

# St Thomas' & St Luke's Notice Sheet

Sunday 18th November 2018

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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. **Phil 3:14**

Diary Dates

Sun 18th	12noon	Tea & coffee in church hall
	12noon	Fairtrade stall in church hall
Mon 19th	1-3pm	Sunday Drop in church hall
	11.30am	Prayer for Alpha, Ashton & our world
	12-1.30pm	Alpha at St Luke's with meal from Fur Clemt café
	12-1pm	Fur Clemt café
	5.45-6.45pm	Junior Youth Club for Y3-Y6 in church hall (JYC)
	6.45-7.10pm	JYC Extra—discipleship group for Y3-Y6 in church hall
	7.30pm	PCC in St Thomas'
Tue 20th	10-12 noon	Coffee Morning in church hall
	7-8pm	St Thomas' open for prayer
Wed 21st	9.30-11am	Messy Tots in St Luke's
	11-11.30	Messy Tots' time for reflection in IMs lounge
	1-2.30pm	Weenies in church hall
	7-8.30pm	Alpha at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Mothers Union meeting with speaker David Hamlett
Thu 22nd	9.45am	BCP Communion in St Thomas'
Sat 24th	4-5pm	Saturday FM at St Thomas' School
	7-9.30pm	Christmas Craft Night in the church hall



## Dates for your diary

Wed 28th Nov	7-9.30pm	Hindley Churches Choir at St Luke's.
Thu 29th Nov	6.45 for 7pm	"And the Word became flesh?" followed by Compline at St Aidan's
Sat 1st Dec	11-1pm	St Luke's Christmas brunch
Sun 2nd Dec	7pm	The Well at St George's
Thu 6th Dec	6.30pm	Walk from St Aidan's to Holy Trinity followed by Compline at 7.30pm
Fri 7th Dec	7.30pm	Young people's sleepover in St Thomas'
Sat 8th Dec	10-noon	Litter Pick meeting at 10am at church hall
Sat 8th Dec	4-5pm	Saturday FM in St Thomas' school
Thu 13th Dec	6.30pm	Walk from Holy Trinity to St Peter's followed by Compline at 7.30pm
Sat 15th Dec	10-11am	Carol singing at the entrance to the Gerard Centre
Thu 20th Dec	6.30pm	Walk from St Peter's to St Thomas' followed by Compline at 7.30pm

## Services

### Sunday 18th November

Readings Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25(p1208) Mark 13:1-8(p1019)

St Thomas 9.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Family Worship 6.30pm Memorial Service  
 St Luke's 11.00am Holy Communion

### Sunday 25th November

Readings Revelation 1:4b-8(p1233) John 18:33-37(p1087)

St Thomas 9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion 12.30pm Baptisms 6.30pm Youth  
 St Luke's 11.00am Family Worship



Services

### **Advent Pilgrimage and Complines**

As we prepare for Christmas, we will be sharing Compline, refreshments and a short pilgrimage across our hub each Thursday of Advent. As we travel, talk, and pray together we'll be reflecting on the ways in which we are invited to mirror the pilgrimage of the Holy Family in our communities and lives. Compline will begin at 7.30pm with the pilgrimage start depending on the distance (none will be long). The first compline on 29th November will be part of our reflecting on the incarnation.



**29th November: 7pm** 'And the Word become flesh?' followed by Compline

**6th December: 6.30pm** Walking from St Aidan's to Holy Trinity. **7.30pm Compline** and refreshments at Holy Trinity

**13th December: 6.30pm** Walking from Holy Trinity to St Peter's. **7.30pm Compline** and refreshments at St Peter's

**20th December: 6.30 pm** Walking from St Peter's to St Thomas'. **7.30pm Compline** and refreshments at St Thomas

### **Christmas Shoeboxes**

If you would like to bring some joy to a child who has very little material wealth, please think about packing a shoebox with gifts for them. There are leaflets in both churches and shoeboxes can be bought at the back of St Thomas'. Please get your boxes back into church by 22nd November or to Queen's Road Methodist between 9 & 5, Monday to Friday up until 28th November.

### **ACT Food Bank**

Thanks for the great response to the recent appeal. We are now moving on to collect for the big Christmas distribution to the 20 poorest families with children in Ashton and Bryn identified by Health Visitors and Social Workers. We intend to give the food and the toys donated the week beginning Monday 10th December.

### **Carol Singing in Ashton**

Please join us for our annual carol singing at the entrance to the Gerard centre on Saturday 15th December at 10am for an hour. As usual, we will be singing favourite carols and giving out sweets to shoppers as they pass by.

### **Christmas Craft Night**

Our annual Christmas Craft Night will be on Saturday 24th November from 7pm. This is a great night to invite friends and enjoy making items for Christmas. We will be welcoming you with a glass of mulled wine and there will be plenty of cakes for us to share later on! Tickets are available from Jan for £5

### **Real Advent Calendars (from Traidcraft)**

There are so many Advent calendars around but not many with the Christmas message. If you intend buying a calendar this year then please think about getting one with a Christmas message. Sue has a stock of Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendars which come with a 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. They cost £4

### **Norma is retiring at the end of the month**

We would like to say a big thank you to Norma for all that she has done over nearly 32 years to keep St Thomas' church clean and tidy. We all wish you a healthy and happy retirement Norma!

### **Church cleaner vacancy**

Please see Paula or Sue if you would like to know more about the vacancy following Norma's retirement.

### **Ashton Christmas Market & Lights Switch On**

Are you available for an hour or so between 5 and 8pm on Friday 7th December to pray, give out candy canes or dress up and be part of the nativity? Please speak to Jan if you can help

### **Posada**

If you would like to host Mary and Joseph overnight and then pass them onto the next household with some prayers the following day, please sign up in church

### **Hindley Churches choir**

Hindley Churches choir will be performing Graham Kendrick's 'Rumours of Angels' at St Luke's on Wednesday 28th November from 7pm. Tickets are available on the door for just £3.



**Please pray for those that are unwell, those caring for or who are anxious about them**

**We pray especially for**

Christine Benson, Margaret Davies, Jean Piper, Anna Braithwaite, Marian Moore, Wayne & Alison Hockey

**and all those on our monthly prayer list, in residential and nursing homes and the housebound**

**We also pray for the family and friends of**  
Michael Hughes, John Dutton & Vera Stanley

**We pray for the following streets**

School Street, Lily Street, Annan Grove, East Street, Barrow Street & North Street