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Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas's		St Luke's
9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Worship (2nd Sunday Family Communion)
10.45 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Parade & 4th Sunday Family Communion)	
6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion)	

Weekdays

Thursday 9.45 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)	Other services and Saints' Days as announced. Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for dates, details or exceptions.
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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

Messy
tots

Transforming
WIGAN

In January 2016 there was an open meeting in Ashton Library about the closing of Sure Start. Emotions ran high as mums expressed their concern that they may lose a service that was precious to them. Stories were told by some who had suffered with Post Natal Depression and felt that they 'wouldn't be here now if it wasn't for Sure Start'.

It made us think about the number of church toddler groups around, such as Weenies, that do a great job at creating a supportive network for mums with young children. There are a number in Ashton but nothing up at Stubshaw and yet there are many young families in that area. We decided that we would start something up at St Luke's to try to fill that gap, particularly hoping to give new mums who may be struggling, a place to meet and chat and play with their babies.

Sure Start suggested that a group centred on messy play for 0-2s would be the most beneficial as these activities stimulate young children's senses and help their development and The Deal supported us financially with all the set up costs.

The Messy Tots team formed and it was so refreshing to have people representing a number of churches; St Luke's, St Thomas', Independent Methodists Stubshaw (IMs) and Beacon to work together under the Transforming Wigan banner with the same purpose. To get alongside mums with young children to support them and show them Jesus' love. Of course our hope and prayer is that through seeing Jesus' love for them through us, that they will want to know more about Him.



The numbers fluctuated until Spring this year but since then we have had 15-20 little ones each week with their carers which are predominately mums. Where else can you let your babies search for animals in custard while they sit in it? Play in mushy

peas, jelly & ice-cream, coloured pasta, mounds of shredded paper and many more activities.

At the beginning of September, Sam baptised Brody in our first Messy Tots'



Letter from



Baptism. We used much of the liturgy that we



would use for a traditional christening but in the middle, there

was a break for half an hour's messy play. During this time, mum & dad, the godparents and family and friends all put their thumb prints on a canvas to symbolise their commitment to helping Brody live and grow within God's family.

After the other children had all been cleaned up and Brody had had a bit more time in the shredded paper which stuck to the blue custard he was already covered in, Sam fully

immersed Brody in the baptism water. The symbolism of Jesus coming to meet us in our mess and washing us clean was powerful.

Brody's mum is starting Alpha together hopefully with a few other

mums and we have another Messy Baptism booked for James in February. We have an amazing team of helpers at Messy Tots who, through showing Jesus' love for those who come on a Wednesday morning, are encouraging some mums to think more about who Jesus is to them.



Sue Thomas & Jennifer Harrison

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 - October 2017

<u>Monday</u>	Morning prayer	9.00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00am-12:00pm
	Church open for prayer	7.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning Prayer	9.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	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 **Bryn Road South, Bryn Road, Bolton Road (to Jamison's Farm) and George Street.**

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Parish News



Stamps and coins keep them coming

I was delighted, on returning home from holiday, to find a cheque for £150 awaiting me. This being the sum raised from the latest collection of stamps and unwanted coins. At the time when we are desperately trying to raise the funds necessary for our heating and sound systems this was well received. When you consider that it was from used stamps and unwanted coins it does point out how important it is that we support this particular venture.

I would like to thank all those members of the congregation who have supported the effort in the past and at the same time encourage everyone to have regard to the funds which can be raised at no cost and little effort. I also understand that in addition to coins, where it the metal which counts, unwanted medals and jewellery is also acceptable. I would like to close this item with a particular thanks to Anne and Jack Alldred who for many years have looked after this particular project which has raised valuable funds and who take the trouble of journeying to a mysterious place called Accrington delivering the stamps and coins to the collector.

Malcolm

Bucket Appeal by the Mothers' Union

You will no doubt recollect my article early in the Summer regarding the raising of funds for the Mothers' Union 'Away from it All' breaks for the disadvantaged. As a result of leaving the bucket at the back of church, throughout August, the magnificent sum of £103.25p has been raised. On behalf of those who will benefit from this effort I want to thank everyone for their support.

Barbara





Mothers Union

DIARY

Friday 6th October

Women's World Day of Prayer at 1.30pm

Victoria Road Methodist Church Garswood



Wednesday 18th October at St Thomas Church Hall 7.30pm
the Speaker is our own curate Sam.

Advance Notice

Wednesday 29th November -

Advent Service at St Francis Kitt
Green at 7.30pm.



Sadly Dorothy Hesketh passed away in August following a terrible accident while on holiday. Dorothy was always an active member until her health declined in recent years. I am sure that all our members will join me in passing on our sympathy to her family at this difficult time.

On a happier note I had the privilege on the 20th September of enrolling Marlene Thomas as member of our Branch. Marlene's mother Margaret Rogers has been a member for very many years and is now an indoor member.



Mothers Union

Holy women of the New Testament

Go to all nations

O God, your Son commanded us to go to all nations.

You have called us to serve you here in the diocese of Liverpool.

Empower us with your Spirit:

give us courage to proclaim Christ crucified;

give us faith to remain firm;

give us a trust to remain ever faithful to you.

Give us a gracious spirit — to extend your kingdom and
righteousness, for Jesus' sake.

St Asaph diocese, Wales

Amen

*Love and prayers
Barbara*

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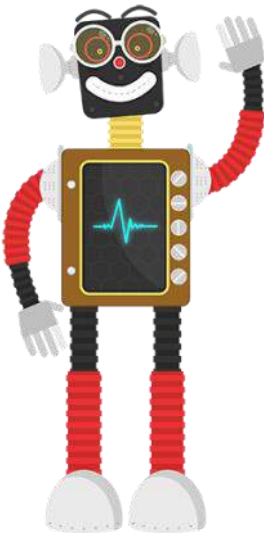
St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

After the summer holidays, we have now returned to school and a new academic year. Mrs Jones, and all the staff at the school, would like to congratulate our former students on doing very well with GCSE and A level results. *We are very proud of you all.*

Best wishes to our students who left in July and moved into secondary education. We hope that you have settled in well in your new schools and we would like to wish you all success and happiness in all that you do. Please feel free to call in and let us know how you are getting on.

A big welcome to our new reception class. All the children have settled in very well and are enjoying making new friends and learning lots of new things in a fun way.

Heart Smart



I have previously written about when Dave Hill and Boris, the Robot, visited our school and staged a demonstration to all our children about personal feelings.

A further appointment was made in early September for all staff to receive an afternoon of training and development to better understand our feelings and emotions, and how these can impact on ourselves and the students.

The main focus was placed on having a healthy heart, giving love out and letting love in, as well as making good choices in all emotional situations.



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

This training seminar generated a great deal of debate and everyone at St. Thomas' benefited from reviewing their own feelings and Christian values as a platform to better encourage all our wonderful children to make good choices when faced with emotional situations.

School Prayer

Creator God, you gave us minds
to help us understand and know.
Creator God you give us time
to do our best and learn to grow.

Father God in this new term we ask your help
to keep us safe, to keep us strong,
to help us become more
the people you want us to be.

Bible verse

1 Corinthians 16:4

*Do all your work in love.
Amen*



Peace to you all.

Elaine Mateus

Uncertain times

Though the world faces war and there's no sense of peace, I know that you love us of this I am certain.

Though our leaders don't always listen and honour what's right, I know that you support us of this I am certain.

Though our churches seem empty and our faith ebbs and flows, I know that you're a constant of this I am certain.

Though we're always so 'busy' with no time to pray, I know that you're patient of this I am certain.

Though we create our false idols and worship celebs, I know that you're gracious of this I am certain.

Though sometimes our minds and emotions are troubled, I know that you hear us of this I am certain.

Though we may lose perspective on what's valued in life, I know that you yearn for us of this I am certain.

Though we allow others to hunger yet throw food away, I know that your heart breaks of this I am certain.

Though we pollute your creation and forget to recycle, I know that your tears fall of this I am certain.

Though we slander and shame others without thought of our words, I know that your head bows of this I am certain.

Though we hoard and grow greedy forgetting to share, I know that the thorns pierce of this I am certain.

Though we avert our eyes to those neighbours in need, I know that the nails crush of this I am certain.

Though we overindulge our bodies with vanity and pride, I know that your flesh tears of this I am certain.

Though even as Christians we still sin and hurt, I know that you hung there of this I am certain.

Despite all the hurt and the sorrow we cause. Despite all the unrest, the greed and corruption. Despite all those days that seem so hard to bear...

I'm certain you love us, I'm certain you care!

by Joanna Wooff

Musical Evening with the

**Pemberton Old Wigan DW Youth Brass Band,
Frank Lowe (Organ) and
Children of Rectory CE School**

**will be held in
Holy Trinity Church, North Ashton,**

**on Friday 13th October
at 7.30pm.**



Dock Lane (Liverpool Road) in the 16th Century

In 1586, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and two years before the Spanish Armada invaded England, Ralph Haselden (c1560 - 1637) purchased, for £59 10s, a house and lands on Dock Lane (now Liverpool Road) from Sir Thomas Gerard of Bryn and his son Thomas Gerard of Garswood. Ralph's house was called Dock Lane House. The original house has long since disappeared and its location is unclear but it was probably situated either in the grounds of the present day military vehicle yard on Liverpool Road or on the site of the present Model Farm (Worthington's Farm) near the M6 junction on Liverpool Road. Buildings at both these locations, at various times since c1500, have been named Dock Lane House. In the 1630's Ralph is recorded as one of the five owners of lands in Ashton in Makerfield.

Ralph was a farmer but he also had several small pits on Dock Lane mining coal. The "Dock Lane colepits of Ralph Haselden" are mentioned in 1634. Listed amongst the farm buildings owned by Ralph was a hempyard. The presence of a hempyard indicates that hemp or the cannabis plant was grown on Dock Lane/Liverpool Road in the 16th and 17th centuries. Hemp was cultivated for its valuable fibre rather than its narcotic properties. Hemp fibre was used to make rope, canvas and sail cloth and was an important component of naval stores. In the 16th Century Henry VIII encouraged farmers to grow hemp to provide materials for the English naval fleet. After harvesting the hemp was hung up to dry in a hempyard.

In 1637, during the reign of Charles 1, Ralph died and his estate was inherited by his son and heir Thomas Haselden (1584 - 1647). Thomas was married to Isabell and they had at least 5 children, Ralph, Thomas, Margaret, John and Isabell. In 1647 Thomas Haselden died and his son Ralph (1627 - 1682) inherited the farm and lands. In 1654 at St. Mary the Virgin, Leigh, Ralph married Mary Hindley of Lower Hall, Hindley. Their first child Thomas was born 1656 (died 1662 of smallpox). Mary died 1657 possibly giving birth to her second child Lydia. 1662 Ralph was living at Dock Lane House with his second wife Sarah (no marriage is recorded but was probably at Ashton Chapel c1660). Ralph, Sarah and Ralph's

brother John Haselden were good friends with the manager of an Ashton in Makerfield drapers shop named Roger Lowe. John Haselden was a regular drinking partner of Roger and they made merry in the inns and taverns in Ashton such as Tankerfield's Tavern. Roger was the best man at John Haseldens marriage to Grace Woodcroft in 1665. From 1673 - 1678 Roger Lowe wrote his "Diary of Ashton in Makerfield" which often mentions the Haselden family. In 1664 Roger records the tragic death of Sarah, aged 2, the infant daughter of Ralph and Sarah Haselden - "14/6/1664 Tusday, Att night Ralph Haselden sent for me his youngest daughter was dead it was conceived she had eaten asnicke(*arsenic) for Sarah had laid asnike in meale and butter and the child getting it gett that which was laid in buttr and so dyd". Roger records the following after attending the childs funeral "14/6/1664 a daughter of Raph Haselden very young of the Docke Lane was a suddenly dead her mother had laid rotten meat for mice and the Girl had received it through her mothers carelessness in laying it". In November 1664 Ralph and Sarah Haselden had another daughter who they named Sarah. In 1663 at Ashton Chapel Isabell Haselden the sister of Ralph married Thomas Tickle of Rainford.

By 1675 Ralph Haselden and family had moved from Ashton to Windle and by 1677 were living in Prescott. In 1677 Ralph sold Dock Lane House and all his lands to John Launder of New Hall, Ashton in Makerfield. Dock Lane House and the lands now became part of the New Hall estate. New Hall was a large mansion house which was situated on the present day Ashton golf course. New Hall passed by marriage from the Launder to the Master family who in 1771 sold the residence to Robert Cansfield Gerard. The Gerard family gave the residence the name of Garswood New Hall or Garswood Hall and it remained the residence of the Gerard family until its demolition in 1921.

David A. Fearnley

I would like to thank David for another fascinating glimpse into the history of our town.

Malcolm



Baby Loss Awareness Week

On 15th October a 'Wave of Light' will spread across the world as the annual Baby Loss Awareness Week comes to an end.

So many of us will light a candle for an hour at 7pm local time to remember those babies who have died and the families who live on with them in their hearts.

This is a time for reflection and prayer. Importantly, it is a time to share the love for those babies who have died with others, for some that will be simply lighting a candle alone or with friends, and for others this will allow them to speak the name of their child who died.

Finlay is in our thoughts daily, but I know that having that time to reflect on life with and without our son will bring heartache and happiness simultaneously.

Please join my family, and so many others, to celebrate life using the power of light.

Natasha Hulson

The BBC turns its attention to rural vicars

In a new six-part religion series, BBC Two is following the lives of country vicars at the heart of their rural communities in Herefordshire.

'A Vicar's Life' will show how, from opening fêtes to marrying local couples, vicars are knitted into the fabric of country life. They act as a pillar of support in times of crisis and personal sorrow.

The series will span a six-month period, from Whitsun to Christmas, and explore how the vicar's message of Christianity fits into an ever-changing 21st century. The series will also give a closer perspective on rural life, as seen through the eyes of the church. Village fetes, shooting drives, and local issues - all served up with a heavy dose of humour, charity, and inspiring local leadership.

'A Vicar's Life' was made by BBC Studios' Pacific Quay Productions for BBC Two. The Executive Producer is Jo Roe.

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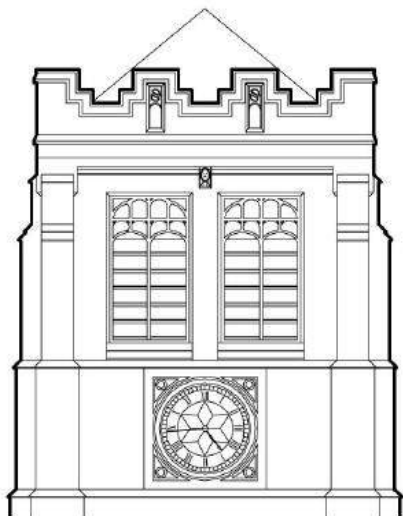
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14th Oct	ALL LADIES- DISMANTLE & MRS LAITES, MRS MALLEY, MRS VELLA	
21st Oct	MRS EDWARDSON, MRS COOK, KAYLEIGH SPEAKMAN	
28th Oct	MRS LYON, MRS PILLING, MRS DAVIES	
FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING OCTOBER		
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
24th Sept	Birthday memories of Austin Bullen From Jean, Karen, Keith, Jaki, Simon, Toni & Ben	Birthday remembrance of Austin Bullen (23rd Sept) from Kathleen, Ann, Stan & families
1st Oct	Harvest Congregation	Harvest Congregation
8th Oct	Harvest Congregation	Harvest Congregation
15th Oct	In memory of John Jolley from Gladys, David & family	In memory of all loved ones from the Bailey family
22nd Oct	VACANT	VACANT
29th Oct	Maureen & Hilda For our birthdays	VACANT

St Thomas' Flowers



St Thomas' Flower Guild
 Coffee Morning
 Saturday 28th October 2017
 10am—Noon

Refreshments
 Home-made cakes
 Tombola
 Raffle

All welcome
 Contributions to flower guild members



St Lukes' Flowers



FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR OCTOBER

24th Sept	In loving memory of Rodney Williams from Linda, Michael & Family
1st Oct	Vacant
8th Oct	Vacant
15th Oct	Vacant
22nd Oct	Vacant
29th Oct	Vacant



St Thomas' & St Luke's Donations October 2017



Please place your donation in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please hand in at church or post to the vicarage.

Please make any cheques payable to **St Thomas' PCC**. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

Thank you.

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With Thanks for Home Communion:

Gladys Jolley

Africa Fund

Olive van der Boon

With Thanks for Brody's Messy Baptism

From Alix & Kelly

Donation to Africa Fund

Funds currently in use are: Africa Fund, Audio Visual, Church Hall, Building & Maintenance, Garden of Rest, General, Grave Maintenance, Heath Road Graveyard, Heating and Youth worker

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In memory of Stan Shaw & Allan Tushingham

From Hilda Edwardson

In loving memory of Stan Shaw from

Haydn & Margery Jackson
Teresa & Harold Rutter
June & Les Howarth
Madge Twist

In memory of a loving husband, dad, grandad Stan Shaw

From Betty, Karen, Gill & families

Anniversary Remembrance of

Debra Davies (Sept 20th) - a loving mum, daughter, sister & aunty

From Craig & Nicola
Mum

Karen, Jimmy, Laura, Andrew & Amelia
Gary, Leah, Mason & Alyssia
Janet, Victoria, Rachael & Jonathon
Wendy, Adrian, Michael & Bethany
Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica

Birthday Remembrance of

Edna Slack (14th Oct) - a dear mum

From Susan, Ian, Graham & Debbie

Edna Slack (14th Oct) - a loving Grandma and Great-Grandma

From Erica, Andrea, Michael, Jordan, Georgia, Melissa, Maizie & Bronte

In Loving Memory of Catherine Hurst

From David Hurst

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Hesketh

From Doreen & family

In Memory of Dorothy Hesketh

From Jean and Les Johnson



90th Birthday Celebration Thank You

Meta, Karen, Teresa, Vanessa, Amanda and the team for the organisation of such a splendid Birthday celebration on my behalf.

How I never knew anything about it remains a mystery to me.

Thank you to all who attended the event in the church hall, for your congratulations, cards and gifts. You helped in making it such a wonderful, moving occasion for me to celebrate a Milestone Birthday.

“It was truly memorable”

THANK YOU ALL

Eric Gibson



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chapters 39: 20-41:44

Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave and he had ended up in Egypt. Then he was wrongly accused and was sent to prison.



Joseph was trusted to look after the other prisoners.

Then Pharaoh's butler and baker were sent to the prison. One night they had strange dreams.



... I made juice from the grapes and gave it to Pharaoh..

...all the bread in my baskets was eaten by birds.

God knows what your dreams mean - you will be pardoned . . . but you won't.



The two men left the prison.



Don't forget me!

But they did

Two years later Pharaoh had a dream

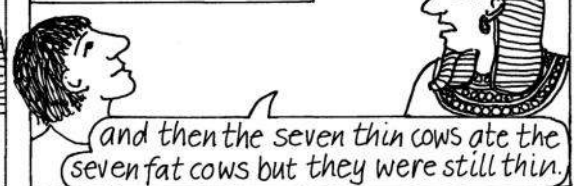


None of his advisors could explain it...



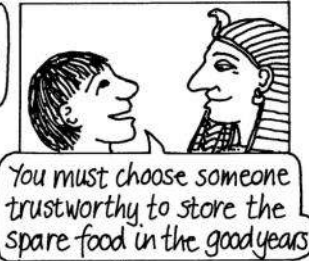
...then his butler remembered Joseph.

So Joseph was cleaned up and sent to Pharaoh



and then the seven thin cows ate the seven fat cows but they were still thin.

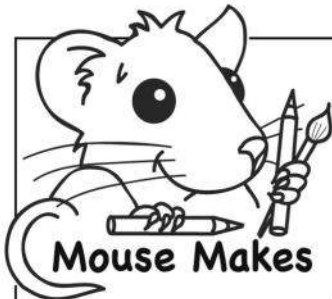
God says there will be seven bumper years, then seven years of famine.



You must choose someone trustworthy to store the spare food in the good years

Pharaoh was so impressed he gave Joseph the job!





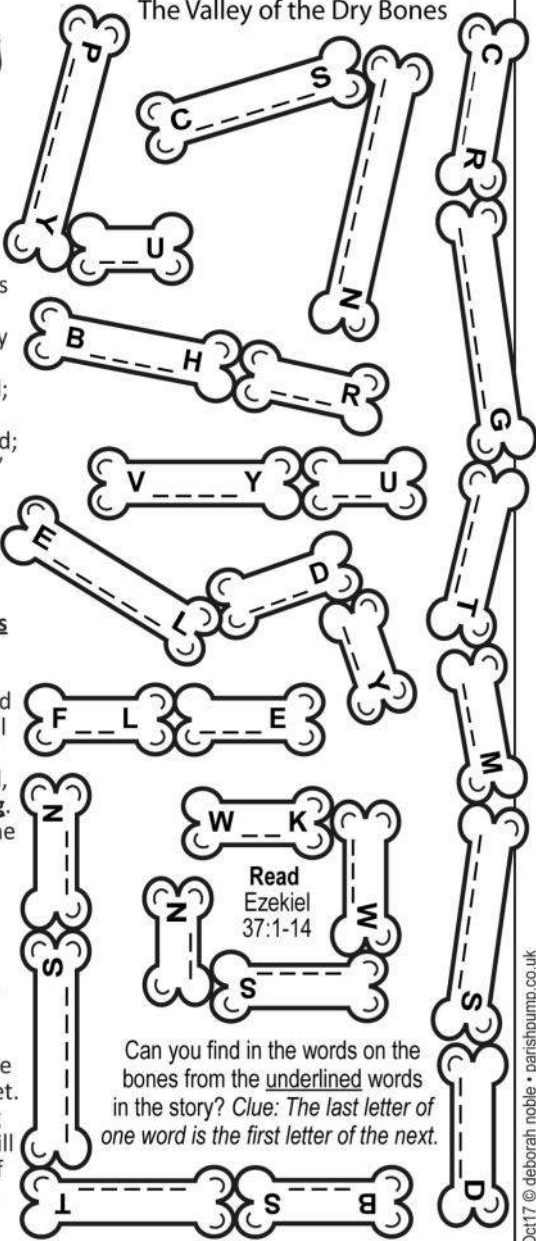
The Valley of the Dry Bones

Ezekiel the prophet had a special dream from God. In his dream he stood in the middle of a **valley full** of a **great** many **bones**. God made him **walk** around them, then God said; "**Son** of man, can these bones **live**?" Ezekiel replied; "**Sovereign Lord**, you know." God told Ezekiel to **prophecy** over the bones, to tell **them**; "**Dry** bones, **hear** the word of the Lord, I am about to put **breath** into **you** and you will live. I will put **tendons** on you and **muscles** over you and **cover** you with **skin**.

I will put breath in you and you will live. Then **you** will **know** that I am the Lord."

So Ezekiel did as God had said, he heard the **sound** of **rattling**. The bones came together bone to bone, then tendons and muscles and skin appeared on them. God told Ezekiel to say to the breath; "Come, breath, from the four **winds** and breathe on these corpses so that they may live."

Ezekiel spoke what God had told him and the **corpses** came alive and stood on their feet. God explained the meaning of the dream and said; "I will put my **Spirit** in the people of Israel and they will know I am the Lord and they will live."



Read Ezekiel 37:1-14

Can you find in the words on the bones from the underlined words in the story? *Clue: The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next.*

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MIXED UP MONTHS

Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8th month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.



The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar until July was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar.

This was followed by Augustus who also added another month (guess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?

OOOOOOs

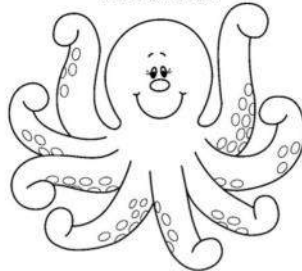
All these names begin with O – which ones aren't the real name of a saint?

1. Odo
2. Olaf
3. Osyth
4. Oliver
5. Olympias
6. Odilia
7. Omer
8. Oudoceus
9. Osburga
10. Ouen



How does an octopus go into battle?

Well armed.

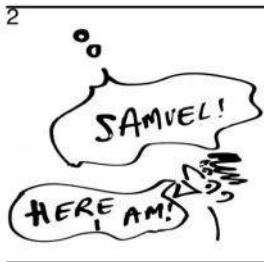


What's round, orange and can't sit down?

A seatless Satsuma.



Answers: the answer is that they all are real saint's names! Aren't you glad that they didn't call you after some of these saints?

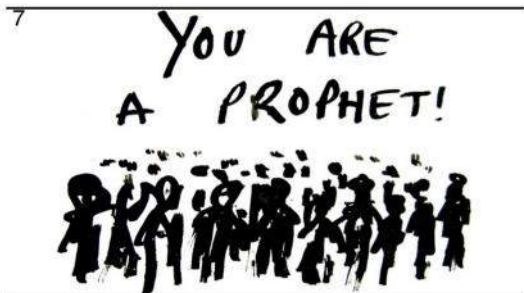


Learning to hear God

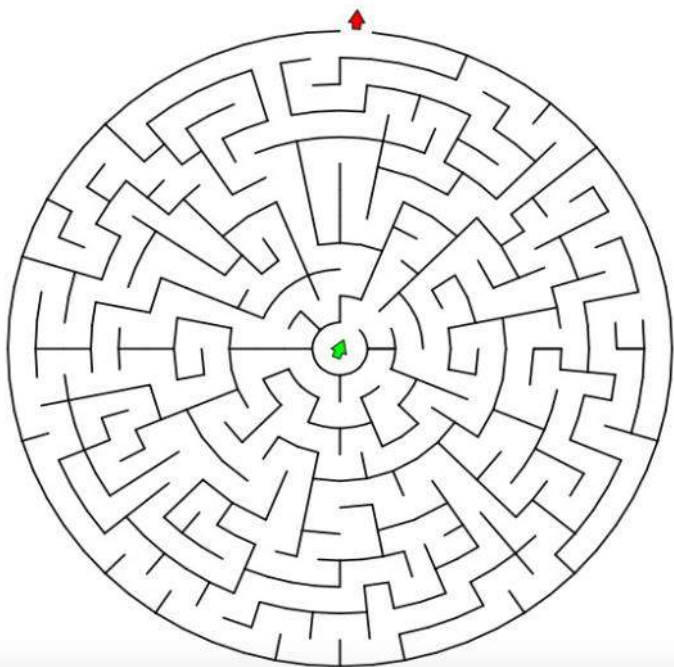
Bible Sketchbook

God wants to speak to us, so we need to tune into his voice. He loves us and wants to encourage us but sometimes what he wants us to say is not very popular. So we need to learn to recognise His voice and trust Him. Samuel discovered this even though at first he thought it was Eli calling him! Samuel spoke out against sin and wrongdoing even though he did not want to. It was a hard message because it was critical of Eli. But the people came to recognise him as a prophet. What about you? Are you hearing God speak? Are you willing to speak out?

Be reassured as you read 1 Samuel 3!



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The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Movie Reviews

Atomic Blonde (15)

Directed by David Leitch

Stars: Charlize Theron, James McAvoy, Sofia Boutella, Eddie Marsan, John Goodman, Toby Jones, James Faulkner, Roland Moller, Bill Skarsgard, and Til Schweiger

In a Nutshell: The biggest question you need to ask is, just because a film has a really wicked soundtrack with a ace cast and amazing action fight sequences and cool visualness, does that make it a great film or just a fun enough one? Atomic Blonde is a big one for this question and I'd say it's a fair point... this is certainly not Die Hard or The Matrix but does it have to be? Not really, this is big bold bruising fun and I enjoyed every cool minute of it all the same. Charlize Theron has proved herself many a time as a awesome action heroine and she cements it fully here with another iconic turn, if Furiosa is the pinnacle this is one of the highlights for sure. McAvoy is never bad and here again he is terrific as a completely deranged rogue agent who may be either help or hinder, and he's a ball as ever while there's fab support from all the fun familiar faces, especially a fun John Goodman who is always welcome while Sofia Boutella is fabulous but very underused. The tunes as mentioned are perfect, pumping throughout and providing the perfect soundtrack for the perfect moments, and the action and fight sequences are probably the best you'll see all year apart from maybe John Wick, which is handy cause they're by the same people...bruising, harsh and tough... they're perfectly choreographed and just a delight. All in all, this summer action thriller gives you everything you could want in a neat little mystery package...check it out and hold on tight!

Rating: 8/10

Detroit (15)

Directed by Kathryn Bigelow

Stars: Jon Boyega, Will Poulter, Algee Smith, Jacob Latimore, Jason Mitchell, Anthony Mackie, Hannah Murray, Jack Reynor, Kaitlyn Dever, Nathan Davis Jr and John Krasinski



In a Nutshell: Films can simply be timely but usually they tend to be timely purely on coincidence and happy accident (happy being a loose term)... and whilst this movie coming out is meant to be timely anyway, it sadly seems even more timely than it was ever intended to be. This is a massively important piece of moviemaking, its tough and uncompromising and really hard to watch at times but it is essential and it is unmissable and you owe it to yourselves to make it a priority. But could you expect any less from a



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director as talented, versatile and uncompromising as Bigelow, whether it's the brutal truth of Hurt Locker and Zero Dark Thirty or the rom-com disguised as adrenaline actioner classic Point Break... she has always been one of the best and always making nothing less than stellar masterclasses. It's a film brimming with terrific performances from all and even with some faces you'll know if not immediately recognize but top triumphs go to both Boyega and Poulter who are both stellar, Poulter especially taking a character that could easily just be horrible and nasty and a caricature and making him something a lot more interesting, he has always been a tremendous talent and here he is essentially awards worthy, he is truly terrifying and a stunning performance (just makes me wish he was still going to play Pennywise). It truly is a terrific ensemble cast all the same though, the lack of too many really familiar faces help a film like this because you can invest with characters more when they're not Tom Cruise or Judi Dench as good as they are and it really works well here. This is a really tough ride and the tension is unbearable but it's so well made and such a important film. Films like this are most stunning when you realise this is something that happened and that makes this all the more important that we take note never to let things like this happen again... this is a breed of a thriller, a drama and a horror for that reason... the scariest movies of all are because they're real...

Rating: 10/10

Also Seen:

The Hitman's Bodyguard (15) 7/10

Logan Lucky (12A) 8/10

The Dark Tower (12A) 7/10



Also Released in October:

Blade Runner 2049 (15) (Oct 5th)

The Mountain Between Us (15) (Oct 6th)

Loving Vincent (15) (Oct 13th)

The Ritual (15) (Oct 13th)

Geostorm (12A) (Oct 20th)

Jungle (15) (Oct 20th)

My Little Pony the Movie (U) (Oct 20th)

Thor: Ragnarok (12A) (Oct 25th)

Call Be By Your Name (15) (Oct 27th)

The Glass Castle (12A) (Oct 6th)

6 Below (15) (Oct 13th)

The LEGO Ninjago Movie (PG) (Oct 13th)

The Snowman (18) (Oct 13th)

Happy Death Day (18) (Oct 20th)

Marshall (12A) (Oct 20th)

The Death of Stalin (15) (Oct 20th)

Jigsaw (18) (Oct 26th)



The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

4th Sept	Ellen Kelly	Cansfield Grove	84
6th Sept	Dorothy Hesketh	Conway Road	81
11th Sept	Peter Carroll	Dunsdale Drive	68
12th Sept	David Blyth	Shawcross NH	63

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



27th August	Lois Ivy Taylor	Dunsdale Drive
27th August	Isaac Thomas Knowles	Lincoln Drive
27th August	Harrison Roy Meadows	Weavermill Park
3rd Sept	Brody Anthony Stevens	Silverbirch Grove
10th Sept	Amelia Karen Margaret Blyth	Bolton Road
24th Sept	Archie Stephen Roberts	Elaine Close

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