

# **St.Thomas' and St. Luke's Ashton-In-Makerfield Church Magazine Price : 50p**



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

## Sundays

### St Thomas'

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
09.00 Communion 10.45 All age service 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stthomasstluke.org.uk)

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Computer	14th May	13th June
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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](mailto:office@stthomasstluke.org.uk)



## Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

<b>Mon</b>	<a href="#">Prayer for world &amp; community</a> (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	<a href="#">Fur Clemt Café</a> (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">Youth club for 11+</a> (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">Football</a> (Byrchall Sports Hall)	17.00-18.00
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">Junior Youth Club</a> (Church Hall)	17.45-18.45
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">JYC Extra</a> (Church Hall)	18.45-19.15
<b>Tue</b>	<a href="#">Coffee Morning</a> (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
	<a href="#">Church open for prayer</a>	19.00-20.00
<b>Wed TT</b>	<a href="#">Messy Tots</a> (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">Weenies</a> (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
<b>Thu</b>	<a href="#">Holy Communion</a>	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

### **TANGO**

**TANGO at St. Marks Church, Haydock support and resource families within the Haydock/Ashton area by providing food; clothing; furniture and household items.**

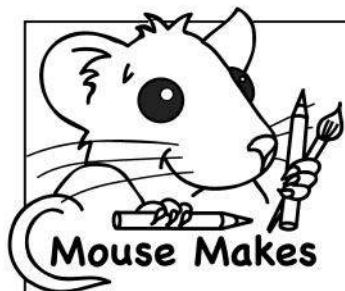


**If you have any items of furniture that you no longer want TANGO will collect Free Of Charge from your home.**

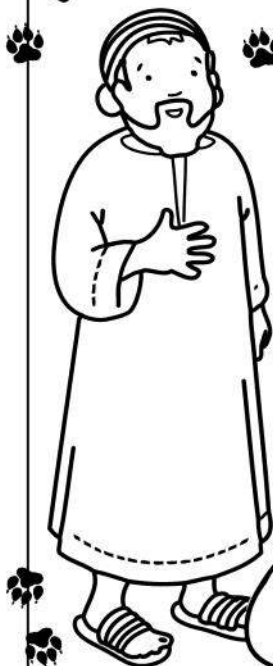
**If you want more information about [TANGO](#) or to arrange a collection please ring: 01744 607388**



# Mouse Makes



You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions'** den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing on the wall**, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.



W A L L O M I S H A E L A W  
D S T A T U E T R E E O L U  
A H A Z A R I A H W D R L P  
N P N K D R E A M G O D I R  
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A Z M H A N A N I A H N E R  
N E B U C H A D N E Z Z E R  
G R E S C U E  
E T R U S T  
L K I N G



Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?  
KING • NEBUCHADNEZZER • DANIEL • DARIUS • ASPHENAZ  
HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE  
IDOL • FURNACE • TREE • WRITING • WALL • LAW • LIONS  
DEN • PRAYER • LORD • GOD • TRUST • RESCUE • ANGEL



# Letter from South Hub Eco Team

Nine months ago, a 15 year old in Sweden decided to skip school. That's not necessarily news. Lots of 15 year olds skip school. They go to the park, or into town, or just stay at home sleeping. But Greta Thunberg did none of that. She got on a train and went to Poland to the UN Climate conference where she gave a speech to 200 world leaders. She said to them:

“I will not beg the world leaders to care for our future. I will instead let them know change is coming whether they like it or not.”

When Greta left the summit, she invited school children around the world to join her in striking from school to protest lack of action over climate change. From Australia to England, India, Uganda and Nepal, hundreds of thousands of children have put down their pens and started to protest.

Greta and our children are telling us that this is an emergency. That we can no longer pretend that climate change isn't real, or that we aren't responsible, or that it doesn't matter to us.

There's a line in Isaiah which hints at the future of the world. It says 'the lion will lie down with the lamb, and a little child will lead them.' Perhaps we need to be humble enough to let ourselves be led by children to become more committed in our personal and collective attempts to stem the rising tide of climate change.



# Letter from South Hub Eco Team

That's why over the coming months we'll be talking more about the environment and why it matters to God. We're going to be inviting you to consider the ways in which you can celebrate, protect, and nourish creation in your own homes and families.

We're doing this because we love God and God's beautiful creation, and because we no longer have the choice to ignore it.

Our hub now has its own Eco Champions who will be carrying out an eco-audit developed by A Rocha. Then we can reflect on what we can celebrate as well as what we could do better. On 19<sup>th</sup> May we will hold Green Services across the hub, focussing on creation and creation care.

In May, we're inviting you to act week by week in small ways that will make a difference to us and to the world we steward (check out our weekly challenges in this magazine). Why not get your family and friends involved? Upload any pictures onto social media with the hashtags #ecochurch and #wigansouth or send to your church leader.

See page 13 for May Eco challenges!

*South Hub Eco Team*





# Parish News



## Thanks

**With Malcolm**

Once again the Easter celebration has come and gone and now some thanks are due to all those involved in the preparation and completion of the various events and services. First of all thanks to everyone involved in the Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday before Easter which culminated in many children and adults arriving in church for refreshment and craft activities. Many volunteers need our thanks for the activities and acres of cakes etc. Thanks to all who took any part in the Easter Services beginning with Holy week and Palm Sunday and ending with the glorious celebration of Easter Day and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not to forget the efforts of Maureen and David Dalton who again volunteered for the unenviable task of ordering the fish and chips for Good Friday and those helping in the Church hall with Messy Church.

Also thanks to Maureen Cook who, using her undoubted skills with the sewing machine, has provided us with a new supply of purificators for use in our Communion Services.

## Christian Aid Week

In addition to the usual street collection this year we will be having a coffee morning on the 18 May in the Church Hall 10.00am to 12.00pm. Please support this event, come along and enjoy bacon barmcakes, crumpets, toast and tea cakes. We will also have a raffle and would welcome prizes and volunteer help on the day. Please contact Phil Hayton, Maureen Cook or Hilda Bramwell.

## Pause for thought

We are all aware that there are renewed concerns in our church family causing much distress to some people. Particularly over the effect of the proposed alterations to the heating system necessitating the removal of pews. When I was preparing articles for this months magazine I was reminded of an article which I included in the May edition last year and which I felt moved to repeat.

*" BEFORE YOU criticize your church, remember Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her.' He hasn't given up on His church, so don't you give up on it! And stop talking so much about what you don't like.*



*If your church was perfect, you'd be out of place! Noah didn't sail on The Queen Mary; he sailed on a glorified cattle boat. Can you imagine the noise, the confusion, and the violent tossing of a ship in a storm big enough to destroy the world? But here's the thing — everybody inside the ark was saved while everybody outside of it was lost. You may smile, but there's only one craft that's guaranteed to make it safely into heaven's port, and that's the old ship of salvation. Do things sometimes stink in the church? Sure. Jesus issued one of His harshest rebukes to Peter, the disciple who was destined to become a leader in the church: 'Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest (smell) not the things that be of God, but those that be of men' (Matthew 16:23 KJV). But the great thing is that when you mess up, the same grace that restored Peter will be there for you too. So, the word for you today is: love your church!*

*In effect it said that EVERY CHURCH has problems — and the people who cause them, It has always been so. we are asked to consider the Corinthian church. Some members got drunk during communion, and others wouldn't attend unless their favourite preacher was speaking. One man was even having an affair with his stepmother (see 1 Corinthians 5:1). Sitting beside you on Sunday mornings there maybe some very confused and upset people but God keeps working with us, because He sees our potential value to His kingdom. Noah didn't jump ship for the same reason you shouldn't leave your church — there's no better alternative. Paul and 276 others were in a storm from which it looked like no one would survive. Nevertheless he told them, 'Unless (you) stay on board the ship, you cannot be saved.' Does that mean it's always wrong to leave a church? No, but make sure your reasons are scriptural and not self-centred. You say, 'But the pastor's sermons are too long.' Paul once preached so long that a man sitting in a third-storey window fell asleep, plummeted to the ground, and died. And what did Paul do? He laid hands on him, revived him, set him back in the window and made him listen to the rest of the sermon! (see Acts 20:9-11). Seriously, if your church has problems, don't leave; stay and pray. That's how things get changed to how God wants them changed.*

The article ends with a plea that I would earnestly repeat that is that we pray for a strong commitment to our church and to do God's will for us in this place, putting aside personal feelings and having in mind the future of the kingdom here in Ashton.

**Malcolm**



# Mothers Union

**Thursday 2 May Deanery festival at St James Poolstock  
7.30pm**

Banners will be presented.

**Wednesday 15 May** in the Church Hall at 7.30pm the speaker is Rev Sian Gasson our Assistant Hub Leader

**Wednesday 19 June** evening visit to St Wilfred's Church Standish. Meet at St Wilfred's Parish Hall 6.45pm for tea and cake followed by a tour of the Church led by Joe Bazeley. If you wish to join us on this visit please let me know as soon as possible so that I can arrange transport.

## Mini MU

We have a lesson to learn from two teenagers in Liverpool who have been so impressed with the projects in which the MU are involved in this country and overseas that they decided to form a group of young people and have called themselves Mini MU. They have chosen a project which is to recycle plastic bottles and to make them into a cross. Bishop Paul has encouraged the group and will display the cross in Liverpool Cathedral.

Apologies for my error in last months magazine when I described the Women's World Day of Prayer as the Wave of Prayer.

Our new Worldwide President Sheran Harper was commissioned in Southwark Cathedral by Justin Welby the Archbishop of Canterbury.





# Mothers Union

It was good news to hear that our own June Houghton, now the York Provincial President, has been awarded the Volunteer of the Year by the Josephine Butler Trust in Liverpool. A well deserved honour for June which carries a £1000.00 donation given to our charity and gratefully received. I am sure that all MU members would wish to congratulate June at this time.

*My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I write my verses for the King; my tongue is the pen of a skilful writer. Psalm 45:1*

Let this day be the start of something new,  
the world can be a better place today because of you.  
You can be the pebble that starts the ripples flowing,  
for when we share an act of love, we have no way of knowing  
how many lives a selfless deed will touch, or who will benefit along  
the way.

For kindness spreads her ever open arms, and a stranger may become a friend this day.

For love can trample every barrier down  
that man has built through ignorance and fear.

So let us make this world a better place,  
and let it start with you, right now, right here.

*Margaret Shoemark*


Love and prayers

Barbara



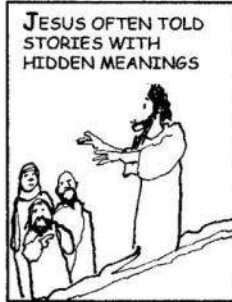
# Picture Parable

The tale of  
the  
Lost  
Sheep



Baa!  
Baa!


JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT  
A GOOD SHEPHERD.



WHO TOOK GREAT CARE OF ALL  
HIS SHEEP



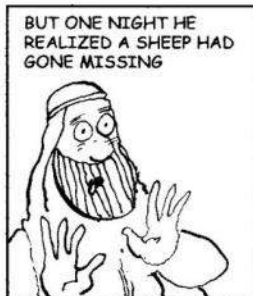
THE SHEPHERD WOULD  
ALWAYS MAKE SURE EACH  
SHEEP WAS SAFE.



HE WOULD COUNT THEM AT  
THE END OF EVERY DAY



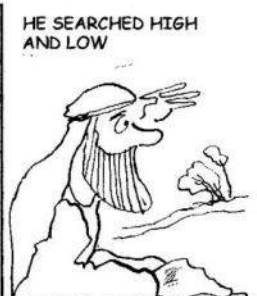
BUT ONE NIGHT HE  
REALIZED A SHEEP HAD  
GONE MISSING



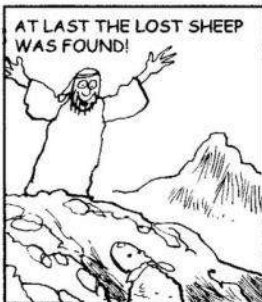
THE SHEPHERD SET OUT TO SEARCH FOR  
THE LOST SHEEP



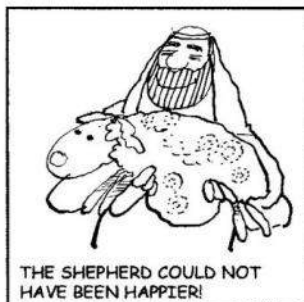
HE SEARCHED HIGH  
AND LOW



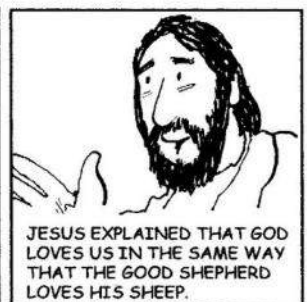
AT LAST THE LOST SHEEP  
WAS FOUND!



THE SHEPHERD COULD NOT  
HAVE BEEN HAPPIER!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT GOD  
LOVES US IN THE SAME WAY  
THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
LOVES HIS SHEEP.



# May Eco Challenges

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>-April -4<sup>th</sup> May

**Attitude of gratitude!** Begin by thanking God for what we already have. If you are able, why not start the week by going for a walk outside and writing down 20 things you are grateful for in creation.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> May

**Get your waste into one bag!** The UK generates 3.7 million tonnes of plastic waste. It often ends up in countries like Malaysia, Vietnam, and Thailand. Set yourself the challenge of fitting all your landfill waste into one bin bag this week (or if you already do that, into a smaller bag than normal!) *Handy hint: check each item before throwing away – could it go into food waste instead? Or be recycled? You could also try and cur down on non-recyclable plastic in your weekly shop!* When you take out your bin, pray for people who are impacted by the waste we export.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May

**Check your home appliances!** Turn your thermostat down 1 degree (or radiator down one notch) and unplug gadgets/lights when not in use.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May

**Try a meat-free meal!** Meat production is a major contributor to climate change via greenhouse gases. Switch up a meal and swap your meat for a delicious vegetarian alternative (beans and pulses are a great swap, and cheaper too!) Consider doing it more regularly. If you're a vegetarian, share your favourite veggie recipe with a friend.

*Share your pictures with your church leader! Or upload them to social media. #ecochurch #wigansouth*



# Crossword

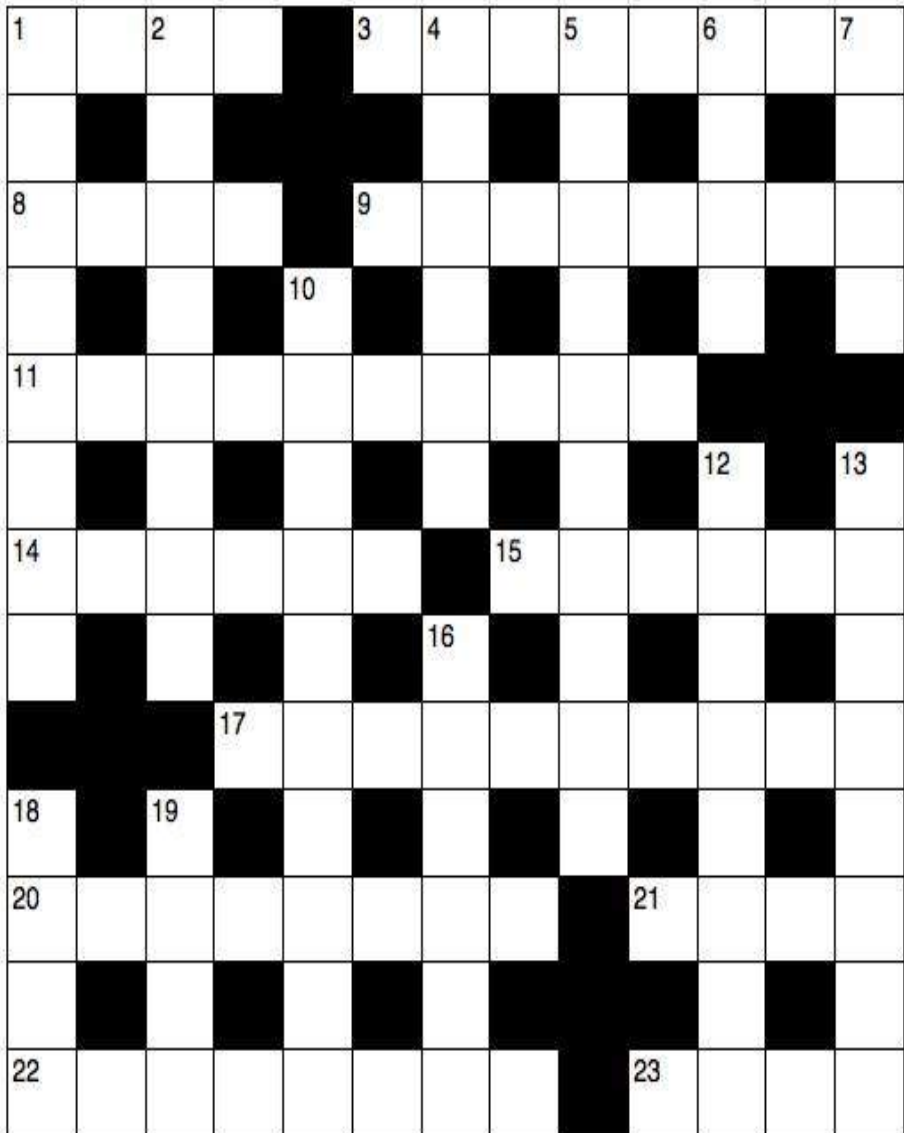
## Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

## Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

# Crossword



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# Our World

This is our world

A once beautiful landscape but now scarred by man's greed and folly

This is our world

A planet that was teeming with wildlife yet now faces endanger and extinction

This is our world

A place once bursting with tree and plant species until the diggers and loggers arrived

This is our world

A vast ocean of clear blue waters yet now tainted with plastic and pollution

This is our world

A planet where once there was night and day and now some confusion between

This is our world

A scene for the changing seasons of life though snow may now fall in spring

This is our world

A heavenly body in the universe yet a planet that is warming on a worrying scale

This is our world

A creation defined as 'good' when it was formed however now full of bad litter and waste

This is our world

A space where all mankind was formed equal but now the scales favour those with wealth

This is our world

Once a safe haven for all who walked its shores yet many now struggle to find refuge and shelter

This is our world

Where food was abundant and locally sourced but now racks up air miles from over the world

This is our world

This is our destruction

This is our fault

This is your world

This is your work

This is your creation

**Father forgive us**

IT'S OUR  
WORLD



**Written by Joanna Wooff**



## Sudoku puzzle

9	1	7		8				3
3	6		2		9	1	4	
	5	4						
		3	1					
7		9	5		2	3		4
					4	5		
						8	3	
	7	6	3		5		9	1
1				4		7	6	5

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Solution on page 33



# The Film Review

With Rob Carson



## Captain Marvel (12)

**Directed by Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck**

**Stars:** Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson, Ben Mendelsohn, Jude Law, Clark Gregg, Annette Bening, Lashana Lynch, Gemma Chan, Rune Temte, Djimon Honsou, and MacKenna Grace

**In a Nutshell:** Expectations are a tough thing, then again repeat viewings are a great thing... and the Marvel Cinematic Universe widely accommodates both things aplenty; because with each new movie, the expectation is sky high yet you're guaranteed to see each one about 4 times at least on the big screen, so even if it might not always gel the first one, you're guaranteed to reap rewards from repeat viewings that could iron out any issues in the long run and so it proves with the mighty Captain Marvel!

This occurs because as much as it's filled with excellent action and genuinely superb turns from Larson, Mendelsohn, Jackson and Bening and some great 90s nostalgia; there are certain plot moments and twists that on first viewing I had reservations about and couldn't get my head right with... but subsequent repeat viewings have ironed this out and I can now actually say that these plot moments are actually quite subversive and fun and really run the other way from expectations in a way that's daring and fun, even if a few tiny moments are more predictable than they seem. All the elements are in their usual stride: an excellent cast with some great stand out turns (even if a few get a bit overlooked), terrific effects, fun origin story but then these are mixed with some cool elements such as a ace 90s soundtrack, some neat callbacks and call forwards and benefits wonderfully from taking place when it does and leading into what lies ahead. At the end of the day, it's kinda everything you need.... It seems to be a sci-fi action fest origin for its character but what it really delivers and really does is blending a terrific buddy comedy template with something truly daring in its plot development and throwing it through into a simply fun and cool movie for everyone that is fun, funny and just oh so cool. The future of Marvel is in good beaming hands, and now let's see what she does next, could it be that she is the key to saving the Avengers?

**Rating: 9/10**



## **Dumbo (PG)**

**Directed by Tim Burton**

**Stars:** Colin Farrell, Danny DeVito, Eva Green, Michael Keaton, Alan Arkin, Nico Parker, Finley Hobbins, Roshan Seth, Douglas Reith, Lars Eidinger, Deobia Oparei, and Joseph Gatt

**In a Nutshell:** Surely there will come a day where every single of the Disney movies has been remade into live action but it's highly unlikely; maybe for one because as sure as they'll keep remaking them, they'll also keep releasing solid new animations but also because not everything needs remaking. But on those grounds, why do we then have a live action version of Dumbo? Never mind that Tim Burton is a perfect director to realize such a vision and also just the age-old premise of 'oh why not'; the idea does seem peculiar and as such the most out-there ideas always work the best. Taking a linear story and simple premise from the original 1 hour long movie and doubling the length has forced the filmmakers to add a lot more story, depth and feeling to the way the story moves and have added a host of characters to the mix including marvelous turns from DeVito and Keaton who it is such a thrill to see back together on screen again whilst Farrell is dependably strong as ever leading the way as the human hero of the piece and Eva Green is well, Eva Green and all the more dazzling for it. The effects dazzle as ever, you will genuinely believe an elephant can fly and there are terrific nods to Casey Jr and Pink Elephants. The big elements of sadness and darkness still lurk and add real harrowing depth to the story in its treatment of the animal cast and the immediate danger that places on the plot as it moves forward; but matching this with a move into the fantastical as the movie reaches its final act and a very sly dig at Disneyland in an actual Disney movie prove that maybe Burton really is a bold move to put his stamp on this particular tale. Both dazzling, thrilling and moving; here is a very worthwhile revisiting of a story from a real visionary and one I can guarantee will be enjoyed by one and all.

**Rating: 8/10**

Also Seen:

**Us (15) 9/10**

**Fishermans Friends (12) 8/10—Assassination Nation (18) 9/10**

**Alita: Battle Angel (12) 8/10—The Hate U Give (12) 9/10**

**Anna and the Apocalypse (15) 9/10**



# The Film Review

With Rob Carson



## Released in May:

A Dog's Journey (PG) (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) Long Shot (15) (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) Tol-  
kien (12A) (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Vox Lux (15) (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) Destination Wedding (15) (May 10<sup>th</sup>) De-  
tective Pikachu (PG) (May 10<sup>th</sup>)

The Hustle (12A) (May 10<sup>th</sup>) John Wick Chapter III- Parabellum (15)  
(May 17<sup>th</sup>)

Aladdin (PG) (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) Rocketman (15) (May 24<sup>th</sup>) Secret

Life of Pets II (U) (May 24<sup>th</sup>)

Booksmart (12A) (May 27<sup>th</sup>) Godzilla: King of Monsters (12A)

(May 31<sup>st</sup>) Ma (15) (May 31<sup>st</sup>)

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## In June's Issue:

Reviews of Avengers: End Game and Missing Link

### Film afternoon at St Aidan's

St Aidan's will be showing an award winning film (rated 12) about a future king's struggle with a speech impediment on Saturday May 11th starting at 2pm. There is no cost but donations for refreshments welcomed.



# Pilates



**A mat based workout Suitable for all fitness levels.**

Using soothing music we begin with the body set up and warm ups.

We follow with a variety of exercises in a slow controlled manner using our body position, breathing and core strength.

We finish with a few minutes relaxation.

**Tuesday's 9.30 – 10.30am £3.50**  
**Living Faith Church Hall, Orrell**  
25 Church St, Orrell, WN5 8TG

**Wednesday's 10.00 – 11.00am £3.50**  
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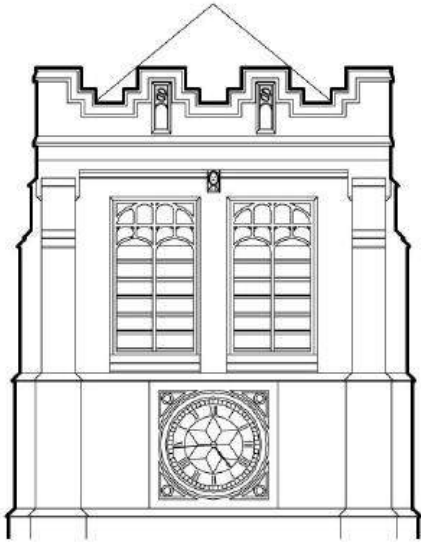
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# St Luke's Flowers

## Flowers in church this month

7th April	Vacant
14th April	Vacant
21st April	In memory of mum and dad from Joyce Whittle
28th April	Vacant

### 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

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**Sudoku solution**

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7	8	9	5	6	2	3	1	4
6	2	1	8	3	4	5	7	9
4	9	5	6	7	1	8	3	2
8	7	6	3	2	5	4	9	1
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**All donations must be received by 11th May to be printed in the June Magazine.**

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Anniversary remembrance of Gordon Lyon (13th May). A dearly loved husband, dad, grandad & father in law from Marie, Barbara, John, Hadolyn & Rob. David, Sharon, Ruby & Geena. Sadly missed.

Birthday remembrance of Susan Cherrington (16th May). A dear wife, mum, daughter, sister & auntie from Brian, Samuel, Becky & Matthew. Mum, Karen, Jimmy, Laura, Gary & families. Wendy, Adrian, Michael & Bethany. Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica

Birthday remembrance of Debra Davies (31st May) a dear mum, daughter, sister & auntie from Craig, Nicola & Nicola, mum, Karen, Jimmy, Laura, Gary & families. Wendy, Adrian, Michael & Bethany. Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica

Birthday remembrance (22nd May) and anniversary (3rd June) for Joseph Middlehurst. A dear husband, dad, Grandad and Great Grandad from Freda, Karen, Jimmy, Laura, Gary & families. Wendy, Adrian, Michael & Bethany. Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica

Birthday remembrance of Annie Forshaw (6th May). A lovely dear mum, nan & great nan from Marjorie, Sarah, Paul, Sam, Ben & Zoe

In memory of Tom & Pat McIlwee from Linda Heggerty

In memory of Brenda Percival from Ron & Jean Boon and Elsie De-luce

Anniversary remembrance of Stan Shaw 29th May from Irene & Richard

Anniversary remembrance 29th May of Stan Shaw from Betty, Karen, Gill and families

In memory of Emily Stott from son Ian, Mr Anders, Mr Bryant, Mr Lowe and Mrs Jenkins.





# St Thomas' Flowers

## Ladies on duty

4th May	Dismantle Easter flowers & Meta's team
11th May	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook, Margaret Carrington
18th May	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
25th May	Meta Laites, Linda Malley, Kath Vella

## May birth flower

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# St Thomas' Flowers

## Flowers in church this month

5th May	Vacant	In loving memory of Gladys Jolley. A loving mum & grandma (29th April) from David & family
12th May	Vacant	In memory of all our loved ones from Mrs Wood & family & Mr & Mrs Lawton & family
19th May	In memory of Joe Middlehurst, a dear husband, dad & grandad (22nd May) from Freda & family	Birthday memories of Susan Cherrington (16th May), a dear wife, mum, daughter, sister & auntie from the family
26th May	In loving memory of Stan Shaw (29th May) from Betty, Karen, Gillian & families	Birthday remembrance of Debra Davies (31st May). A dear mum, daughter, sister & auntie

### Flower Guild donations

Anniversary remembrance and loving memories of my dear parents Doug and Jessie Evans from Hazel

### Easter flowers

The members of the flower guild would like to thank all those who gave so generously towards the cost of Easter lilies and flowers to enable us to decorate our Church so beautifully to express the splendour of God's creation as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ



# The Registers



**Funerals** - "May they rest in peace"

2nd April	John Middleton	Fairview Close	83
3rd April	Brenda Turner	Elaine Close	76
9th April	Leslie Edwardson	Crossway Close	80
9th April	Phoebe Diaz	Ashton View CH	92
18th April	John Mather	Old Road	82
25th April	William Waterworth	Grange Road	85

## St Thomas and St Luke supporting Christian Aid

We would like to invite you to a coffee morning to enjoy bacon barmcakes, crumpets, toast and teacakes on Saturday 18th May between 10am-12pm in the church hall.  
All are welcome.



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