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Vicar's Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I can't quite believe I am writing this for the May magazine! Where has this year gone? I don't know if it's my advancing age but time seems to be flying.

As you read this, I'm hoping that the work to repair the church tower and to treat the dry rot has begun. We have been very fortunate to receive funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to do this work; without it we would be unable to proceed. It's important that we acknowledge where the bulk of the money is coming from, so that people who play the Lottery know how their money is being spent, and that it's being spent on local projects.

The work may bring some disruption to the church building in the short term, but it will secure the fabric of the building for the future. St. Thomas is a beautiful church, with wonderful stained-glass windows and a great heritage which is very much worth preserving. I'm sure all of us who worship here regularly, appreciate its beauty and feel that its beauty adds to our understanding of the beauty and wonder of God. That is the purpose of the building, to bring us closer to God through worship and fellowship. By being together in this place we, I hope, feel that we are part of the Body of Christ in Moorside and Sholver, and across the world.

Seeing the light as it shines through the stained-glass and falls on the walls or the floor is one of the joys of being in the building. What do you love about St Thomas Church? What is your favourite place or sight or object? What about this place brings you closer to God and other Christians?

Of course, we can worship and praise God anywhere and always, but church buildings are places where we can come together before God, with all our strengths and weaknesses, with our hopes and disappointments, and with a sense that we are not alone. I hope the building of St Thomas is a place you value and have come to love.

I'll add a quick note that by now Revd Richard Dashwood will have joined us as Assistant Curate. I know you'll welcome him and Hannah and make him feel at home. Please pray for Richard and Hannah, and pray for the building works and the contractors who are working here. Pray that this lovely building will be here for many years to come and that God will draw people to worship and serve in this place.

With prayers and all blessings,

Rev'd Denise





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Sat 4 th May	9-11.30am	Coffee morning at British Legion, Shaw
Sun 5 th May	8.30am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Parish Communion
Tue 7 th May	7.30pm	STYLE meeting in choir vestry
Wed 8 th May	7pm	Said Communion
Thu 9 th May	2pm	Ladies Group
Sun 12 th May	8.30am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Parade Service
Wed 15 th May	7pm	Said Communion
Fri 17 th May	7pm	STYLE Fashion Show
Sun 19 th May	8.30am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Parish Communion
Mon 20 th May	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation at Holy Trinity, Waterhead
Wed 22 nd May	7pm	Said Communion
Thurs 23 rd May	7.30pm	Moorside & District Historical Society at the Cricket Club * <i>Note the new date & venue</i>
Sun 26 th May	8.30am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Parish Communion
Wed 29 th May	7pm	Said Communion

Dates for your dairy: FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 9th June 10.30 am Whit Walk around the parish



The procession had taken the scenic route

Heritage Open Weekend Saturday 14th, Sunday 15th September

Gift Weekend - Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September

Harvest Thanksgiving - Sunday 13th October

All Souls - Sunday 3rd November at 6.30pm

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 10th November

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Churchwarden's Note

This note sees the end of one chapter here at St. Thomas and the start of another.

On April 7th we had our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - think of it like an Annual General Meeting for the parish - and after seven years supporting the Parish Corinne stepped down from her role as a warden. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Corinne for her help, support, guidance and advice that she has given me over the past two years. Although she has handed her warden's hat over to Sam Atherton, she will still be involved with the church and may don another hat in the future.

At this meeting the new sides-persons were also nominated and voted on, as well as Parish representatives for the Deanery synod, and the vacant positions on our Parochial Church Council (PCC) were also filled. The wardens will be presented to Archdeacon Cherry Vann at her visitation service on **Monday 20th May** at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Waterhead. All sides-persons, members of the PCC and congregation are also invited.

As the numbers on our electoral roll have fallen over recent years, then our PCC has reduced in number. Again, thanks to those who have served on the PCC and to those continuing. It is our hope that the numbers on our electoral roll will increase in the future.

The start of a new chapter is the welcoming of our new curate, Richard Dashwood and his wife Hannah. You may also see them walking their two large dogs around the parish. We are sure that you will all show them the warm welcome which is known to all who walk through our doors. I am sure that Richard and Hannah will see the vibrant people that we have, both within our parish and in the wider community.

We are blessed that we have many things happening within our church. If you are interested in finding out more or think that you are doing something that we may be interested in, then please come and tell us☺

Simon and Sam



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On Saturday 27th April STYLE hosted a fun family night of Rock 'n' Roll Bingo. At the time of writing the event has not been held but we hope you managed to join in and enjoy the night. STYLE also held a stall at the show the community centre Easter fair on the same day which we hope was a wonderful success and well supported by the community.

On **Friday 17th May at 7.30pm** we will be hosting our famous clothes party in the Church hall. Tickets are only £3 per person, with a licensed bar and nibbles as well as a raffle and jewellery stall in the lounge. This is always a really popular event and we get booked up every time, so round up your friends and see any STYLE member for your tickets.

STYLE raises as much money as possible for church, but also we identify other causes and have recently enjoyed raising money to support some of our church children who are going on the World Scout Jamboree trip to America this summer. When we held the recent Spring fair in March we raised over £200 and were able to donate £100 each to Liam Martin and Kate Temple-Heald, with the remainder going into the kitty for church funds.

Throughout the summer months STYLE will be attending various summer fairs to raise funds for church, the first being Failsworth Carnival **18th/19th May**. Please come along and support us if you can.

If you cannot attend the events then we would still be very grateful for donations of chocolate, as well as bottles, gifts and any other items which we can use for our tombolas and fairs throughout the year. They will all be put to good use and will be gratefully received. Thank you.

If you wish to join the STYLE group please approach any member of STYLE. It might be the churchwarden Sam Atherton or the Sunday school leader Lisa Slater. The group meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the church vestry at 7:30pm and you will be made very welcome.

The Inexperienced Gardener

A vicar, from Islington way,
Permitted his rose to decay.
His wife, with more vigour
Bought a hose with a trigger
And said to her spouse, "let us spray!"

By Nigel Beeton

Please remember to return your plant order forms to Millicent or Donald by Sunday 5th May. The plants will then be available for delivery or collection after 20th May.

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Sunday School and Sunday Youth

Over the Easter period the Sunday school children have been making Easter rings which tell the Easter story.

On Palm Sunday we focused on the narrative of the Easter story and the children also enjoyed parading around the church with their palm crosses. Palm Sunday leads us nicely into Easter Sunday, which means even more excitement with the Easter egg hunt in Church!

The children have also designed a display wall in the church hall lounge which is called Buddy's Travels. Buddy is the soft toy dog which the children can have an opportunity to take home each week. Each week the child who is looking after Buddy takes pictures and writes stories about their adventures together, and these stories and pictures are displayed on the wall showing Buddy's travels each week.



Please come into the church hall and spend some time looking at the wonderful stories and pictures. If you come after Sunday Service there is tea and toast served. All are welcome.



If anybody has any queries or questions regarding Sunday School please do not hesitate to contact one of the Sunday school leaders. Thank you

Sunday School/Youth Leaders



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The Cubs at St Thomas have been involved with a community project with a team from The Oldham Foodbank. The project ran over three weeks and formed part of their World Challenge Badge.

The first week we looked at what was most important to us; was it food, water, heat and light or was it Xbox's, mobile phones and toys? The second week we welcomed Zoe from the Foodbank who came to explain how the Foodbank worked and how people in need were able to access it. The Cubs were really interested in this session and has lots of questions to ask. Our final week saw 24 Cubs, young leaders, leaders and the team from the Foodbank descend on Tescos at Huddersfield Road! Working in teams of six they were challenged to find 26 items starting with each letter of the alphabet (There was no reason for this it just made shopping more fun, but thank goodness for Zero Cola, Zoflora and items that were Xtra special!). They also had to stay within budget with each item costing a pound or less. All the items purchased were then donated to the Foodbank and the cubs even got to pack the van!

The cubs were incredibly well behaved and enthusiastic about the cause and attracted lots of wonderful comments from the general public and Tesco Staff.

They have thoroughly enjoyed the project and it has certainly made them stop and think about people who are less fortunate. I would like to thank the team from the Foodbank who also as volunteers made time for our Group and have thoroughly supported us throughout.

Akela

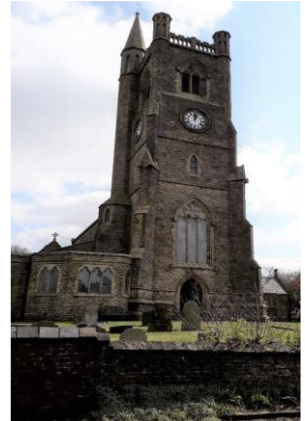


St. Thomas' Times



Thank you to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the grant to repair the church tower. And thank you to all the people who buy a ticket. Your money is being used to support this project in your local area, Moorside and Sholver.

We are very grateful!



Recently, three of our congregation have, donated their hair to the Little Princess Trust who are a charity which provide wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment, alopecia or other medical conditions.

So a big well done to Emily Higham, and Eloise and Helen Booth for bravely donating your locks to this worthy cause. We think you all look wonderful with your new haircuts, and thanks to your generosity some children out there will have new hair!

On 14th April at 4pm we welcomed Bishop Mark Ashcroft to St. Thomas' to licence Richard Dashwood as our Assistant Curate.

Congratulations Richard. We look forward to welcoming you in your new role.





Sincere thanks to Ian Cadd who has kindly made a holder for our uniformed groups flags. Thank you Ian. It is lovely to see the flags on display on the altar throughout Parade service, instead of propped up in a corner like they used to be!

Parade Service is held on the second Sunday of the month at 10.30am and gives an opportunity to celebrate and share the achievements of our young people with the congregation. We have modern hymns and no communion so it's a more relaxed atmosphere. However, if you wish to take communion, then Revd Denise also holds an 8.30am communion service too. Generally Parade services operate in school term time and are not held throughout the school holidays, but please check with either your group leader or one of the social media methods below.

If traditional Sunday worship is difficult for you to attend then don't forget that we also have a Wednesday evening communion service every week at 7pm. All are welcome.

There is also an extra communion service at **7pm on Ascension Day, Thursday 30th May**. Please join us.

There are many ways you can be involved with St. Thomas' worship, as well as community life and events. Please see all our social media contacts below. Log in, like, follow, tweet, post and get involved!

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www.stthomasmoorside.org - website
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News from the Tower



Unfortunately, there is no news from the tower. Our main aim is to ring the bells for our 10.30am Sunday service and we are able to do this most weeks but only ringing three or four of our eight bells. We are desperately short of ringers at present and ringing is at its lowest point for many years. I know there are many people living in the parish who have learnt to ring in the past and if they could find the time to help us on a Sunday morning that would be greatly appreciated.

In the past, in fact since the early 1900s, St Thomas' has been able to boast a proficient band of ringers. There are many peal boards on the walls in the ringing room with details of peals rung by local ringers. One of these records a long length (twice the length of a regular peal and lasting for six hours) rung in the 1920s. This is an exceptional feat even by today's standards and there are few, if any, local bands that could accomplish this. I personally feel so proud of the Moorside ringers of long ago for their achievement.

Please speak to Peter if you would like to have a taster session on a Monday evening or other time. It does take a bit of time and regular practice to handle a bell well, but once you can do this it can become a rewarding and enjoyable hobby.

Ding, dong!

Moorside & District Historical Society have now moved their meeting venue to Moorside Cricket and Bowling Club on Turf Pit Lane on a Thursday night (the third Thursday of the month). The meetings are still at 7.30pm and new members are very welcome.

	Moorside & District Historical Society Meeting Thursday 23rd May 2019 Times Past	
"James Mellodew J.P. Vault" <i>Greenacres Cemetery</i> +Misscellany <i>illustrated presentation</i> Note NEW VENUE <i>by Mike Smith</i> New Date		
Meetings are held in the Moorside Cricket Club, Turf Pit Lane. OL4 2ND 7:30 p.m.; all are welcome. <i>£1-50 including refreshments</i> <i>Note: No meeting in the summer break July & August + December.</i>		

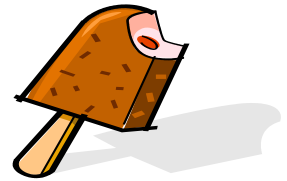
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This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

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For more details <https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/fcf19>

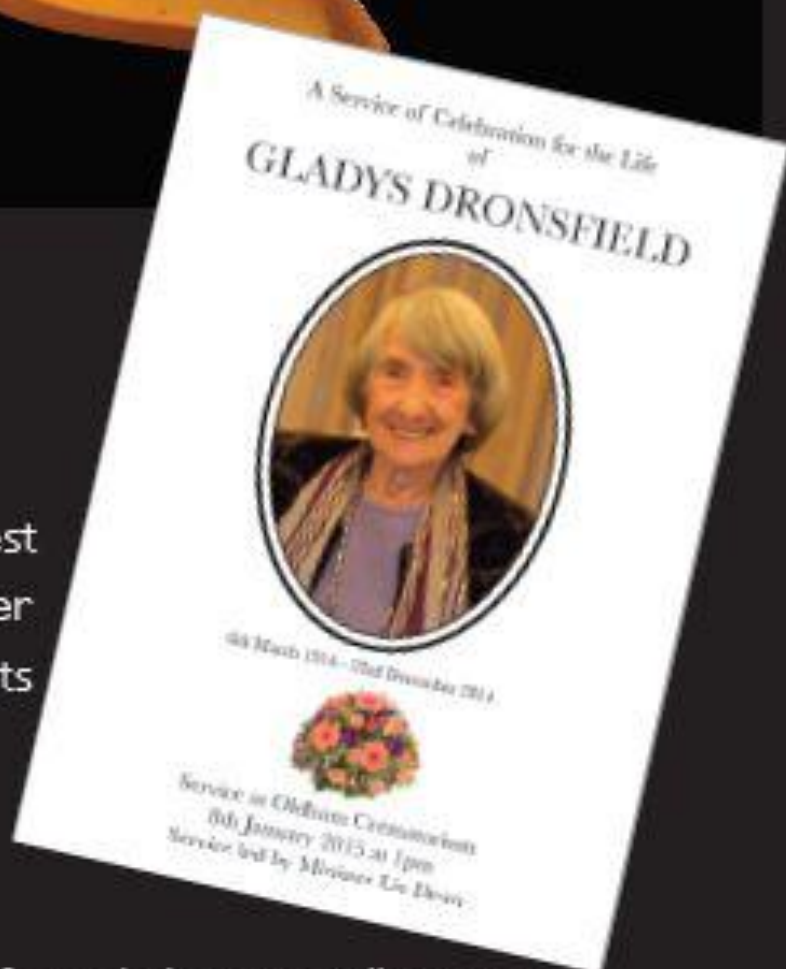
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Baptisms

Thomas Matthew Newton baptised on March 10th

Lilah Grace Colton baptised on March 31st

Darcey Brooke-Leigh Dunnington Barrett baptised on April 7th

*We pray for all those who have been baptised.
May they grow in faith and closeness to the Lord*

Holy Matrimony

None

Funerals

Pat Holmes

*We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

A prayer at Ascension

To complete your seamless robe, and so to complete our faith, you ascended through the air into the heavens, before the very eyes of the apostles. In this way you showed that you are Lord of all, and are the fulfilment of all Creation.

Thus, from that moment every human and every living creature should bow at your name. And, in the eyes of faith, we can see that all creation proclaims your greatness.

A prayer of Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 – 1153).

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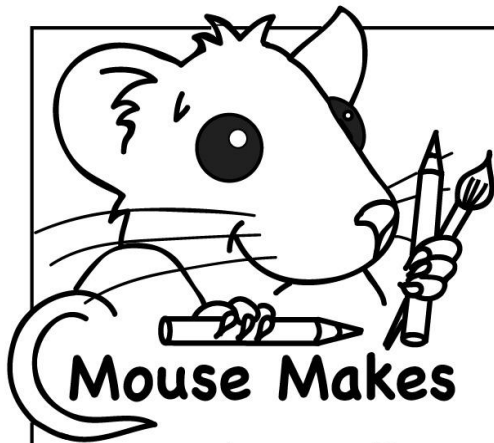
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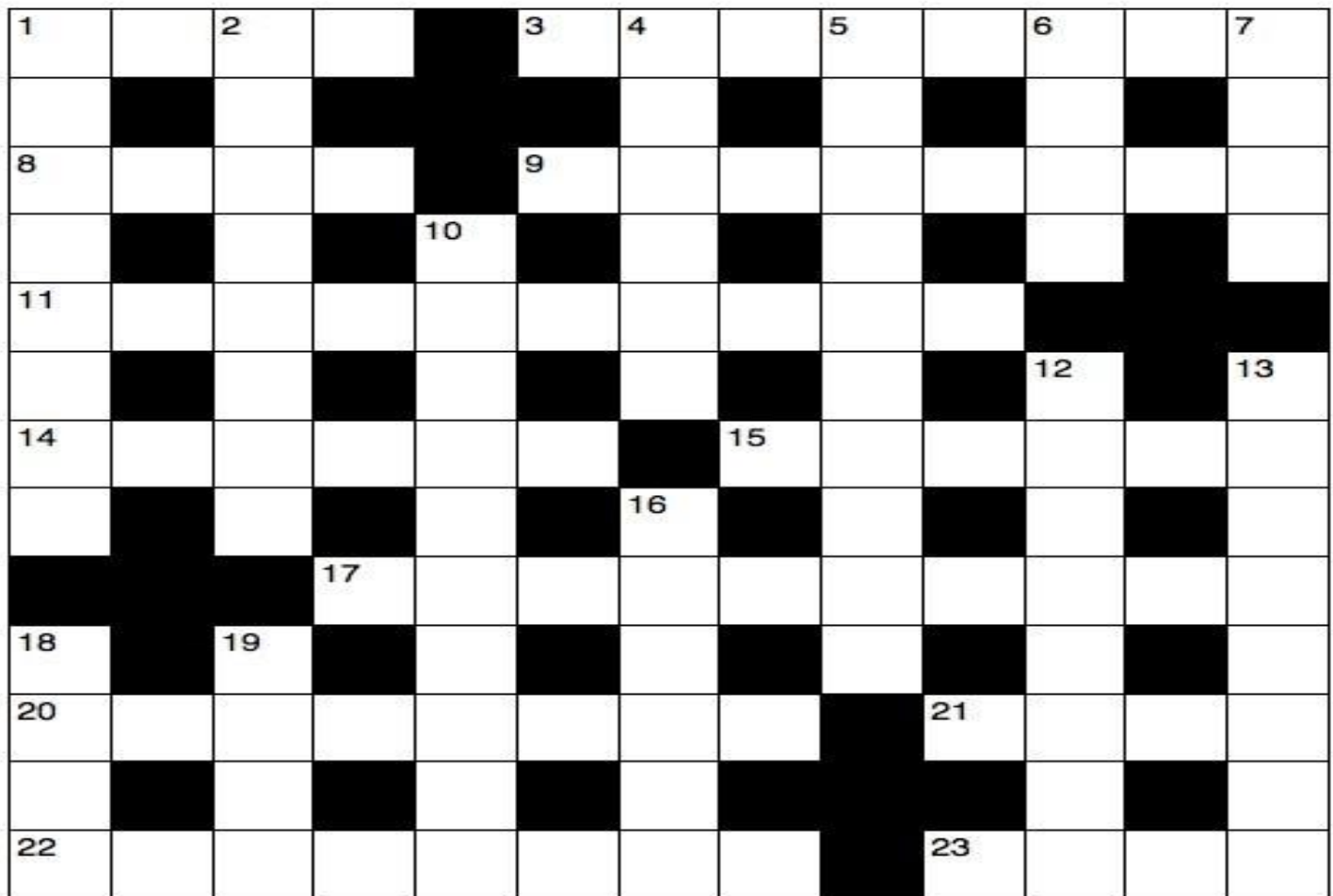


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Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

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



Across

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

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

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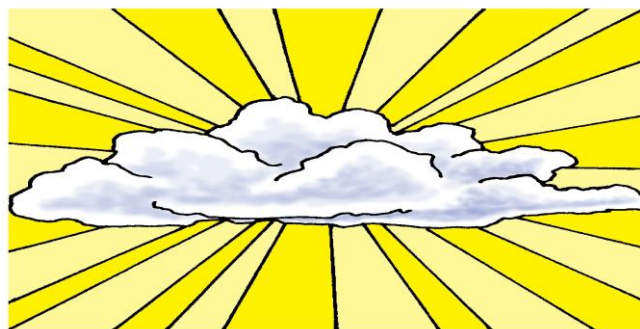
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MAY READINGS & ROTAS

DATE	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Sunday 5th May Third Sunday of Easter We welcome Revd Dr Paul Monk to this service	Acts 9. 1-6	Revelation 5. 11-end	John 21. 1-19
Sunday 12th May Fourth Sunday of Easter;	Acts 9. 36-end	Revelation 7. 9-end	John 10. 22-30
Sunday 19th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11. 1-18;	Revelation 21. 1-6	John 13. 31-35
Sunday 26th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16. 9-15	Revelation 21. 10,22-25	John 14. 23-29
Ascension Day Thursday 30th May	Holy Communion for Ascension Day at 7pm		
Sunday 2nd June Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16. 16-34;	Revelation 22. 12-14, 17, 20-end	John 17. 20-end

Date	Sides	Readers	Prayers	Cleaners	ALTAR	EUCHARIST
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12th May	Jodie & Margaret	Lisa P	Julie	Helen & Lucy	Cameron & George W	Parade
19th May	Elaine & Lindsey	Gail & Peter	Angela	Kathy, Karen & Chris	Cameron & Ben R	Lindsey & Debra
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9th June WHIT		Denise	Lynn & Elaine		Cameron and Helpers	



Crossword answers

ACROSS: 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus. 8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Episcopacy. 14, Eagles. 15, Clergy. 17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness. 21, Obed. 22, Bethesda. 23, Stay.

DOWN: 1, Believer. 2, Beatings. 4, Troops. 5, Musicology. 6, Like. 7, Sent. 10, Acceptance. 12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day. 16, Sensed. 18, Ahab. 19, Blot.

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Monday	Handbell Group	10.30am – 12pm	Choir Vestry
	Rainbows	6.30pm -7.30pm	Church Hall
	Brownies	6.45pm – 8pm	
	Bell Ringers	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Bell Tower
	Guides	7.30pm – 9pm	Church Hall
Tuesday	Beavers	6.30pm -7.30pm	Church Hall
	Cubs	7.00pm – 8.30pm	
	Scouts	8.00pm – 9.30pm	
	Explorers	8.30pm–9.30/10pm	
Wednesday	Youth Group for 3 rd Age	1.30 – 3pm	Church Hall Lounge
Thursday	Choir	6.30pm – 8pm	Choir Vestry
Sunday	Parish Communion	8.30am/10.30am	Church
	Sunday School/Sunday Youth	10.25am	Church Hall