Night (15) (7th)

Men in Black: International (12A) (14th) Brightburn (15) (21st)

Childs Play (15) (21st) Toy Story 4 (PG) (21st) Yesterday (15) (28th)

In July's Issue:

Reviews of John Wick Chapter III and Aladdin



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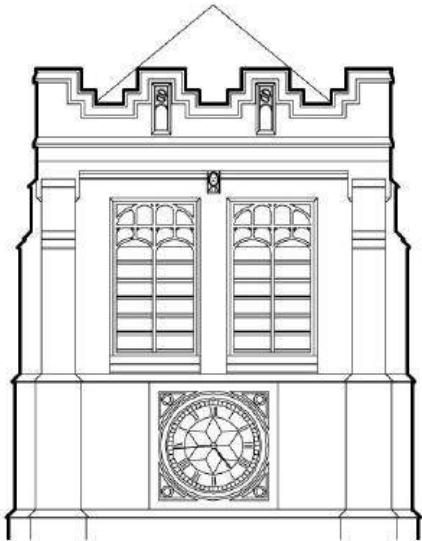
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Flowers in church this month

2nd June	vacant
9th June	vacant
16th June	In Memory of Connie Lockett's birthday from Sheila, Billy and Family
23rd June	In memory of Elaine from Ken
30th June	vacant

St Luke's Donations

In loving remembrance of Elaine from Ken

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**Sudoku
solution**

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All donations must be received by 11th June to be printed in the July Magazine.

Any donations received after this will be printed in the next edition.





6th June

Anniversary remembrance of Richard Glower,
a dear husband and dad

from Mary & Carol

23rd June

Birthday remembrance of a dearly loved dad
Bill Bullen

From Karen & Alec

In memory of Phoebe Diaz

From William and Hilda Payne



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



St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty

2nd June	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook & Margaret Carrington
9th June	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling & Barbara Davies
16th June	Meta Laites, Margaret Lyon & Kath Vella
23rd June	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook & Margaret Carrington
30th June	Meta Laites, Margaret Lyon & Kath Vella

June birth flower

Some believe that a person adopts the characteristics of the flower for the month he is born in. In the case of June, the beautiful rose is delicate, yet is capable of protecting itself with its thorns. It symbolizes love, devotion and passion. It is also highly fragrant and is the preferred flower to express your love for another. The colour, of course, can alter the meaning with deep reds signifying passion, while soft pinks represent motherly love. Likewise, the honeysuckle is a symbol of everlasting love, happiness and a sweet disposition. According to ancient beliefs the fragrance of the honeysuckle bloom inspires dreams of love and passion. Bringing a honeysuckle plant in bloom into the home was seen as a sure sign that a wedding would soon take place in the home.





St Thomas' Flowers

Flowers in church this month

	Altar	Lady Chapel
2nd June	Birthday remembrances of Peter Raymond (1st June) from Margaret & family	Birthday remembrances of Peter Raymond (1st June) from Jean & family
9th June	vacant	vacant
16th June	Precious birthday memories of a dear daughter and sister	Precious birthday memories of a dear daughter and sister
23rd June	Birthday memories of Allan Deluce (24th June) from Elsie & family	Anniversary remembrance of Joseph Middlehurst (3rd June) A dear husband, Dad & Grandad from Freda & family
30th June	Vacant	vacant

Flower Guild Donations

Treasured birthday remembrance of John Usher (3rd June) from his loving family

Flowers in Nativity Window

In loving memory of a dear father, Robert Hedley Hilton (birthday 14th June) from Alison, Adrian, Becky & Chris



The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

26th April	Jean Sandercock	Shawcross NH	85
3rd May	Granville Hart	Wigan Road	70
7th May	Leslie Shaw	Wigan Road	97
13th May	Thomas Atherton	Hebden Close	93
28th May	Eileen Mackenzie	Chetwode	74

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



12th May	Jackson William Allan Halsall	79 Grange Valley
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