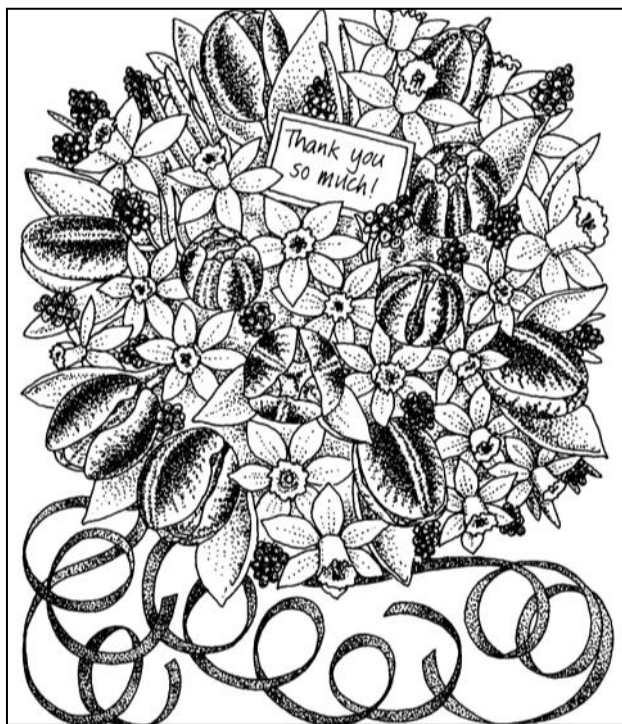


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Sundays

| St Thomas's | | St Luke's | |
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| 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) | | Family Worship (2nd Sunday Family Communion) |
| 6.30 p.m. | Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion) | 4.15 p.m. | Holy Communion (3rd Sunday Only) |

Weekdays

| | | |
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| 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 721484.

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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.

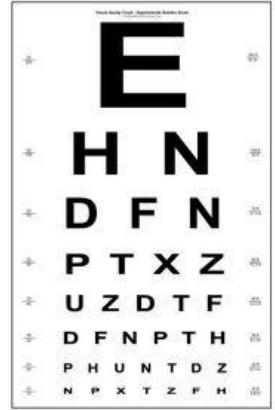
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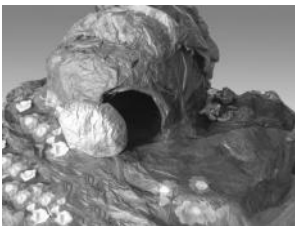
Letter from the Vicar

I was at the opticians recently, sitting in the chair staring at the ever smaller letters on the wall ahead of me. The optician carried out the familiar exercise of placing a lens in front of my right eye and asking, 'is it better with or without?' Then another lens, 'is better or worse?' Finally, with both eyes tested I was issued with my prescription.



Many people that I meet have no real need for Jesus until things go wrong or there is a crisis to be faced. Life is fine on their own terms until a little of God will help out for a while. When we go through those trials and testing times in life, and maybe also the joys and celebrations, we can all ask ourselves the question 'is this better with or without Jesus'. Does knowing him in our lives, particularly in the times of trial and celebration where He may be very close to us make life better or not? It's a question that we may ask ourselves, Christian or not.

As we journey through Lent to the Easter miracle of the resurrection we may contemplate both who the risen Christ may be for ourselves at this point in our lives, and also how our life to come may be better with him rather than without.



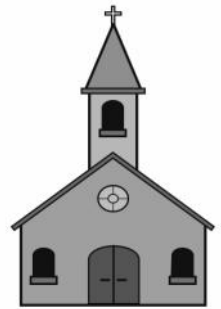
One of my favourite authors, Henri Nouwen writes: "Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the mystery of Christ within us. It is a gentle but also demanding time. It is a time of solitude but also community, it is a time of listening to the voice within, but also a



Letter from the Vicar

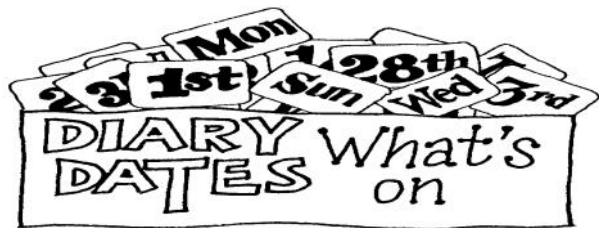
time of paying attention to other people's needs. It is a time to continuously make the passage to new inner life as well as to life with those around us. When we live Lent attentively and gently, then Easter can truly be a celebration during which the reality of the risen Christ will reverberate into the deepest place of our being."

Whether it is a particular issue or a life decision, God's prescription is to know the presence and the reality of the living Lord Jesus in all aspects of our life. You are welcome at St Thomas and St Luke's to travel with us this Lent and Easter and beyond. I pray that you truly discover or rediscover how much better life is with him than without.



Jeremy Thomas





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - March 2015

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <u>Monday</u> | Morning Prayer. | 9.00am |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Morning Prayer. Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) Church open for prayer. | 9:00am 10:00am - 12:00pm 7.30-8.30pm |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Morning Prayer. | 9.00am |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 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.

Streets for Prayer

This month we are praying for the people who work and live in:

Trent Road, Derwent Road, Welland Road, Riding Lane, Edge Green Road



Parish News



The Leprosy Mission

A big thank you to all those who supported World Leprosy Day this year. The total collected was £170 which has been forwarded to The Leprosy Mission.



Barbara and Margaret

Free Will Offering Envelopes



I will shortly be issuing the Freewill Offering Envelopes for the next year. As the number of envelopes in use has declined I have had to reduce the printing order.

I would be glad if those using the envelopes would note the change in the numbers on the envelopes when you receive them. I am aware that many of you have had the same numbers for many years and I do apologise for this change and any inconvenience it causes.

If you are registered for Gift Aid you will need to use the new number when making any additional donations for example at Gift Day.

Jackie Wilson.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our Church members of thanking Jackie for her dedicated service in administering the Freewill Offering Scheme.

Malcolm



Mothers Union

Diary Branch dates



Let me point out that there is still just enough time to **'Make a Mother's Day'** by using the MU initiative, for Mums' and Grandmas' This year Mothering Sunday is on the 15 March and orders must be placed by Wednesday 6th March for the card to arrive in time. The booklet with details and form enclosed are at the back of Church.

Women World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March is Women's World Day of Prayer the Service this year will be held at the Salvation Army at 1.30pm.

Wednesday 18th March in the Church Hall 7.30pm Speaker Mrs Maxine Armstrong from the Wigan and Leigh Hospice.

Advance Notice

Wednesday 22 April Deanery Festival is to be held at St Pauls Goose Green 7.30pm. Speaker Lois Bentley (Phyllis Bretherton's daughter) Theme United in Prayer. Please put the date in your diary.

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord,
give us such knowledge of his presence within us
as we try to build our lives on the rock of prayer.

May our prayers be a lifeline
between you and those for whom we pray,
bless all the prayer groups,
both leaders and members.



May the time they spend together in prayer

be a blessing to each one,
 that their lives may be enriched
 through coming to spend time with you
 and remembering the needs of all.
 Help us all in quietness and silence
 to draw near to you to listen' as well as talk.
 For your dear name's sake. Amen

Love and prayers

Barbara



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| 19/01/15 | 97.50 | 38 | 2.56 |
| 26/01/15 | 757.26 | 123 | 6.16 |
| TOTALS | 1857.41 | 311 | |
| AVERAGE | 464.35 | 78 | 5.97 |



1st Ashton in Makerfield Boys Brigade

February was an exciting month.

Anchors and Juniors went to the Pantomime.
(Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!)

We went to watch "Puss in Boots" performed
by St. John's Dramatic Society, Pemberton and
thoroughly enjoyed it.



Junior and Company boys had a taste of learning to play the drum,
bugle and glockenspiel, taught by friends of an Officer. We really
would like to get our band functioning again so
that we can parade properly but it takes regular
commitment by someone with the musical
talent.



Unfortunately our friends are unable to give that regular
commitment so if you have the talent or know someone else who
has and is willing to give half an hour each Tuesday then please get
in touch.

Finally, 3 of our valued helpers attended a Training Course at
Kirkham and are now fully fledged Officers – so congratulations to
Mrs Vicki Jones, Miss Kirsty McCulley and Mr Christopher Beatty. They
each help out in a different section so we are feeling very blessed
at their promotion, (and Chris is an ex Company boy.) We feel sure
they have much to offer and are looking forward to their input.

The Officers and Helpers.

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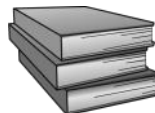


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Saturday 21st March 11am-1pm
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The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Do you remember this parable that Jesus told about two men with very different attitudes to prayer?

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' (Luke 18:10-13).

The next verse tells us what Jesus told his listeners. "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Our mission in this Messy Church was to remind ourselves that we should always pray for the right reasons and that we should avoid showing off or thinking that we are better than other people. We also wanted to remind everyone that Jesus brings hope and that no one is beyond the reach of God's love and forgiveness.

As usual we did this through a number of activities or crafts; some messier than others.

We made up our own 'disappearing solution' adding various amounts of vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder, washing up liquid and lemon juice to a bowl of water. When we put pictures that we'd drawn of some of the things that we had done that were wrong – they disappeared, just like our sins are washed away when we say sorry to God!



On another table, we drew or wrote more of the ways that we mess up and then pushed these pieces of paper into a gloopy mess made from baked beans, rice pudding, gravy browning and brown sauce. That was messy!

We chatted about what prayer was and made different things to help us to remember to chat to God; prayer bracelets, prayer tassels and our own version of a Jewish phylactery.

The Pharisee boasted in his prayer that he gave away a tenth of all he gets, just as the bible instructs us to do. Jesus loves us to share the good things that we have and so each person could take two pieces of fruit and dip them into melted chocolate - one to eat and one to give away to someone else.



It seems sometimes as though peacocks are showing off when they spread out their tail feathers, a bit like the Pharisee boasting about how good he was. We made peacock fans to remind us that we shouldn't boast when we pray or at any other time really.

It is always good to pray for other people and so we had a world map out to allow everyone to choose a country and then pray for it.

Having talked about how we should and shouldn't pray and about how God forgives us when we ask him, everyone had the opportunity to be prayed for and to be encouraged saying their own prayers.



While we ate our hot dogs and muffins we chatted about
How many times have you said sorry today?
Do you find it easy or hard to say sorry? Why?
How do you think the tax collector in the story felt when God forgave him?

Our next Messy Church will be on Good Friday on 3rd April at 10.30am in the church hall. We are looking for people to help us as most of the usual team will be in the Good Friday service in church. If you are able to help then please get in touch with Messy Sue on 07877 704645 or sue@stthomasstluke.org.uk.

At the end of our Good Friday Messy Church we join with others from our church family in the hall at noon for lunch of pre-ordered chippie fish & chips (sign up in church) or fish fingers and oven chips.





St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Year 6 Communion Service

On Thursday 5th February our Year 6 children attended the regular Thursday 9.45 am communion service at St. Thomas' church. After walking to church in exceptionally cold weather they were greeted on arrival with a very warm welcome from all of those that were on attendance on the day.

For some of our pupils it was the very first time that they took bread and they all felt they had been blessed, but the whole group would like to say a big thank you to everyone, especially reverends Jeremy, Helen and Izzy for organising the special Eucharistic service.

All the children enjoyed the gospel reading, the shared conversations with the congregation and also the tasty cakes at the end of service!!

Thank you from all Year 6!!

Great Result

Seven boys from St. Thomas's school took part in a football tournament entitled "*Wigan community trust competition*" along with 40 other primary schools. The event took place at Wigan Soccer Dome and the pupils were supported and coached by Mr. Daniel Smith, our school's P.E. specialist.

Not only did we win and received a cup but we were congratulated

by Mr. Lowe from Hindley Green Community Primary School, via e-mail, praising the respect and sportsmanship demonstrated by our team as well as our competitive nature and all the other special qualities that made it an honour to play against us.

Very well done to our wonderful team, we are all very proud of you.

Student Prayer of the Month

Dear God

Please help us to forgive people when they have hurt our feelings. Thank you for our food and drinks. Please take care of all the people in heaven. Thank you for all the things you have given us.

Amen.

Charlotte Cunliffe Y3

God Bless each one of our wonderful children

Elaine Mateus

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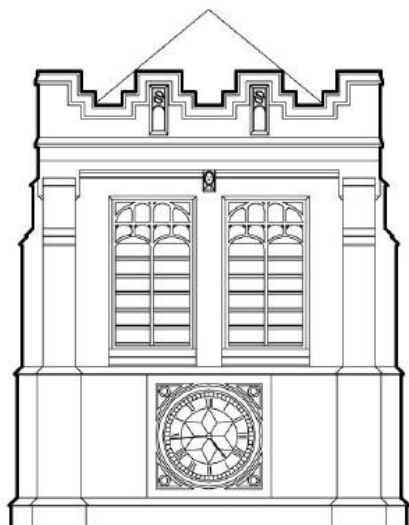
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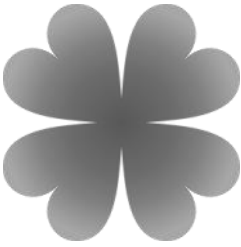
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St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh, and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ. Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.



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Kingsman: The Secret Service (15) Directed by Matthew Vaughn
Stars: Colin Firth, Taron Egerton, Samuel.L.Jackson, Mark Strong, Michael Caine, Sofia Boutella, Sophie Cookson, Mark Hamill, Tom Prior, Jack Davenport, Geoff Bell, and Erica Emm

In a Nutshell: Matthew Vaughn is hardly a director who plays by the rules... his 2004 debut *Layer Cake* was the dark and cool gangster thriller that introduced us to Daniel Craig while his 2010 superhero adaptation of the Mark Miller graphic novel that introduced the world to Hit Girl who everything you'd imagine you couldn't get away with in a modern blockbuster, even his *X-Men* prequel *First Class* had a dark and sharp edge that give the franchise a fresh kick of life. So now, he's making his own spy movie and it's everything you'd expect from the man who brought us Hit Girl. Very very witty and very very bonkers, yet with plenty of dark edges, a lot of insane violence that won't be for everyone and a very un-PC attitude to everything... it's essentially doing for James Bond and the like what he did for superheroes. Safe to say from someone who's a massive fan, it's an utter joy from start to start. Colin Firth is as fantastic as he always is, straight faced and straight laced while being the brand new action hero icon, you simply wouldn't mess with him... and he is supported brilliantly by terrific dependables like Michael Caine as the spy head and Mark Strong as the gadget man, and not least a fantastically off the wall Sam Jackson as the insane villain. Best of all though is newcomer Egerton as Eggsy, the new recruit who has to step up and train to save the world, his story is fantastically told in the most traditional sense possible while never really being traditional at all... and he is really is a face to watch; he's going to be massive! A host of familiar faces will have you wondering what you saw them in, and there's a handful of fantastic tunes being given a new spin in ways you didn't expect.... basically if you love the spy movie, if you love having fun and you can handle it and go along for the ride, you are going to adore every minute! Just be sure to brace yourself.... **Rating: 10/10**



Whiplash (15) Directed by Damien Chazelle

Stars: Miles Teller, J.K Simmons, Paul Reiser, Melissa Benoist, Austin Stowell, Nate Lang, and Chris Mulkey

In a Nutshell: If someone said to you that a movie about people drumming was the tensest, exciting and jaw dropping movie you might see all year, you could be surprised... you could not be, after all drumming is fairly awesome stuff... but this movie takes it another level completely. It'll either make you want to join a band or do for drumming what *Psycho* did for

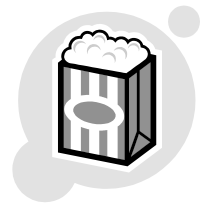


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showers and Nightmare on Elm Street did for taking a bath (Jaws is such a byword for this, that it doesn't need mentioning) and make you run a mile from trying lest Fletcher wants to teach you. Fletcher being the instant classic character played here by dead-cert Oscar winner (by the time you read this, he'll have deservedly and obviously won his award) J.K Simmons, always having been a true legend in everything he's in and finally really really shining here, both charming and utterly terrifying, a brutal teacher and a bully of ways, but at the same time you can see in a way why he is how he is. On the other hand you have Miles Teller, sadly not getting enough love for his in a different way bravura turn as Andrew, who so desperately wants to be a world class drummer that he goes to extreme lengths and is helped by the way Fletcher pushes him, his is another fantastic performance that shouldn't be undervalued because in some ways he's not the innocent victim he could be, his arrogance getting the better of him at times. The two hander is tense and terrifying, and helps push the mood of the piece to an electric finale.... Like I said, there is hardly likely to be a more electrifying and intense and terrifyingly exciting piece of cinema this year, it will leave you breathless... in a good way! **Rating: 10/10**



Also Seen:

Into the Woods (PG) 8/10

Mortdecai (12A) 6/10

Ex Machina (15) 8/10

Taken III (12A) 4/10

Foxcatcher (15) 8/10

Exodus: Gods and Kings (12A) 8/10

Also Out in March:

Chappie (15) March 6th, Still Alice (12A) March 6th, Unfinished Business (15) March 6th, Run All Night (15) March 13th, Top Five (15) March 13th, Divergent: Insurgent (12A) March 20th, The Gunman (15) March 20th, Home (U) March 20th, The Voices (15) March 20th, Bill (PG) March 27th, Cinderella (PG) March 27th, Get Hard (15) March 27th, Seventh Son (12A) March 27th, Robot Overlords (12A) March 27th, Spongebob: Sponge out of Water (U) March 27th



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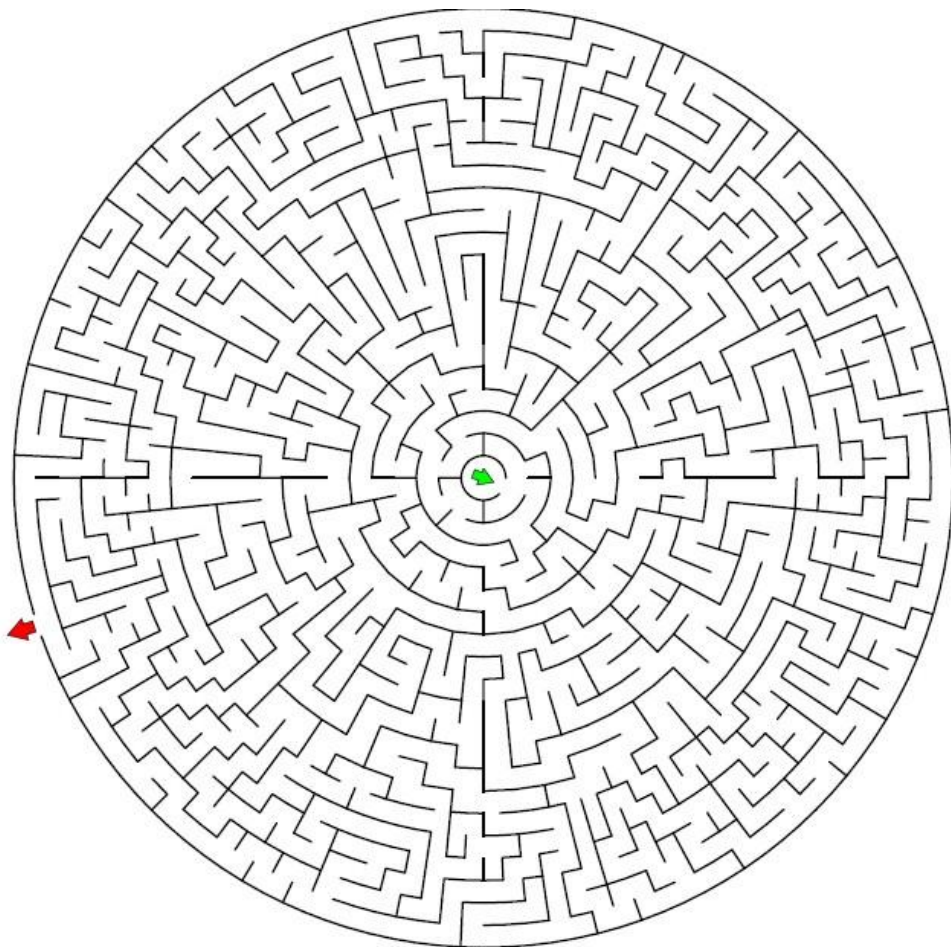
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See if you can find your way through this tricky maze!

Good Luck!!!





St ANGELA

It is not that long ago that most girls never had the chance to be educated. But one determined woman started the process, and her name was Angela Merici. She was born in Italy on 24 March 1474. Both her parents died when she was only 10, and then when Angela was 13 her elder sister died too, which led her to dedicate her life to God. When she was only 22 she started a school for young girls in her home town and this was so successful that she was invited to start schools in other places. Her faith led her to make pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to Rome.

It was when she was in Rome in 1524 that she suddenly lost her sight. Pope Clement VII asked her to stay in Rome to take charge of an order of nursing nuns but she refused and went home to Brescia. When she was almost 60 she started the Order of St Ursula, which is still involved in teaching today. Even though she was blind, St Angela Merici had a vision of what was possible with God's help.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

This timetable has the lessons scrambled up – can you unravel the school subjects? Answers below.

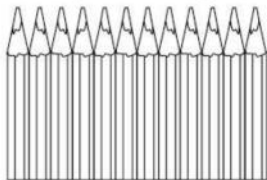
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What did I get for my history test?

Well, first the good news – you spelled your name correctly.

Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?

Pupil: Not really.

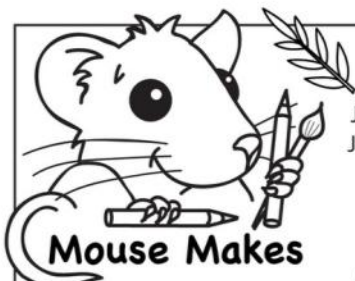


What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.



Answers: 1.Mathematics 2.History
3.English 4.French 5.Art 6.Chemistry
7.Games



Some believed Jesus was
God's Saviour, the
Messiah, but some did not.

What do you believe?

Read these stories from
Mark's Gospel - 1:40-45,
4:35-41, 5:1-43 and 6:30-56

JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM AS KING

As Jesus and his disciples approached
Jerusalem they came to the Mount of Olives.
Jesus sent two disciples ahead of him and said
"You will find a donkey and her colt,
untie them and bring them to me."

A large crowd spread their coats
and branches cut from the trees onto the
road in front of Jesus and shouted:

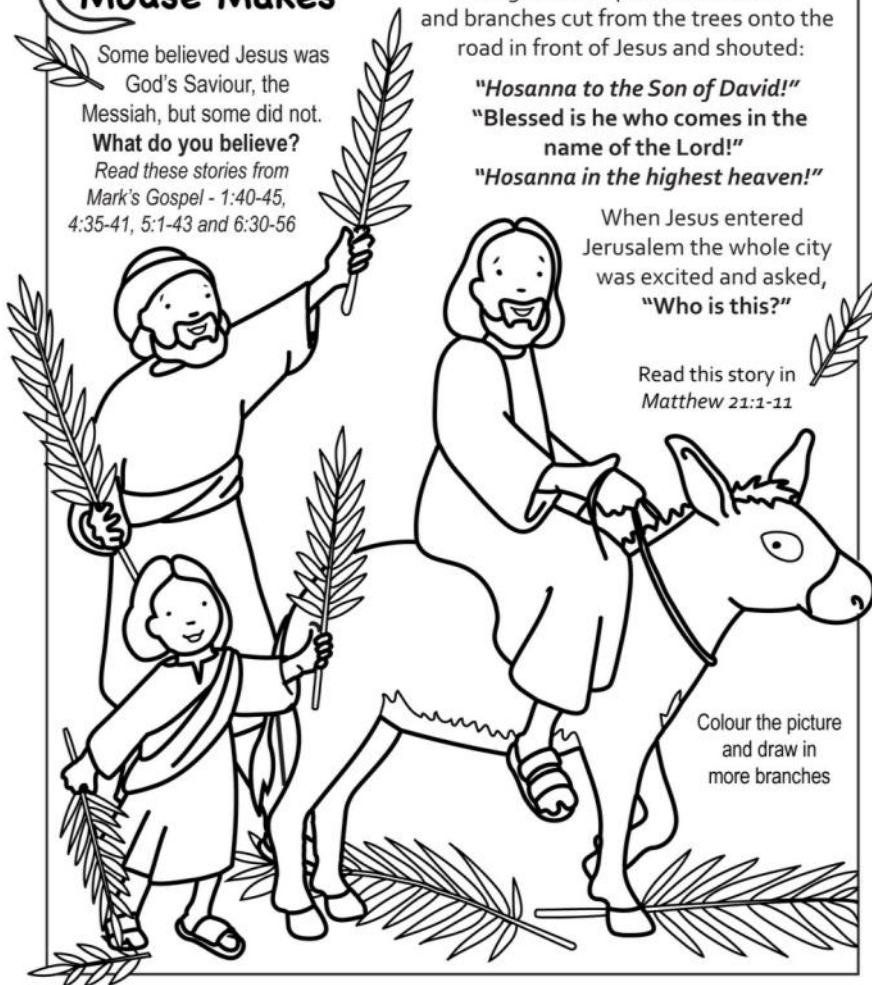
"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

**"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!"**

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered
Jerusalem the whole city
was excited and asked,
"Who is this?"

Read this story in
Matthew 21:1-11



Colour the picture
and draw in
more branches

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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

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| 15th Jan. | Thomas Roy Silvester | Princess Road | 91 yrs |
| 19th Jan. | Kenneth Stopforth | Bolton Road | 76yrs |
| 19th Jan. | John Walls | East Street | 72yrs |
| 30th Jan. | Enid Hodgkinson | Locker Lane | 87yrs |
| 4th Feb. | William Edge | Magdalen Drive | 76yrs |
| 5th Feb. | Eric Sanderson | Nicol Road | 82yrs |

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



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| 18th Jan. | Stanley John Braddock | Downall Green Road |
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Church Organisations in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in Makerfield

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.

Practice – Monday : 7.30 p.m.

St Thomas' Choir

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

Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.

Paul Tushingham (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)

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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

Dorothy Hesketh (738713)

Friday Drop In

Friday - 8-9.30pm (Y7-Y11)

Sue Thomas (727275)

St. Luke's Treasurer

John Boon

Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)

Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall

Ceri Mansell (727417)

St Luke's Mothers' Union

1st Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Bobbie Masnyk

(718473)

St Thomas' Mothers' Union

3rd Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Barbara Taylor (205136)

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Meta Laites (723679)

Bowling Club

Henry Hunter (712709)

Monthly Dance Club

John Makinson (725870)

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