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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.
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**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 December magazine, including donations is 12th November Any donations received after this date will be in the next edition.

Deadline	December	January
Hand Written	15th November	10th December
Computer	19th November	16th December
Magazine Release	1st December	29th December

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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.

### **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

### **Funerals**

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



# Letter from the Vicar

Someone new to one of our worship communities in Wigan, after attending the first few weeks of the current Alpha course, challenged the leader, asking “why has your church been so rubbish in talking about who Jesus is! How come I had never heard much about him before?” I think that his must be a common experience. It was mine too!

After being in and out of many churches over the years, someone eventually offered the relevance of the person of Jesus to me, then someone else and then another. Gradually, being in and around that particular community, helped by a course similar to Alpha, faith in Jesus became relevant and natural. It was a place where faith was shared through words as well as actions. I saw many people new to that church become disciples, learning and growing, with a hunger for knowledge.

The call to make and grow disciples is a universal one for the Church. The task eloquently described, not by a Transforming Wigan newsletter or communication meeting this time, but by a Roman Catholic priest, Fr. James Mallon in his book *Divine Renovation*. Parts of the early chapters struck me as right on message for what our vision is for South Hub in Church Wigan.

“We know in the Gospels that Jesus who was the proclaimer of the Good News of the Kingdom becomes the Good News and the embodiment of that Kingdom...To receive this Good News is not only to hear these wonderful truths, to know about them, but to come to know him – to not just to believe in him, but to love him... Only then will our hearts sing and our song be heard.”



# Letter from the Vicar

“We are often like people who live in a black and white world who cannot conceive of the reality of colour... Only when we come to encounter Jesus as alive and real, he who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, do we desire to walk his way, hunger for his truth and seek to live his life.”

If a disciple is one who learns, who yearns to grow and who hungers for knowledge and not simply one who believes, then something must happen to enable the learning, the growth and the knowledge.

A great place to begin, as we ourselves seek to grow and to learn to make disciples, is Bishop Paul's call to a rule of life where we are “Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give.” I'm convinced that this will bring not just more colour into our own discipleship, but will help us to show much more clearly to others in word and deed the loving relationship with Jesus that he longs for all to experience.

Head to [www.liverpool.anglican.org](http://www.liverpool.anglican.org) and look for Bishop's Rule of Life.

*Jeremy*





## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches**

<b><u>Mon</u></b>	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
<b><u>TT</u></b>	Youth club for 11+ (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
<b><u>TT</u></b>	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	18.00-19.00
<b><u>Tue</u></b>	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
<b><u>TT</u></b>	Football (Byrchall Sports Hall)	17.00-18.00
	Church open for prayer	19.00-20.00
<b><u>Wed</u></b>	<b><u>TT</u></b> Messy Tots (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
	<b><u>TT</u></b> Weenies (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
<b><u>Thu</u></b>	Holy Communion	09:45-10.30

### ***TT—term time only***

*These are the usual events in our church, please see the notices for details of youth events and other activities taking place. For details of organisations and who to contact see back page of magazine.*

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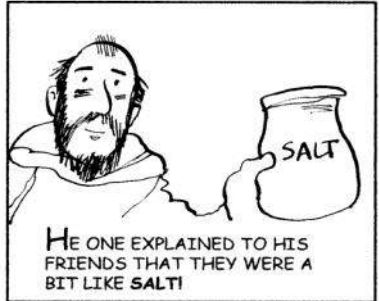


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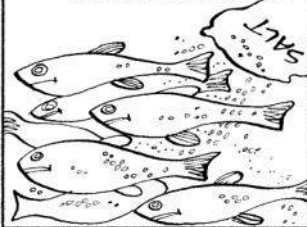
## The tale of the Salt and Light



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STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



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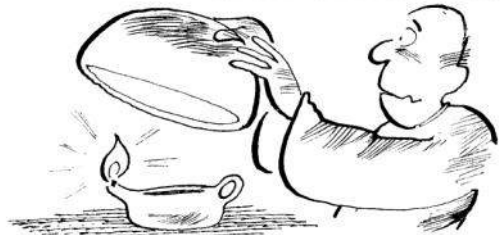
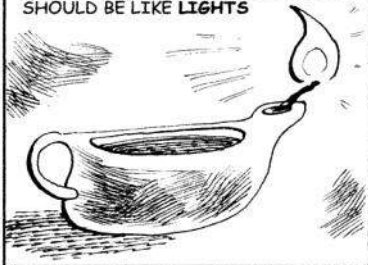


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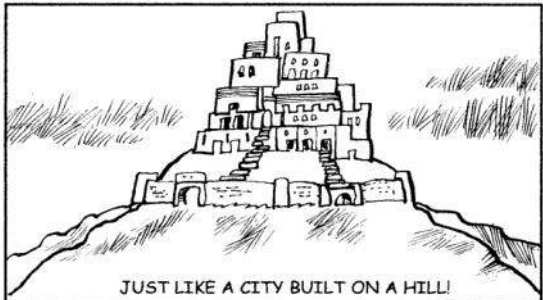
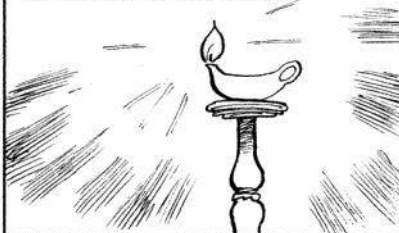
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE  
BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP  
MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE  
CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS  
SHOULD BE LIKE **LIGHTS**



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# Parish News



**With Malcolm**

## Senior Citizens Christmas Party



I know that it is only the November edition of the Magazine but it is at this time we start to think about Christmas and all the preparations that need to be done. Having said that I have seen shops preparing weeks ago! My thoughts are turning to our Senior Citizens party already booked in for the 11th January

2019. This is a real parish event involving all generations from our young people to the guests attending. As well as providing a Christmas meal we love to follow the meal with a concert given by our own talent. Rather than looking for suitable 'turns' at the last minute I thought that this year I would start earlier and cast the net now for budding thespians and acts of all kinds (having in mind that it is a church event!) Please let me know if you will entertain our guests.

***Malcolm***

### ***Welcome Service***

Bishop Paul wishes to invite all parishes to join him at Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 3pm for the



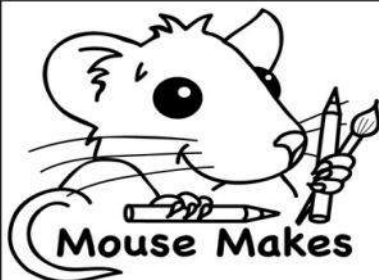
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# Mouse Makes



**Remember**  
all the  
commandments  
of the Lord  
and obey them

*Colossians 3:25*

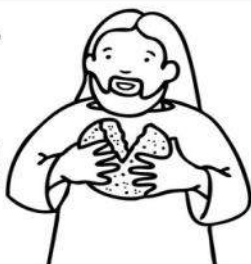


**Remember** the words Jesus said:  
*"It is more blessed to give  
than to receive."*

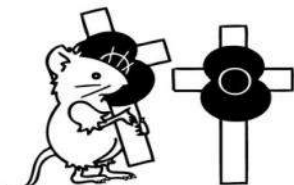
*Colossians 3:25*

Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks,  
broke it and said,  
"This is my body  
which I am giving  
for you, do this to  
**remember me.**"

*Luke 22:19*



Jesus said:  
"No one can have  
greater love than  
to give his life for  
his friends."



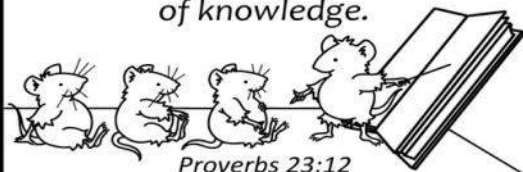
*John 15:13*

**Remember** to keep  
the Sabbath day Holy

*Exodus 20:8*



**Remember** what you are taught,  
and listen carefully to words  
of knowledge.



*Proverbs 23:12*

Cut out, colour and keep  
these cards to help  
you to remember  
God's words to us.



## St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

This month at St Thomas's we have been learning about and celebrating Harvest. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October we visited St Thomas's Church to have a harvest service there. In the morning, before we went to church, most of the children in school brought in packets or tins of food as a donation to the food bank, then it was given to the needy people of Ashton. At church the ethos team did a presentation telling everyone how God provides everything we need and we must show our thanks. One child from each class in key stage two read prayers they had written. Also key stage two performed a rap, and that's a first! Key stage one sang 'Oats and Beets and Barley Grow'. Everyone enjoyed this wonderful event that we celebrate every year at harvest time.

'I am the vine you are the branches: remain in me and I in you and you will bear much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.' John 15:5

Written by Eve J and Megan A  
from the Ethos Team





## St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Adrian Shaw Y6

Dear God,

Thank you for the bountiful harvest, that we are blessed to receive.  
This food, your love and spirit nourish us, providing all we need.

So at this special time of year it's time to stop and say,

Thank you for all we have and keep us safe we pray.

We hope to follow in your steps as that's the Christian way, work-  
ing together as one family helping others every day.

Dear God please guide and help us to show your kindness and  
your love,

As you watch over all your children from Heaven up above.

Amen



Jacob Bailey Y3

Dear Lord God,

Thank you for the flowers and the trees,

Thank you for the seeds that grow.

Thank you for the harvest with fruit and vegetables that grow on  
trees and in the ground.

Thank you for the sun and rain that help the food to grow.

Thank you for all the wonderful colours we see at this time of year.

Lord God, thank you for the harvest.

# Mothers Union

## MOTHERS UNION

### Diary:

**Wednesday 21st November** Church Hall 7.30pm. Speaker the Rev. David Hamlet



**Wednesday 19th December Annual Carol Service in Church**  
**7.30pm.** As always this service is open to all ladies of our Church and other Churches throughout Ashton.

I would like to take this opportunity of reminding our members that subs in the sum of £23.50 are now due for the current year please pass them on to Pauline our Treasurer myself or any member of the Committee.

### Advance Notices

**Thursday 6th December** Diocesan Triennial Service at St Pauls Church Fazackerly at 7.30pm. At this Service our Worldwide President Lynne Temby will be preaching. We are only allowed 2 tickets per branch and I need to know asap if anyone wishes to attend.

As the present Triennial comes to an end we welcome as our new Diocesan President Caroline Collins who was a trustee with me when Sylvia Unsworth was Diocesan President. I am sure that you will all to join me in expressing to Caroline our best wishes and at the same time passing on our thanks to June and her team for their service during the past Triennial.



# Mothers Union

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** I can't believe it but with another year nearing its end 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 to the meal 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 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.

*Heavenly Father, as we come before you today, we pray for peace —  
peace among us, peace in our nation, peace in the world.*

*Help us all to learn to accept each other regardless of our differences,  
in a loving way; to be tolerant and treat each other in a kind, loving and  
gentle way.*

*Help us to reconcile any hurt or malice we may have  
and to learn to love and respect one another regardless of race, creed, gen-  
der  
or views.*

*In Jesus' name, we pray.*

*Amen*

Love and Prayers  
Barbara



# Crossword

## Crossword Clues & Answers

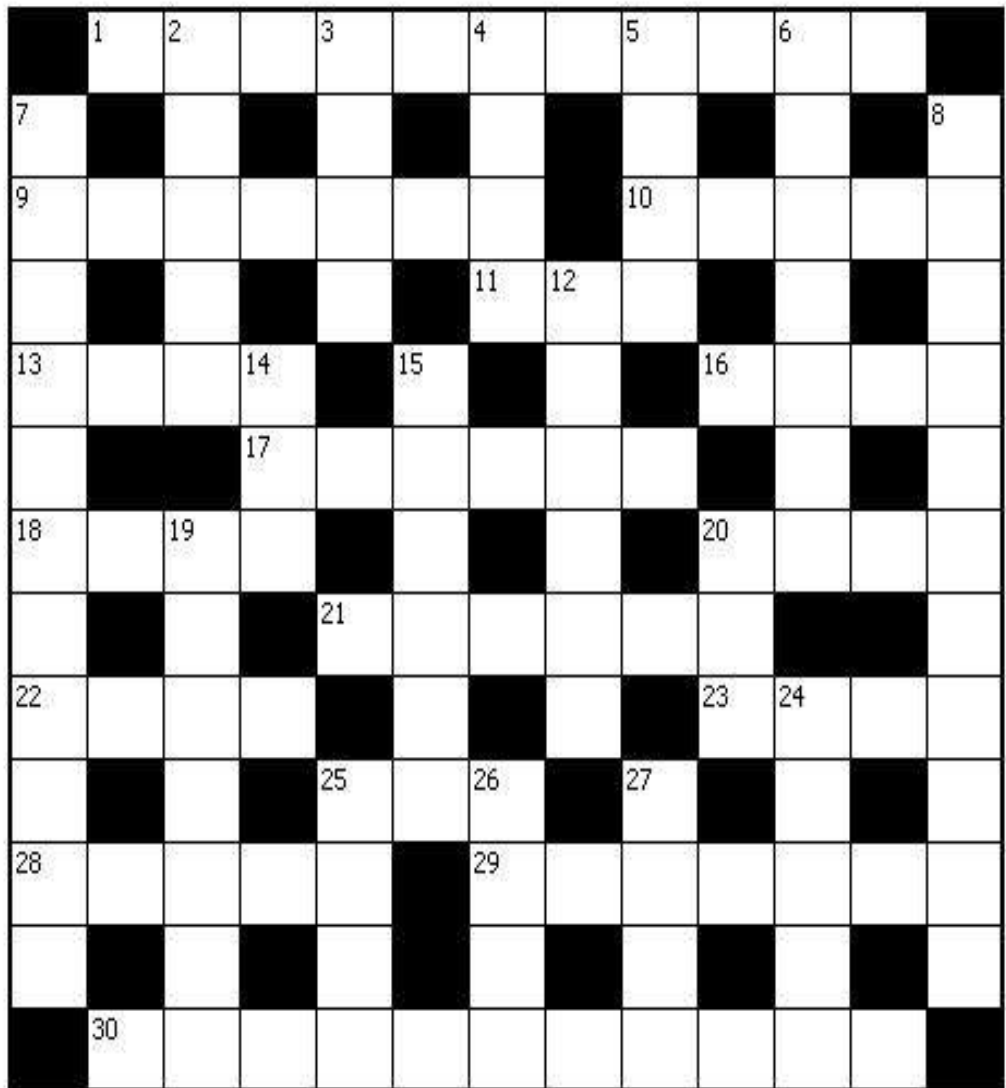
### Across

- 1 and 20 Down Lord of all ..., Lord of all..., whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy (11,3)  
9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: Why are you ... your fellow Hebrew? (Exodus 2:13) (7)  
10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline ... (2,3)  
11 At even ... the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay (3)  
13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)  
16 Do not leave Jerusalem, but ... for the gift my Father promised (Acts 1:4) (4)  
17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)  
18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: We must ... God rather than men! (Acts 5:29) (4)  
20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, ... Eareckson Tada (4)  
21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)  
22 Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat ... ... (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)  
23 Infectious tropical disease (4)  
25 Tree (3)  
28 No fear of me should ... you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you (Job 33:7) (5)  
29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)  
30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

### Down

- 2 O Jerusalem, how ... I have longed to gather your children together (Matthew 23:37) (5)  
3 Way out (4)  
4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)  
5 Done (anag.) (4)  
6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)  
7 Concerning the study of God (11)  
8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)  
12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)  
14 Frozen (3)  
15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)  
15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)  
19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)  
20 See 1 Across  
24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)  
25 Time (anag.) (4)  
26 Lists choice of meals (4)  
27 For the wages of sin is death, but the ... of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23) (4)

# Crossword



Solution on page 37





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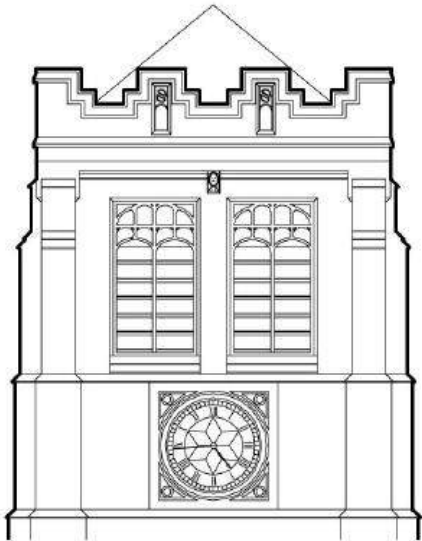
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# The Film Review

With Rob Carson



## Movie Reviews

### **A Simple Favour (15)**

**Directed by Paul Feig**

**Stars:** Blake Lively, Anna Kendrick, Henry Golding, Joshua Satine, Jean Smart, Linda Cardellini, Dustin Milligan, Kelly McKormack, Andrew Rannells, Rupert Friend, and Ian Ho

**In a Nutshell:** Sometimes, the best joy to get out of a movie is by not restricting it to one category... you never quite get where it's going or what genre it's actually residing in, but it's a wonder to take this journey with it.... see Donnie Darko or Back to the Future for mighty fine examples. Well, Paul Feig, he of some recent comedy smashes and the sadly overcriticized Ghostbusters reboot, is back with this mad mad funny and shocking 'teen noir thriller romantic comedy slasher' or something like that, or is it? It's bolstered up front and centre by two dynamite lead turns... whether it's Anna Kendrick who really goes in hard on her clumsy ditzky awkward screen persona, at times where it's embarrassing and even maybe unintentionally funny, but the smart money is on this all being deliberate since as the drama (comedy?) moves on, hidden depths and different angles are uncovered... it's a great turn of different sides and depths, nothing is ever so clear cut, the character changing as the plot unfolds (but not always how you expect) and quite simply, Blake Lively steals this film almost but not entirely since Anna is such a strong presence.... dynamic, bold, spiky, dark and oh so stylish... it's little wonder the plot begins to revolve around Annas' characters fascination with her... like Diane Keaton in Annie Hall, this will easily bring back a boom in androgynous styling for women with the number of suave suits she rocks throughout.... hers is a very dark and enigmatic character that the film rotates around and is a wonder to behold every time she enters the frame, and is backed up a solid support of various characters that bob in and around the running time, most fun being a cameo from Homelands' Rupert Friend as a snooty fashion type. This is a film to experience, to enjoy, to revel in its mysteries and plot turns... not to explain too much except to say it is a mad delight, a rush of entertaining glee in its hysteria, you could say it doesn't know what it wants to be... I say it wants to be a mad Frankenstein mash up of Gone Girl, Heathers and more.... the truest of guilty camp pleasures, though I just love it cause it's a great great movie and proof that Feig is a master director and a true talent, and a lovely guy. You kinda do owe it to yourself to check out this future cult classic now while you can....

**Rating: 8/10**





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## The Predator (15)

**Directed by Shane Black**

**Stars:** Boyd Holbrook, Jacob Tremblay, Sterling K. Brown, Olivia Munn, Trevante Rhodes, Keegan Michael-Key, Alfie Allen, Jake Busey, Thomas Jane, Augusto Aguilara, Yvonne Strahovski, and Brian A. Prince

**In a Nutshell:** Though they always do try to recapture the magic of an original installment, all franchises go through many incarnations and some gel while others don't quite.... and in the case of this franchise, it is a shame that they can never quite nail the formula of a Predator movie, cause even though I don't believe myself that even the original is perfect, it's still a pretty enjoyable action fest with a great cast, and then sadly every attempt since to recapture that magic whether it's a alright sequel or the 2010 mash up has proved to be sadly very average or just fairly decent.... and now in 2018, even with the excellent Shane Black (who starred in the original) at the helm and a top notch cast of fun talents... this then also proves to be quite sadly, a shambles... fun but a total mess. Whether it's the rather odd and silly plot threads that it tries to unsuccessfully wrangle or the failed attempts at humour and some very strange choices of what the characters have for their qualities and traits and then some rather misjudged character moments. It is in the end still I guess perfectly enjoyable for it's running time, but is still such a jarring mess for the most part, the things it believes are really alright to be targets for the humour, when they're not really in this day and age. Some of the stuff works, Jacob Tremblay as the young autistic child who may hold the hope for the future is a lovely inspiring touch and works rather well as does one of the central relationships between two of the characters. It's just all jammed in between some messy action sequences, ridiculous plot strands and humour that just makes you say 'really?' more than a few times... you can do this sort of ensemble action monster movie very well and very easily, see Planet Terror or Slither or Deep Blue Sea for perfectly fine examples. Like with a lot of modern blockbuster reboots or simply blockbusters, they seem to just take what could be alright products and edit them to an inch of their lives, until a big sprawling mess is left not satisfying anyone and it's always a shame... just let creatives be creatives and pump out a big dumb fun monster movie.... this is passable while it's there but oh it could have been so much more.

**Rating: 6/10**



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## Also Seen:

Night School (12A) 7/10

A House with a Clock in its' Walls (12A) 7/10

The Festival (15) 8/10

Venom (15) 7/10

## Also Out in November

Juliet, Naked (15) (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>) Peterloo (12A) (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>)

The Nutcracker and the Four Realms (PG) (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>) Widows (15) (Nov 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Overlord (18) (Nov 7<sup>th</sup>)

The Grinch (PG) (Nov 9<sup>th</sup>) Won't You be my Neighbour? (15) (Nov 9<sup>th</sup>)

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (12A) (Nov 16<sup>th</sup>) Suspiria (18)  
(Nov 16<sup>th</sup>)

Robin Hood (12A) (Nov 21<sup>st</sup>) The Girl in the Spiders Web (15) (Nov 21<sup>st</sup>)

Assassination Nation (15) (Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>) Nativity Rocks! (U) (Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>) Creed II  
(12A) (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)

Anna and the Apocalypse (15) (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>) Wreck it Ralph II: Ralph Breaks  
the Internet (PG) (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)

## In November's Issue:

- Reviews of A Star is Born and Bohemian Rhapsody

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## All in the month of November

It was

150 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 1868 that Gioachino Rossini, major Italian composer, died. Best known for his operas, including *The Barber of Seville*.

100 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1918 that Wilfred Owen, British poet and soldier, was killed. One of the leading poets of WW1, he was noted for his shocking realistic poetry about the horrors of trench warfare. Killed in action a week before the war ended, aged 25.

Also 100 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1918 that Armistice Day saw the end of World War 1.

90 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 1928 that Walt Disney released 'Steamboat Willie', the first Disney cartoon with fully synchronised sound, which saw the debut of Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse.

80 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 1938 that the Kristallnacht (the night of broken glass) began when the Nazis burned synagogues and destroyed thousands of Jewish homes and businesses in Germany and Austria. More than 30,000 Jews were transported to concentration camps.

75 years ago, from 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - 1st Dec 1943 that WW2's Tehran Conference took place. US President Franklin D Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss plans for a second front against Nazi Germany. This led to the D-Day assault on Normandy and the Allied invasion of occupied Europe, beginning in June 1944.

70 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1948 that American-born British poet and playwright T. S. Eliot won the 1948 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Also 70 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1948 that Charles, Prince of Wales, was born.

50 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1968, that Enid Blyton, British children's writer, died. One of the most successful children's writers of the 20th century, she wrote more than 762 books. Best known for *Noddy* and the *Famous Five* series.

25 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1993 that the Maastricht Treaty came into effect, establishing the European Union.

20 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1998 that the British Government unveiled plans to abolish the rights of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

15 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2003 that England won the Rugby World Cup for the first time.

10 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008 that Barack Obama was elected as the 44th President of the United States.

## Remembering the end of World War One

This year Remembrance Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> November) marks the centenary of the end of World War One. Of the 65 million men who were mobilized, 8.5 million were killed and a further 21 million wounded. Wilfred Owen wrote of those *'who die as cattle.'*



How should we celebrate this anniversary? In remembering the Armistice, our response should be to desire Micah's vision of universal peace in our world: *'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Micah 4:3).

However, why keep asking God for peace, when we continue to see such violence and unrest in our world? The Bible makes it clear that peace is not just the absence of war or being untroubled. It means being in a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ, with other people and with wider society.

Of course, Micah's words are looking to end of time when God will make all things new in His universal kingdom. However, these promises also can speak to us now. The ministry of Jesus demonstrated the kingdom or reign of God breaking into the everyday, as He healed the sick and brought reconciliation and hope. When we pray for peace, we're rejecting the 'old order of things', of violence and war and asking God to make His kingdom real today. We're citizens of the new kingdom, reshaping the old.

The end of the centenary of World War 1 is a time to consider peace. Although the war did not bring a lasting peace to the world, for the Christian there's a deeper lesson: peace begins with the healing of hearts, the restoring of relationships and with a deep, costly commitment to justice.



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### **Anniversary memories of Susan Cherrington**

23rd November

A loving wife, mum, daughter, sister and auntie from Brian  
Samuel, Becky & Matthew

Mum

Karen, Jimmy, Hanna,, Andrew, Amelia, Gary, Leah, Ma-  
son, Alyssia & Layla

Craig, Nicola & Nicola

Wendy, Adrian, Michael, Georgia & Bethany

Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica

### **Anniversary memories of Graham McLaren**

a loving dad and grandad from Pauline,  
Kevin, Susan, Nick, Jack & Scarlett

### **In loving memory of Piers Unsworth, Mary Alice Unsworth & Clifford Unsworth**

from Jack, Barbara, Ann Marie, John & Brian

### **In memory of Catherine Mary Hurst**

passed away 29th August 1974 from your son David

### **Birthday and wedding remembrance**

Of Elizabeth Alice Winstanley (7th & 19th November) and Wil-  
liam Winstanley (18th & 19th November) from Nancy & George



# St Thomas' Flowers

## Ladies on duty

3rd Nov	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook, Margaret Carrington
10th Nov	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
17th Nov	Meta Laites, Linda Malley, Kath Vella
24th Nov	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook, Margaret Carrington

## Flowers in church Nativity Window

In loving memory of a dear brother Robert Ian Hilton (26th October)

Birthday memories on 14th November of a dear brother Robert Ian Hilton from Alison, Adrian, Rebecca and Christopher

## Flowers in church this month

Date	Altar	Lady Chapel
4th Nov	Vacant	Vacant
11th Nov	In memory of all loved ones from Hilda Edwardson	In memory of Joyce Gibson (11th Nov) from loving husband Eric
18th Nov	Anniversary Remembrance of a dear husband & dad Allan Deluce (23rd Nov) from Elsie & family	Anniversary remembrance of Susan Cherrington (23rd Nov) a dear wife, mum, daughter, sister & auntie
25th Nov	In memory of all loved ones from Jean & Les Johnson & family	Treasured memories of Beatrice Brown (30th Nov) a much loved auntie from Joan, Dennis & Wendy

## Flowers Guild Donations

Birthday remembrance of Peggy Knocker,  
a dear friend from Doreen Lee

### **November birth flower**



Symbolic of compassion, friendship and joy, November's birth flower is the [chrysanthemum](#). The name in Greek translates as "golden flower." You can send different colours of chrysanthemums as birthday gifts in November to signify different meanings. For example, red means love whilst white indicates innocence





# St Luke's Flowers

Flowers in church for October	
4th Nov	In loving memory of Winifred Williams and baby Sophia from Linda and Michael Ladyman
11th Nov	In loving memory of my husband Gerry, Uncle Dick killed in WW2 & Uncle Alf killed in WW1 from J. Whittle.
18th Nov	In loving memory of Alan, love from Marion & boys & family.
25th Nov	Vacant

## Verses for the Year

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.**

**Isaiah 43:1b**

**I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

**Philippians 3:14**

## The Leprosy Mission

At the end of September, the Leprosy Mission North West Area held an Area Meeting at All Saints', Newton-le-Willows. As Margaret was not available on the day, Isobel accompanied me. The programme was 'Face to Face with the Leprosy Mission', and two guests from TLM Head Office in Peterborough were the main speakers. Alicia O'Sullivan and Andrew Ellis spoke about their roles and brought us up to date with developments at the Purulia Hospital Outpatients Department, and Breaking the Chains in Niger, Africa.

Paul Moores, our new area representative, chaired the meeting and described his role. It was a quite lively and very interesting and informative meeting, with the talks well illustrated with visual displays of Purulia and Nepal.

The battle against the stigma of leprosy is ongoing, as this is a major setback for the cure and eradication of the disease.

Paul concluded the meeting with prayer.

Refreshments were served, and we met and talked with other guests including Paul, Alicia and Andrew. Altogether it was a very enjoyable experience.

Barbara

## Crossword Solution

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# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

16th Oct	Gill Black	Lakeland Avenue	50
17th Oct	John Armstrong	Samswood House	85
19th Oct	David Sutton	Ellesmere Road	47
19th Oct	Peggy Royle	Crossway Close	86
25th Oct	Albert Cox	Ashton View	90

## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



14th Oct	Olive Prior	Hereford Close
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