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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 Evening Prayer

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.
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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 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.

### Funerals

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



# Letter from Saturday FM

Saturday FM (family meeting) started on 13<sup>th</sup> May this year, welcoming families into St Thomas's school for fun activities, worship and food. After the summer holidays we made the decision to increase the frequency of meetings from monthly to fortnightly and with that, Saturday FM again opened the doors of St Thomas's school for a new season of worship on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

On the first session, families were welcomed by the team and then 'warmed up' with some worship music. A sports tournament then took place which was organised by Jon, one of the dads who had attended last term with his family.



Alongside the sports, Sandra and Nina led crafts in a quieter area and they made 'God's spiral of love' decorations

After the activities, we all sat around a big table and heard about the aims of Saturday FM and its links with Hebrews 10,24-25. We all then ate pizza and chatted together. We were blessed with our biggest turn out to date, a

total of 36 people were there.

Session 2 this term included a human treasure hunt and a family quiz, we had some worship and then talked about Harvest and how we can help others who lack food. Did you know there are so many other words you can make from the word 'harvest' including 'share' and 'starve'!

The latest Saturday FM was on 14<sup>th</sup> October. We played golf, made bookmarks, learned a new worship song and ate hot dogs and dessert together. We learned about parables, in particular the parable of the two brothers and how the lessons Jesus Christ taught more than 2000 years ago, can be translated to our lives today.





# Letter from Saturday FM

At Saturday FM we are focused on families coming together, engaging in fun activities together and building supportive links with each other. Our mission is to welcome people to learn about Christianity and strengthen faith values through fun activities and community building. We want the people who come along to start to feel some ownership of Saturday FM and feel a sense of belonging by getting involved in



anyway big or small and God has already started answering this prayer. We have been blessed by new families coming and learning about Jesus, by mums and dads helping with activities and with clearing up afterwards, by volunteers for new activities and background support and by people bringing friends and food to share. We even have our own Facebook page with over 45 followers

and a new flyer, thanks to Jonny who God blessed us with at exactly the right time!

Saturday FM will next be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm until 5pm and we will confirm dates for next term soon. We have



volunteers already booked in who are leading dance lessons, fun science, Christmas crafts and competitive games. Food and drinks will be shared and there will even be enough time to squeeze in more worship and teaching.

**Nicola Burgess**

## Verse for the Year

***'Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together'***

***Hebrews 24-25a (NLT)***





## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - November 2017**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Morning prayer	9.00am
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00am-12:00pm
	Church open for prayer	7.30-8.30pm
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer	9.00am
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Holy Communion	9:45am

*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 live and work in **Captains Lane, Mafeking Place, Princess Avenue, Duke Street, Peter Street and Allscott Way.**

### **TANGO**

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



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# Africa Fund News



The Africa fund supports two amazing Christian-run projects in south west Uganda: a children's home at Rukungiri and the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Project which provides outlying communities with access to clean water and proper sanitation. Both projects play a massive part in saving and changing lives. You can find out more about these on our web site: <http://www.stthomasstluke.org.uk/ourworld/africafund/>

Each month a number of generous donors support the Africa fund with standing orders. However, the monthly income does not match our donations from the fund to the projects we support. Events like the sponsored walk and the evening meal therefore play an invaluable part in helping us to meet our commitments.

## Sponsored Walk



On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, we held a sponsored walk to raise money for the Africa Fund. The walk took us from the church hall car park to Haigh Hall, a distance of approximately 9 miles. The final total has yet to be determined but at the time of writing we appear to be heading for approximately £1,250. This is a great effort which was

achieved thanks to: the commitment of the 11 people who turned out on the day, the kindness of those who came out to support us and the generosity of the many sponsors. The following pictures were taken at the start and end of our walk.



## Evening Meal

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding our annual evening meal at St Luke's which also provides much needed income for our Africa Fund. Tickets are available from Carole Pye (St Luke's) and Ann Roby or Jan Cornthwaite (St Thomas') The evening includes a splendid 3 course meal with entertainment provided by Alex Hancock and Spectrum choir.

**Chris Wooff**



# Mothers Union

## DIARY

**Wednesday 15th November** Church Hall 7.30pm. Speaker Paul Tushingham on the First World War Centenary Memorial Garden.

**Wednesday 29th November** Advent service at St Francis Kit Green, 7.30pm

Subs in the sum of £22.50 are now due for the current year please pass them on to Pauline our Treasurer myself or any member of the Committee.

## Advance Notice

**Monday 11th December** Diocesan Carol Service at St Johns Birkdale 7.30pm

**Wednesday 20th December** Mothers Union Carol Service in Church 7.30pm. as always this Service is open to all the ladies of Ashton,

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January** Another year all most gone and it is already the time when I need to tell you about the Mothers Union and Friends Christmas Meal at Bryn Masonic Hall. If you would like to join us on this very enjoyable evening, which is, as always, open to all ladies of the Parish and their friends, we would love to see you. If you wish to come please sign the list at the back of Church and I will let you have a menu so that you can make your choice. I will need the choice of menu at the latest by the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 along with the cost of the meal which is £20.00.



As you know for many years now we have supported the young people living at Coops Foyer with Christmas gifts. Can I ask you to have this in mind as we begin our Christmas preparations.





# Mothers Union

This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted, knowing  
that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need  
further development.  
We provide yeast that produces far  
beyond our capabilities.  
It is a beginning, a step along the way,  
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to  
enter and do the rest.  
We may never see the end results, but  
we are workers, not master builders;  
ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future not our own."

***Love and prayers  
Barbara***

## **The Leprosy Mission**

Recently Nick Calland retired from his post as Regional Director North for the Leprosy Mission. Members of the Mothers' Union will probably remember Nick coming to speak in October 2015, his talk was both enjoyable and informative. The preceding year he provided cards, books, calendars etc for a coffee morning held in November in Girtton Avenue, which was a great success.

We have sent him a card with all good wishes from St Thomas' and St Luke's for a happy and lengthy retirement.

In due course we look forward to the appointment of a new regional manager in this area – we will keep you informed.

**Barbara and Margaret**



## St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

### **Friends Together Club**

It gives me great pleasure that our Christian after school club, *Friends Together*, is once again up and running. Existing members together with new young recruits are joining in with games, craft work, competitions, discussions, art work and simply having lots of fun.

The club runs every Wednesday afternoon after school with the help of the school's new Ethos Team consisting of Kiera Cunliffe, Lucia Morgan, Lily Jones and Mia Roberts. The girls do an amazing job helping our younger children to learn about God, the importance of friendship and growing together in faith.

The dedicated Ethos Team also helped with our Harvest Festival Service which took place in church on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. The whole school attended with some travelling by coach and some walking. Mrs Jones would like to thank everyone who kindly donated vast amounts of food. This will be donated to Ashton's Food Bank.





## St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

### **Student Prayer of the Month**

Dear Jesus,  
Please bless all my friends in the Friends Together Club.  
We thank you for always loving us, you are our best friend.  
Thank you for always forgiving us and always helping us when we need  
you the most.  
Please help us to be more like you.  
Amen.

**Elisha Roby Year 3**

### **Bible verse**

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times.  
Sending love to all my friends, God bless you all.  
**Elaine Mateus**



Trinity Girls Brass Band would like to extend a warm  
welcome to their forthcoming concert on  
Friday 8th December at St Thomas's Church starting at  
7.30pm

The concert will feature an entertaining mix of  
Christmas music from modern arrangements to more  
traditional carols.

Tickets are £6 and £5 for concessions and will be  
available on the door on the evening

## **Cookson's Farm, Ashton Heath**

Ashtonians may remember Cookson's Farm which until the 1970's was situated on Ashton Heath at the junction with present day Lincoln Drive. In the 17th century Ashton Heath would have been a quiet, secluded part of Ashton in Makerfield. Roger Lowe, a shopkeeper in Ashton and a follower of the puritan religion, often mentions Ashton Heath in his diary(1663 - 1678) because he went to Ashton Heath to pray - "April 6 Monday 1663, I was in a troubled condition in my mind considering my unsettledness and that god was highly offended with me therefore I went into Ashton Heaths and kneeled me down in a ditch and made my pray unto the lord". At the time that Roger Lowe was writing the farm that later became known as Cookson's Farm would have existed. The farmlands are mentioned in the 1630's and there was probably a very early farmhouse on Ashton Heath. It would be 43 years later that a 3 storey farmhouse with a datestone "1706 RE" was built. RE probably refers to the builder of the farmhouse but the name is unknown. This farmhouse later to be called Cookson's Farm existed until its demolition in the 1970's. The farmhouse existed long before the 3 Cookson brothers, Joseph, John and Richard, shoemakers in Ashton in Makerfield, bought the farm in 1780 for £900. Each of the brothers owned a 1/3 share of the farm. The Cookson family owned the farm for 67 years, from 1780 - 1847, and thereafter it retained the name Cookson's Farm. The farmlands purchased by the 3 Cookson brothers included lands adjacent to Ashton Heath called the 3 Heath Fields, lands opposite the "Eagle & Child" pub and extending to todays Lincoln Drive, lands now beneath Lincoln Drive estate and beyond Millingford Brook towards the former Edge Green sewage works, lands near Duke Street, off Princess Road, and lands along Mill Street between the "Eagle & Child" and the end of Princess Road. Along Mill Street was a field called the Damstead taking its name from the dam on Millingford Brook which created a millpond to drive the waterwheel of Ashton corn mill. The former "Millstone Inn" was named after the nearby mill. In 1798 Richard Cookson bequeathed his 1/3 share in the farm to his nephew John Cookson, son of his late brother William. In 1800 Joseph Cookson, and in 1801 John Cookson, each bequeathed their 1/3 share in the farm to their sister Betty Brimelow. When Betty died in 1811 she bequeathed her 2/3 share in the farm to her nephew John Cookson who became the

sole owner of Cookson's Farm. In 1815 John Cookson married Margaret Banks of Golborne. They farmed at Cookson's Farm assisted by farm labourer Thomas Boardman and family. John died in 1847 aged 88 and bequeathed the farm to John Shaw, of Maghull, the son of his late cousin. Thomas Boardman continued farming at Cookson's Farm. In 1848 John Shaw offered Cookson's Farm as security on a mortgage of £1,050. 1851 John Shaw died bequeathing the farm to Thomas Boardman.

In 1851, to repay the mortgage money, Cookson's Farm was auctioned at the "Gerard Arms" (today B&M shop), Gerard Street, Ashton. The farm and all the lands, except the 3 Heath Fields, were purchased for £1,260 by Robert Ellison, farmer, of Windy Arbour Farm, Winstanley. The 3 Heath Fields were purchased for £755 by Nathaniel Littler, of Ashton under Lyne, draper. After the auction Nathaniel sold the 3 Heath Fields to Sir John Gerard, of New Hall/Garswood Hall, Ashton for £785. Nathaniel Littler was born in Ashton and his grave is the large steeple memorial near the vestry door, St. Thomas', Ashton. Robert Ellison, owner of Cookson's Farm, died in 1879 and bequeathed the farm to his nephew Jonathan Simpkin, innkeeper, "Golden Lion", Gerard Street, Ashton. Jonathan was farming at Cookson's Farm in the 1890's but he may have sold the farmhouse c1880 to John Hill who owned a hinge making business in Ashton. John Hill was living at Ashton Heath in 1881(possibly Cookson's Farm) and in 1891 is listed as living at Cookson's Farm. Jonathan died 1898 in Bournemouth and John Hill may then have purchased the farmland since he is listed as farmer at Cookson's Farm c1901 - c1914. 1915 Isaac Plunkett, brother of George Plunkett landlord of the "Eagle & Child", owned Cookson's Farm. c1920 -1959 Fred and Frances Hope owned Cookson's Farm. 1960 - 1970's Mark Williams butchers owned Cookson's Farm and used it as a piggery. 1970's Cookson's Farm was demolished and the land sold for the building of Lincoln Drive estate.

David A. Fearnley.

Another chance to learn something of the history of our town courtesy of David Fearnley to whom we are grateful for this article.

# Children's Christmas Shoebox

## Appeal



It is time to start collecting children's toys and finding a shoebox to send to a child living in poverty in any one of up to 100 countries worldwide.

Children's toys can include a deflated football with pump, a doll or cuddly toy. Personal hygiene items are also valued—toothbrush, toothpaste, facecloth etc. and school supplies are also very popular.

This year Operation Christmas Child worldwide is hoping to send up to 12 million shoe boxes from countries such as the UK, the USA, Canada, Australia and Germany, to needy children who will otherwise have no presents at all this Christmas.

Cheryl (729498) has purpose made flat pack shoeboxes for sale.

These can be delivered to Queens Road Methodist Church 9-4pm Monday to Friday from 1st - 27th November although they would prefer them earlier if possible.

Find out more about the appeal at [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)







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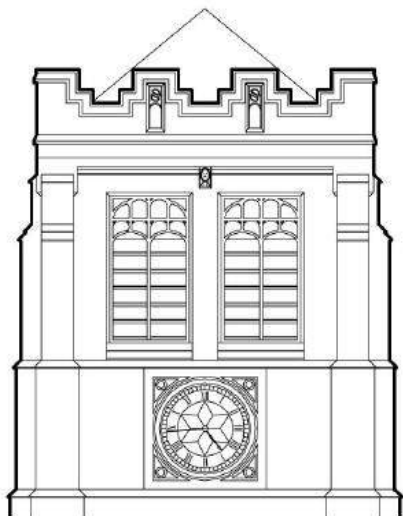
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# St Thomas' Flowers

LADIES ON DUTY	
4th Nov	MRS LAITES, MRS MALLEY, MRS VELLA
11th Nov	MRS EDWARDSON, MRS COOK, KAYLEIGH SPEAKMAN
18th Nov	MRS LYON, MRS PILLING, MRS DAVIES
25th Nov	MRS LAITES, MRS MALLEY, MRS VELLA

FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING NOVEMBER		
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
5th Nov	VACANT	VACANT
12th Nov	In memory of all loved ones from Hilda Edwardson & Family	First Anniversary Remembrance of a dear Wife Joyce Gibson (11th November) from Eric
19th Nov	Anniversary Remembrance of Alan Deluce (23rd November) from Elsie & Family	Anniversary Remembrance of Susan Cherrington (23rd November) a dear Wife, Mum, Daughter, Sister & family
26th Nov	In memory of loved ones from Jean & Les Johnson & Family	Treasured memories of a much loved Auntie Beatrice Brown (30th Nov) from Joan, Dennis & Wendy
<p>Flowers in church (26th October and 14th November) In memory of Ian Hilton, Robert Hedley Hilton and Margaret Hilton</p>		

# St Thomas' Flowers



St. Thomas' Flower Guild

Christmas Sparkle flower demonstration  
By Frank of Springview Flowers

St. Thomas' Church Hall  
Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm  
Tickets £5 incl. refreshments



# St Lukes' Flowers



## FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR NOVEMBER

5th Nov	Happy Birthday John Royle from his Wife Peggy
12th Nov	In loving memory of Winifred William & baby Sophia from Linda, Michael & Family  In loving memory of my Husband Gerry (16th Nov), Uncle Dick killed in WW2 & Uncle Alf killed in WW1 from J. Whittle
19th Nov	In loving memory of Alan with love from his Wife Marion, Sons & Family
26th Nov	Vacant



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(23rd November ) A dear wife, Mum, Daughter, Sister and Auntie

From Brian, Samuel and Matthew

Mum

Karen, Jimmy, Laura, Andrew, Amelia, Gary, Leah, Mason and

Alyssa

Wendy, Adrian, Michael and Bethany

Tracy, Ian, Ethan and Jessica

**Birthday and Wedding Remembrance of**

**Elizabeth Alice Winstanley (7th & 19th November)**

**And William Winstanley (18th and 19th November)**

From Nancy and George

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From Sharon and Family

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From Joan Graham

**In Memory of Jim Archer**

Pauline McLaren

Keith Whittle

B & M Taylor

Spectrum Choir

Mrs M Hewitt

**In Loving Memory of**

**Piers Unsworth, Mary Alice Unsworth and Clifford Harold Unsworth**

From Jack, Barbara, Ann-Marie and John

**Anniversary of a Dear Brother Alan Deluce (23rd November)**

From Sister Jean

**Anniversary Remembrance of a Dear Husband & Dad**

**Alan Deluce (23rd November)**

From Elsie and Family

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt,  
now in charge of the stored food as famine  
spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

Joseph's father sent 10 of Joseph's  
brothers to Egypt to buy food.



Joseph saw they did not recognise him.  
He wanted to see his little brother Benjamin.

To prove you are  
not spies, you must  
bring your other  
brother to me...



They needed more  
food so they had  
to take Benjamin  
to Egypt.

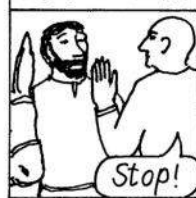


Joseph gave them food...



but to test them he  
had his cup put in Benjamin's sack.

Then as they  
went home...



You have stolen my  
master's special cup.



It was  
in Benjamin's sack.

The servant  
took them back  
to Joseph.



You are a thief and  
must stay as a  
slave.



But Judah said



It would break our  
father's heart. Let  
me take his place.

Joseph saw that his brothers had  
changed.



I am your brother Joseph. You  
sold me but God sent me to Egypt.

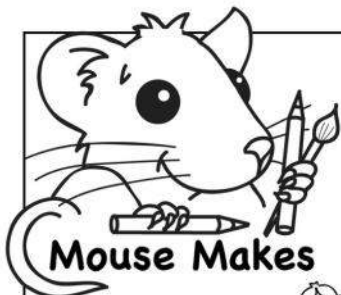
I can look after you.  
Come and live with me.



So all of Joseph's  
family moved  
to Egypt.







*"To those who are made holy in Christ Jesus, and called to be **saints**, with all those in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours".*  
from 1 Corinthians 1:2

The Bible tells us that a SAINT is not just a Christian that we think of as special but anyone who believes in Jesus.

All of God's people are saints ...



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PETER DAN P  
NOMICHAELET  
TIMOTHYVSCJON  
PCOPATRICKOMJ  
HHJIMSEDP EHAO  
IOAAALLSAINTS  
LLMARKUGUTJTE  
IAENYEKALHUHP  
PSSDOGEODEH  
BARTHOLOMEW  
GEORGE EAB  
WANNERS



... we are all members of the world-wide communion of saints!

Can you find these saints names in the word search above?  
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JOHN • PETER • THOMAS • JAMES • JUDE • BARTHOLOMEW • PAUL  
TIMOTHY • PHILIP • STEPHEN • NICHOLAS • MICHAEL • ANNE • ALL SAINTS

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## St HUGH of LINCOLN 17<sup>th</sup> November

In the Middle Ages, bishops were very important people. They were not only men of the church but also involved in running the country. They lived in great palaces and did not have much to do with ordinary people.

Bishop Hugh of Lincoln was different. He became known and loved for his charity to the poor; he cared for lepers and even risked his own life to prevent the killing of Jewish people during riots.

The Bishop rebuilt Lincoln Cathedral after it was destroyed by a great earthquake in 1185, but to him people were always more important than all the carved stones.

If you go to Lincoln, look out for the pictures of swans because St. Hugh is usually shown with a swan. He had a pet swan which guarded him while he was asleep.



## BIBLE Hs

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letter H. Which 'H'...

1. Was a son of Noah? (Genesis, chapter 5)
2. Was David's first capital? (2 Samuel, chapter 2)
3. Was Herod's wife? (Matthew, chapter 14)
4. Did Goliath have that was made of bronze? (1 Samuel, chapter 17)
5. Was the King of Tyre who sent cedar wood for the Temple? (1 Kings, chapter 5)
6. Was hung on the willows by the rivers of Babylon? (Psalm 137)
7. Jesus said the birds have nests and foxes have these (Luke, chapter 9)
8. What are pleasant words like? (Proverbs, chapter 16)



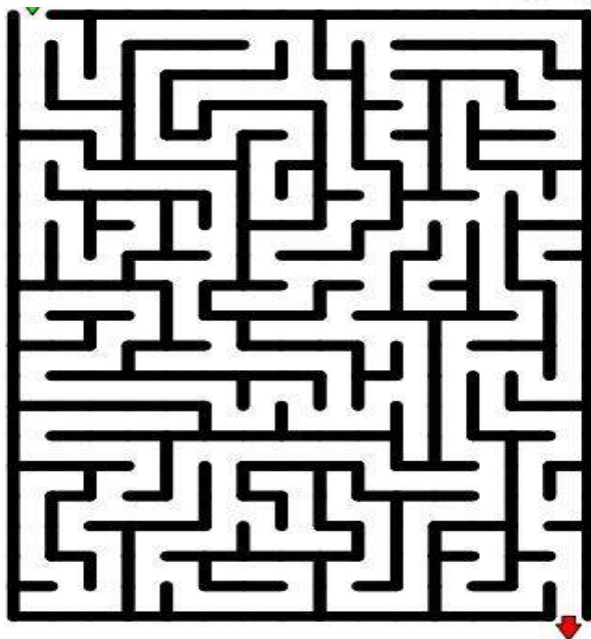
### Do you have a hobby?

Yes, I like sitting in the corner collecting dust.

**Answers:** 1. Ham 2. Hebron  
3. Herodias 4. helmet 5. Hiram  
6. harps 7. holes 8. honeycomb

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# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



### Movie Reviews

**It (15)**

**Directed by Andy Muschietti**

**Stars:** Jaeden Lieberher, Finn Wolfhard, Bill Skarsgard, Jeremy Ray Taylor, Sophia Lillis, Chosen Jacobs, Jack Dylan Grazer, Wyatt Oleff, Nicholas Hamilton, and Owen Teague

**In a Nutshell:** What happens when there is a certain property that is an established classic for one reason or another, but technically it has never been properly adapted... yes, there's that one version but that was never an actual film regardless of how iconic it became, and to be fair beyond the one element was never that good even if it's still a classic of sorts. So when it comes to doing a new version, what do you do? People will always be wary of touching a classic property even if it actually needs doing.... Well bravo because this is now the definitive work to be fair, yes Tim Curry as Pennywise will never not be iconic, but adapting the story properly always needing doing and this is just terrific from start to finish. It's terrifying when it needs to be, but essentially sticks to in the end what the story needs to be, an adventure romp with an iconic group of friends who come up against the odds and team together to take it on. Taking its cue from the 1980s classic such as *The Goonies*, *Monster Squad* and *Stand by Me*.... this is less a blood curdling horror flick and more a monster romp for teenagers to grow up with like those perennial classics did for us, and the main thing it does spot on which it needed to do is in the teenager characters themselves, all of whom turn in fantastically funny and brilliant performances and instantly within seconds make you care and feel for them and bond instantly. Any charges of not being scary enough really doesn't matter, because to me that's not what this is... it's an adventure thrill ride and that it does in spades, it's creepy as anything when it needs to be but then focuses on the relationships between these friends and each one with their surroundings and fears in a brilliant way that ensures that this movie will go on in the memory and fondness like those 80s classics did, helped by its 80s setting naturally. I'm not going to single out a child performance because they're all so brilliant individually, but what of Pennywise the dancing clown? Well, he's absolutely creepy and terrifying as he needs to be, granted he's not as hilarious as Tim Curry's rendition... but then again is that a bad thing? He's effectively creepy and physical and has humor when needed but overall is just a terrific performance and something you'll struggle to shake. This has rightfully proved a huge hit, I think down to the fact it does everything perfectly... it balances thrills and chills so it can appeal to everyone and still do exactly what it needs to do... it floats and you will too.



**Rating: 10/10**

**Kingsman: The Golden Circle (15)**

**Directed by Matthew Vaughan**

**Stars:** Taron Egerton, Julianne Moore, Mark Strong, Colin Firth, Halle Berry, Jeff



# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



Bridges, Pedro Pascal, Sophie Cookson, Channing Tatum, Edward Holcroft, Bruce Greenwood, Emily Watson, and Hanna Alstrom

**In a Nutshell:** When can you forgive a sequel that is a massive letdown, when you loved the first movie so much and then the follow up does everything wrong nearly? Yes there's moments that are fun, but overall the lasting impression is of a much lesser product that makes no sense, has no logic you can switch your brain off for and just sits there lazily feeling like not enough people cared about it as much to really put a heap of effort in.... well having a insane cameo performance that won't stop and having robot dogs does always help. 2015's Kingsman was an utter delight, another jewel in the crown of Matthew Vaughns' directing palette (2010's classic superhero satire featuring Hit Girl, Stardust, Layer Cake and X-Men First Class: the best X-men movie to date)... it had one or two moments that are a bit out there but overall it really worked, had solid characters and a really solid story that really engaged and did things... a follow up really should capitalize on that. What this does is replace Sam Jackson's iconic villain (who had cool little quirks and a genius master plan) with Julianne Moore's smirking villain (who has not enough back-story bar a barely explained love for retro things) and a rubbish plan that isn't well explained and while it has some neat political satire, goes nowhere really.... A certain main character returns for not well explained a reason and looks like they don't want to be there frankly which is a shame because the character and the actor are great and while it still works enough, it's very very lazy! There are a lot of new additions from big stars who are barely in it and don't really do much, just Jeff Bridges face is great enough but it's nice to give them something to do. This review may wind up too long soon, but yeah it's a huge huge disappointment.... But that I've still got goodwill is down to characters and actors like Mark Strong and Taron Egerton who are still terrific, that bonkers cameo running gag and some pretty cool action sequences still... it's fun but for anyone who really loved the first, maybe you'll have fun but if you want something more then you'll need to just watch the first again.... Manners may maketh man, but so does competent moviemaking and sadly they seem to have forgotten this on this go round, hopefully the inevitable trilogy closer will make things great again.

**Rating: 7/10**

**Also Seen:**

**American Made (15) 7/10**



**Also Released in November:**

A Bad Mom's Christmas (15) (Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	The Killing of a Sacred Deer (15) (Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Murder on the Orient Express (15) (Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> )	Only the Brave (12A) (Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> )
Paddington II (U) (Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> )	Professor Marston and the Wonder Women (15) (Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> )
The Florida Project (15) (Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> )	Justice League (12A) (Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> )
Good Time (15) (Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> )	Ingrid Goes West (15) (Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> )
Trophy (15) (Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> )	Daddy's Home II (12A) (Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup> )



# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

2nd Oct	Greta Turner	Balliol Way	82
2nd Oct	James Archer	Chelmarsh Avenue	65
6th Oct	Josephine Campbell	Chester Drive	81
10th Oct	Harold Fairhurst	Wigan Road	84
20th Oct	Frank McKreel	Fairholme Avenue	81
24th Oct	Eric Thomas	Claremont Road, Billinge	91
26th Oct	Georgina Jones	Hodnet Drive	97

## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



15th Oct	Jack Thomas Sheild	Longmede Avenue
22nd Oct	Jaxon Daws	Heath Road



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

<p><b><u>Boys Brigade</u></b>          Captain Gareth Hamlett 07903866501          Anchor Boys (Tues 5:45pm)          Olwen Wright 389595          Junior Section (Tues 6:45pm)          Kat Duckworth 07517486188          Company Section (Tues 7:30pm)          Contact Gareth Hamlett</p>	<p><b><u>Girl Guides</u></b>          Rainbows (Tues 5:30pm)          Anne Wooff 724207          3rd &amp; 4th Ashton Brownies (Wed/          Thu 6:30pm)          St Luke's Brownies (Tues 6:15pm)          3rd Ashton Guides/Rangers          (Tues 7:15pm)          Rachel Starkie 718350</p>
<p><b><u>Children's Sunday Clubs – 10:45am</u></b>          Bubbles (Pre-School)          Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6)          Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)          Sue Thomas 727275          sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk</p>	<p><b><u>Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'</u></b>          Tues 10:00am-12:00pm          Barbara Taylor 205136</p>
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<p><b><u>Children, Young People and Families</u></b>          Sue Thomas 727275</p>	<p><b><u>Music Group Sunday 10:45am</u></b>          Mary Owen 203277</p>
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