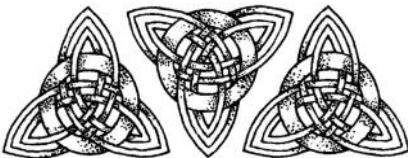


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Sundays

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)		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

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.

Funerals

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



Letter from the Vicar

James Hudson Taylor used to say that there are three stages in the work of God: Impossible, Difficult, Done.

He knew the truth of this in 51 years as a missionary in China. The organisation that he began was responsible for bringing over 800 missionaries to the country; they began 125 schools and resulted in thousands of Christian conversions.

Hudson Taylor started with a dream or vision of what the future could be for the communication and the understanding of the message of Jesus in China. His vision and realisation came to him on a beach in Brighton, one that would impact the lives of thousands - as Jesus tells us in Acts 1:18, 'to the ends of the earth'.

When we hear about the growth of the Chinese church, it is men and women like him that surely fanned the flame of the Good News of Jesus that burns ever brighter today. Along with those he ministered with, they realized a dream of what may be, they journeyed faithfully through the difficult tasks of achieving the dream, and with God's providence they saw the results and the fruit in the growth of the Chinese church as God's will was done.

We continue our journey at St Thomas and St Luke's churches to discern our own vision for our Parish. At our services this Sunday, all of our congregations in both churches, including our children and young people, dreamed dreams of what church could be like now and in the future – encouraged to place no limit on resources, people or buildings, for there is no limit on God's vision.



Letter from the Vicar

As we listen to God prayerfully, much of what we discern that appears 'impossible' to us initially, will become merely 'difficult' to achieve, but when complete we will see God's will 'done'. Our mission begins with our local community, for that is the context and the location in which God has placed us; it extends to the ends of the earth as part of the Body of Christ worldwide.

As we open our hearts and minds to our own dreams for the future of our parish, thinking about the church that we want to hand on to our children and grandchildren, I encourage you to listen to God and to respond. Contact us via email, letter, phone or via social media and we will add your dreams for St Thomas and St Luke's into the next stages of our discernment of our vision for the future of our church in Ashton.



Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - May 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—Thanks.

We have just completed the full cycle of prayer cards to addresses around the parish and are beginning again. Our thanks must go to young Jack Jarvis who took on the task of delivering these cards right across the parish. Well done Jack and your scooter!



Parish News



Newly Installed Defibrillators

We now have defibrillators for both St Thomas and St Luke's. I would like to thank Keith Dagnall for agreeing to provide instruction on the use of the equipment for a number of volunteers and the volunteers for offering themselves for this service.

I also wish to thank Jim Marsden for constructing and fixing a suitable container for the defibrillator, which please note is positioned by the main entrance door to church.

Parish Giving

In last months Magazine I explained the decision of the PCC to adopt this method of accepting payments of your weekly donations to expense of running the church whether currently made by standing order, freewill offering envelopes or indeed cash. I would like to thank those members of the congregation who have completed the direct debit forms which have now been submitted and will take effect very shortly. We can expect an immediate benefit to our finances with regard to the receipt of Gift Aid within 10 days.

As a church we face ever increasing annual costs and I must ask those who have not yet given thought to assisting by joining the scheme to give it very serious consideration. If you are concerned or embarrassed at the thought of not putting anything on the offertory plate during the service we will be making tokens available to explain that your donation is made by a different method. These tokens will be offered up in similar manner to the present cash and envelopes.

I am ready and willing to give any further explanation that you might require so that we can make this venture a real success. We have a supply of forms just ask.

Malcolm



Mothers Union

Diary Branch dates

Wednesday 20 May in the Church Hall at 7.30pm the speaker is Doreen Fowler.

Wave of Prayer is from the 10th - 15th May

On Thursday 19 March Bobbie and myself went to Wigan to meet Marilynn and Rachel from Burma who came to help celebrate 125 years of Mothers Union in the Liverpool Diocese. They visited the Brick and then came to the Parish Church in Wigan where the Rev Canon Ray Hutchinson showed them round the Church where they took many photographs. Marilynn's husband is an Archdeacon in Burma and Rachel's husband a vicar. We then went to the Wheel for a meal. There were about 50 members from the Deanery. We had a lovely time.

They were presented with gifts by Margaret Anderton. The Diocesan President June Houghton came to take them to Liverpool for the night. June then took them on the train to London to visit Mary Sumner House and a ride on the open top bus around London. Back in Liverpool they attended the Lady Day Service. On Wednesday the 25 March Lynne Tembey preached in a celebration Eucharist in the Cathedral. After a very busy couple of weeks they returned to Burma on the 26 March.

Summer Evening Trip this year is still at the planning stage 'Watch this Space'

The Presence of God

I pause for a moment
and reflect on God's life-giving presence

in every part of my body, in everything around me,
in the whole of my life.

I pause for a moment
and reflect on my dreams
in every part of my body, in everything around me,
in the whole of my life.

I pause for a moment
and reflect on my relationships
in every part of my body, in everything around me,
in the whole of my life.

I pause for a moment
and reflect on my work
in every part of my body, in everything around me,
in the whole of my life. Amen

Love and prayers

Barbara

FREE WILL OFFERINGS—MARCH 2015

DATE	AMOUNT	NO. OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE PER ENVELOPE
2/3/15	460.25	69	6.67
9/3/15	391.50	70	5.59
16/3/15	381.50	68	5.61
23/3/15	497.44	78	6.38
30/3/15	349.45	74	4.72
TOTALS	2080.14	359	
AVERAGE	416.02	72	5.79



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Low Bank Ground Visit

On Monday 16th March thirty five of our year 5 and year 6 students took part on a five day visit to Low Bank Ground Outdoor Education Centre located in the heart of the Lake District on the shores of Coniston Water.

The aim of this outdoor education experience is to inspire young people to succeed in new challenges by developing skills such as self-confidence and self-esteem as well as personal and social skills. Some of the activities undertaken by our pupils included canoeing, kayaking, orienteering and mountain climbing to name but a few.

The evenings saw lots of fun and laughter with the children taking part in quizzes, going on an "alien" hunt in the dark using torches and participating in a "Low Bank Got Talent" competition.

All the children were supported for the duration of the visit by the school's teaching staff, including a visit from the Head Teacher, Mrs Jones, and Y6 teacher, Mrs Fairclough.

The weather was nice and dry with snow on the top of the mountains whilst in the slopes and valleys there were many signs of oncoming spring, in the form of seasonal vegetation, which was a joy for all to see. All children had a brilliant time and will certainly have lots of happy memories from the experience.

Student Prayer of the Month

*God made you and God made me,
He made the world for us to see,
God loves you and long ago,
He sent his Son to tell us so.*

*Jesus showed us many things,
To love and share and dance and sing,
To learn and pray, to help and care,
He promised he'd always be there.*

*He died but then came back to life,
Let's celebrate for he's alive!*

Amen.

(Prayed after the Easter Assembly by Lucy Croft, Y6)

"Whenever two or three people come together in my name I am there with you".

Mathew 18 v:20

God's blessings to you all.
Elaine Mateus



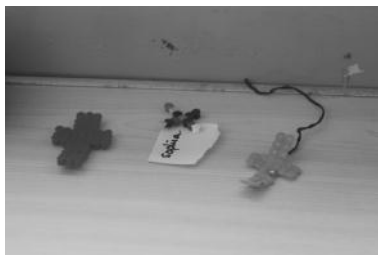
Always Ashton Easter Egg Hunt & Loving Easter

There has been an Easter egg hunt around Ashton shops for a number of years and this year on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, the last Easter egg on this hunt was in St Thomas' church. We welcomed over 90 families and individuals over 4 hours with cakes and drinks. Many church members had baked and others came to help on the day.

Our puppets sang and danced to songs and took part in an Easter skit. There were 4 laptops around church, each with part of an animated short film of the Easter story and there were also 4 Messy Church tables set up.

The most popular table was where children and some adults made Hobby Donkeys, with bamboo canes and donkey heads, to remind them that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

It was great to see St Thomas' buzzing with families that we had not seen in church before and we were delighted that we could offer a free opportunity for people to find out more about the Easter story.



Many said that they were interested in future Messy Churches and some came to our Good Friday Messy Church, Loving Easter. We had 72 children with their parents/ grandparents, with many new faces and almost all of these stayed for fish fingers and chips which gave us an opportunity to chat.

They were from a number of different churches and reminded us that we are not running Messy Church to build the congregation at St Thomas' and St Luke's, but to grow God's Kingdom and encourage people, children in particular, in their relationship with Jesus.

Highlights from Loving Easter? All the children we asked said that they

liked it when a leader cracked an egg on their head. It sounds a bit of a strange thing to do until you hear the context.

Two adult 'volunteers' were asked to come out for a quiz. They were told that the winner would receive a creme egg and the loser would have an egg cracked over their head. The questions were unfair; the first - *What colour is chocolate?* to one contestant and *When was the first commercially produced Easter egg sold?* to the other. After 3 questions the score was 3-0.

An unfair quiz, a bit like Jesus' unfair trial. The loser got ready to have the egg broken on her head, when the quizmaster told the loser that she would take her place and so smashed the egg on her own head. That is what Jesus did for us - not with a broken egg but with a broken body. Dying for us, so that, if we believe in him and what he has done for us; then we can go to heaven.

Our next Messy Church will be in St Thomas' school on Thursday May 7th from 3.30 to 5pm. We are always looking for more helpers; whether it is planning, cutting out things beforehand or helping on the day. Please get in touch on 07877 704645 or sue@stthomasstluke.org.uk.



Making a difference - Litter Pick – Saturday 18th April

On Saturday 18th April, 18 adults and 1 child set out on a new venture; a litter pick. The area chosen was Ashton Heath, a large area of grass and trees near Windsor Road, as well as the edges of Heath Road graveyard and surrounding paths. All the equipment was provided including litter grabbers so no rubbish had to be actually touched. As well as the many plastic bottles and cans that were picked up, the more unusual objects included:-

2 popped footballs

Socks

1 glove

2 pens

1 pair of overalls

Mud flap from a Volvo

Evening dress

Shopping trolley

Despite the task in hand, the morning was really great. We all enjoyed the fresh air and exercise in the company of some of our church family. Some of us had not been on the Heath before or realised how big an area it covered.

It was a satisfying conclusion at the end knowing that a difference had been made for our community, and that the Heath was free of rubbish. A shocking 41 bags of rubbish were collected.

We were rewarded by lots of cups of tea and bacon barmcakes back in the church hall, prepared by 3 other members of the group.

Fancy joining us next time? Next litter pick will be on Saturday 23rd May, meeting at 10am on St Thomas's church car park. For any further information please contact Sue or Anne Wooff.

Clare Hayton

Letter from the Griffiths

Dear Jeremy, PCC Members and all at St Thomas's Church,

Thank you all so much for your kind and generous gift to us when we left St Thomas's to take up the post of Missional Leader at St James' Poolstock.

We arrived at St Thomas and St Lukes 16 years ago when Barbara was pregnant with Beth. Beth was not the only one who grew up and matured during this time. Both Tim and I have grown up spiritually and have been encouraged to develop our gifts whilst members of St Thomas's. We were warmly encouraged to develop drama, with numerous sketches and larger Easter productions. We participated in and then lead various house groups, got involved in ALPHA and lots of other events over the years.

It was at a Church Weekend away that Tim was first challenged about church leadership, which led him to go into training and become a reader.

As well as growing in faith, we also made many friends at St Thomas's and we will always regard you all with warm affection.

We are settling into St James Church and have been warmly welcomed by all. Harold and Ethel send their good wishes Harold is particularly enjoying 'Hymns Ancient & Modern but asked if Sue and the young people could consider toilet twinning with St James!

I am sure that we will visit you all in the future and you will remain in our prayers as we hope you also pray for us.

Thank you once again not just for your gift but for the last 16 years of fun, friendship and fellowship

With much love

Tim, Barbara and Beth
(Harold and Ethel)



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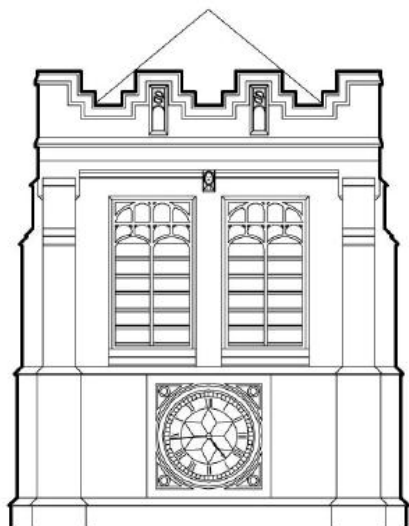
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30TH MAY	Mrs Hibbert, Mrs Lyon, Mrs Davies

FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING MAY		
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
3RD MAY	VACANT	Birthday memories of Beatrice Brown a much loved Auntie from Joan, Dennis and Wendy
10TH MAY	Birthday memories of Anne Forshaw a dear Auntie and Godmother from Irene	Birthday remembrance of Susan Cherrington (16th May) a dear wife, Mum, daughter, sister and aunty
17TH MAY	In memory of all loved ones from Brenda Percival	Birthday remembrance of Joe Middlehurst a dear husband, Dad and granddad.
24TH MAY	VACANT	In memory of all loved ones from Mrs Wood and family & Mr & Mrs Lawton and family
31ST MAY	Anniversary remembrance of Joe Middlehurst (3rd June) a dear husband, Dad and granddad	Birthday remembrance of Debra Davies (31st May) a dear Mum, daughter, sister and Aunty.



St Thomas' Flowers



FLOWER GUILD DONATIONS

Birthday remembrance of Norah Bradshaw (30th May) a dear sister from Kathy.

THANK YOU

The Flower Guild would like to thank everyone who gave so generously towards the cost of the Easter lilies and flowers to decorate the Church to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

St Lukes' Flowers



FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR MAY

DATE	
3RD MAY	Memories of Mum from Linda and Michael Ladyman
10TH MAY	Birthday memories of Husband Derek, Father and Grandad from Pat, Sue and Ryan
17TH MAY	Family memories from Joyce and Enid
24TH MAY	From Carol Pye
31ST MAY	VACANT



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Directed by Kenneth Branagh

Stars: Lily James, Richard Madden, Cate Blanchett, Stellan Skarsgard, Helena Bonham Carter, Holliday Grainger, Nonso Anozie, Sophie McShera, Derek Jacobi, Hayley Atwell, and Ben Chaplin

In a Nutshell: Making a live-action version of something is a interesting thing, and Disney seem to be turning all their classics into full fledged movies now with this sumptuous tale the first out of the gate. Full of vibrant scope, beautiful performances, exquisite scale and just dazzling to behold.... it's bound to capture the hearts of old and young all over again. From the performances, and naturally Cate Blanchett is a terrifying delight as the stepmother, both deliciously sinister but with reason whilst James is beautiful as the lead, full of life yet increasingly vulnerable yet still boisterous. Madden fares slightly less in the thankless prince role but still injects it with emotion and pathos and a amount of charm, and a terrifically emotional relationship with Jacobis king, whilst there is fabulous support from Skarsgard, Carter as well as nice brief turns by Chaplin and Atwell as Cinderella's parents. There are many dazzling set pieces too, not least the gorgeous ball scene and the chase after midnight, both stunning! This takes elements from the Disney animation and fully updates the rest.... it's sumptuous and amazing and a must-see in every sense! You shall go to the ball....

Rating: 9/10

Chappie (15)



Directed by Neill Blomkamp

Stars: Sharlto Copley, Hugh Jackman, Dev Patel, Ninja, Yo-Landi Visser, Jose Pablo Cantillo, and Sigourney Weaver

In a Nutshell: Original science fiction movies are a rare thing, but if you counted all the recent ones... chances are they were either by Christopher Nolan or Neill Blomkamp, and the District 9 genius is back again with his latest... which falls somewhere between the genius of District 9 and the solid if unremarkable Elysium. A few things straight away though, Sharlto Copley, the driving force through all Blomkamps movie, is unforgettable as Chappie... a terrific and tremendous performance done through motion capture that is simultaneously fun and

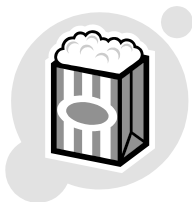


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unbelievably moving, whilst Dev Patel and Hugh Jackman are both great fun in their roles as hero and villain respectively in a way. Sadly, the duo from rap group Die Antwood, namely Ninja and Yo-Landi are less convincing as the thugs who take Chappie in and try to teach him about the world, they have their moments but they ultimately don't really work and can get grating fairly quickly, whilst Weaver is solid as the tough corporate boss but gets nothing to do really. Great though is that the action sequences as always are blinding as they were in the previous two movies with superb effects a great mix of physical and visual... and pretty explosive stuff. The only problem is the tone shift, at once very gritty and violent and then quite childlike and a simple story of a robot learning his way... if they could decide on a balanced tone, it might sit better as either a gritty actioner or a family tale, it still works enough but it can jar. But saying all that, there is still enough to make this a terrific sci-fi tale worth seeing, it's heartwarming and riveting when it needs to be and the action is stellar, with some great performances and a truly mesmerising lead. Sure it's a bit tonally everywhere but it's still pretty darn terrific....



Rating: 8/10

Also Seen:

The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (U) 8/10

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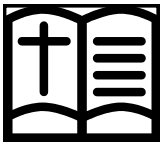
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Spooks: The Greater Good (15) (May 8th) Pitch Perfect II (12A) (May 15th) Mad Max: Fury Road (15) (May 15th)

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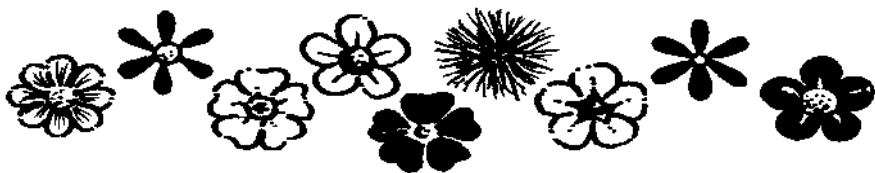
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PENTECOST

24th May

Do you know what happened on the first Pentecost? On that day what really amazed all the people was that everyone there heard the message of the Good News in their own language. You can read about this in Acts, chapter 2.

How many languages can you speak? We all speak English but most of us know at least a few words in more than one language. I bet you know some French, even if it is only 'bonjour' or 'merci', perhaps you know some Urdu, Spanish or Polish too.

There are so many languages in the world we couldn't hope to learn more than a few of them – but Jesus knows our language... He can speak everyone else's language too. His gospel can be translated into every possible dialect and tongue because, whatever words are used, that gospel is the same. It is for all people, everywhere. Jesus speaks to everyone in His own language.

P - QUIZ

All the answers in this Bible quiz begin with the letter P - can you find them all?

1. Paul wrote to the people of this town.
2. The Roman Governor who washed his hands.
3. Where the last book in the Bible was written.
4. Short stories Jesus told.
5. Goliath was one.
6. What Amos and Hosea were.
7. To begin with he was called Saul.
8. The Egyptian ruler who argued with Moses.

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Where would you look for a lost vicar?

The Bureau of Missing Parsons.

What is wet, round, and taste of peppermint?

Water Polo.

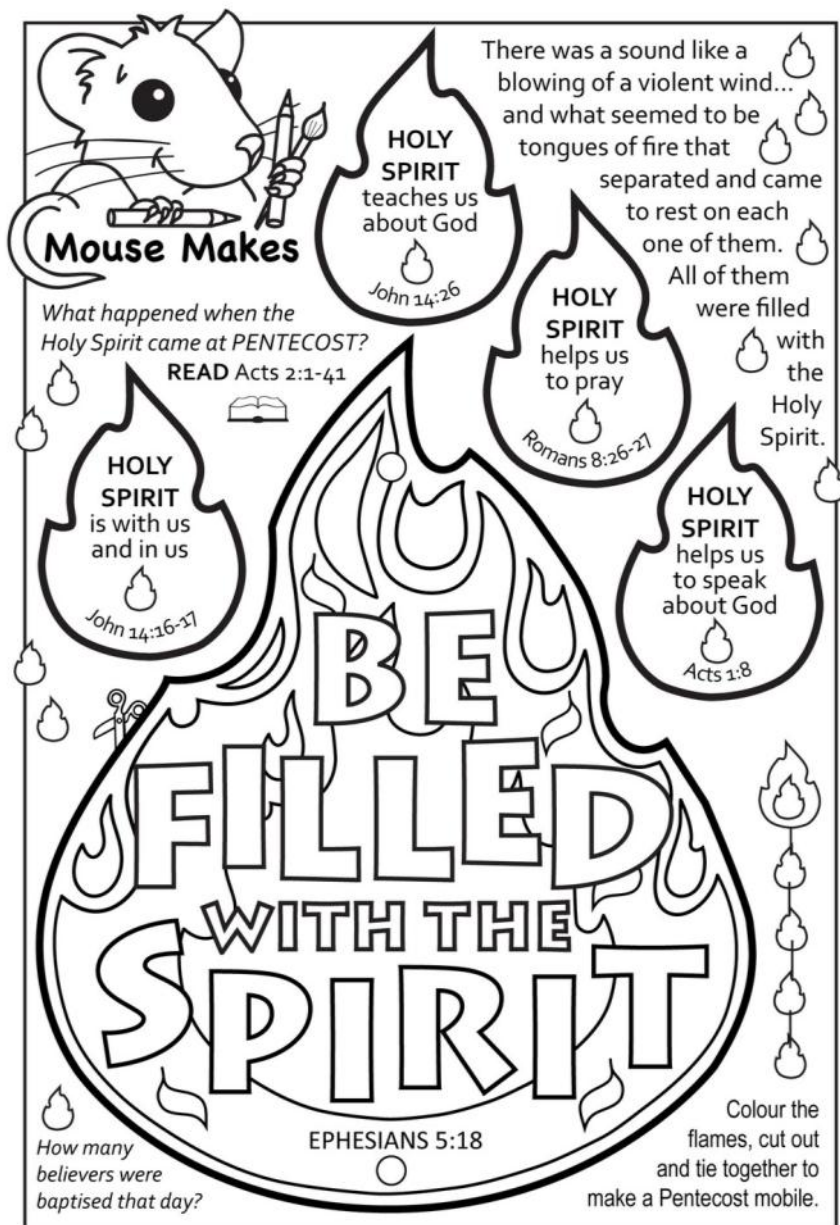
What did the policeman say to the naughty frog?

Hop it.

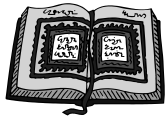


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ANSWERS: 1.Philippi 2.Pontius Pilate
3.Patmos 4.parables 5.Philistine
6.prophets 7.Paul 8. Pharaoh



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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

11th March	May Roscoe	Hollingswood Close	69yrs
23rd March	Alexander Ferrier Parr	Stonecross Lane	72yrs
24th March	Raymond Bullough	Winchester Avenue	83yrs
25th March	Andrea Picton	Rookery Avenue	39yrs
9th April	William Henry Pugh	Oakwood Avenue	88yrs
10th April	Arthur Ethell	Caldbeck Close	77yrs

Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



14th March	Christopher James Kitchin & Rachel Marsh
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Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



22nd March	Grace Ivy Wood	Lincoln Drive
29th March	Luke George Smith	
12th April	Caleb Joshua George	Severn Road
19th April	Alfie James Hesketh	Diane Road

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