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Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held around the Parish throughout the month. To qualify for baptism, parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at one of the worship communities within the Parish. Godparents should have been baptised and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

Funerals

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

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

If you would like further information or to book a funeral, wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine

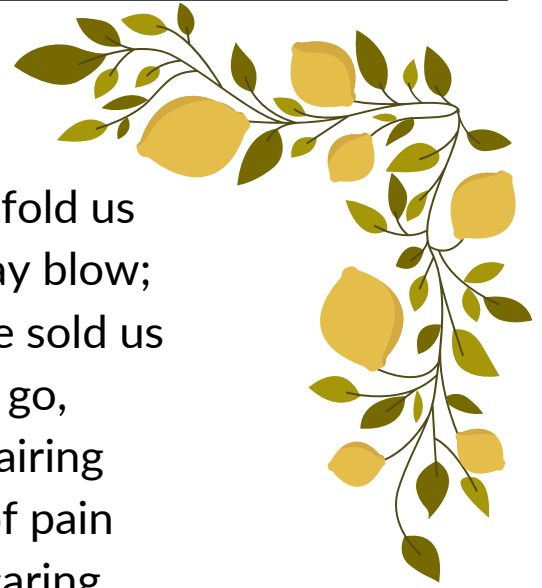
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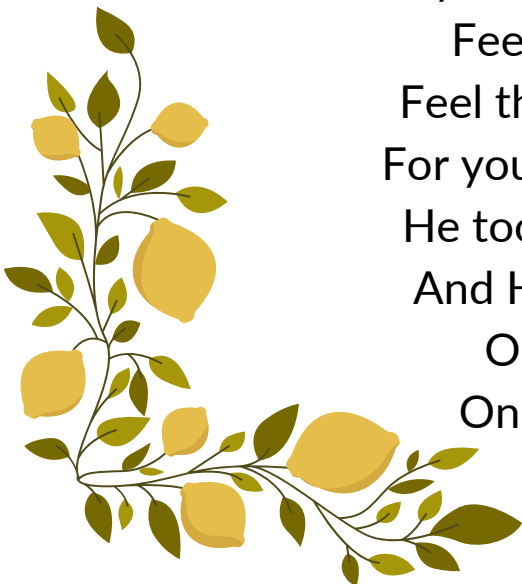
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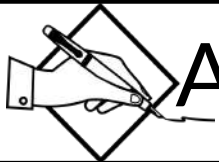
When the blackest clouds enfold us
When the strongest winds may blow;
When our dearest friends have sold us
And we have nowhere to go,
In the depths of great despairing
Through the sharpest jabs of pain
There we find our Father, caring
Giving shelter from the rain.



For He too, one dreadful Friday
Saw His most beloved Son
On a cross, raised by a highway
Naked, bleeding, cruelly hung.
Yes, He too has felt the starkness
And He too has been betrayed
For He too has known the darkness
And the price which must be paid.

As you weep, reach out your fingers
Feel His gentle, loving hand,
Feel the care just He can bring us
For your life is known and planned.
He too knows the path before us
And He too has fought the fight
Only Jesus can assure us
On our journey to the light.





A Letter from the Archbishops

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

John 14.27

Many of us will have troubled hearts as we watch with horror the attack by Russia on Ukraine. As we have already said, this attack is an act of evil, imperilling as it does the relative peace and security that Europe has enjoyed for so long. The attack by one nation on a free, democratic country has rightly provoked outrage, sanctions and condemnation.

We lament with the people of Ukraine, and we pray for the innocent, the frightened and those who have lost loved ones, homes, and family.

We continue to call for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces as well as wide-ranging efforts to ensure peace, stability and security.

These events remind us powerfully that peace is precious and it is fragile. In Chapter 14 of John's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples at the Last Supper and he leaves them his peace. This is not a mere greeting, but rather something deep and abiding. This peace is something that only Jesus gives; for it is a gratuitous gift, a way of living, something to be received for the gift of peace is the gift of Jesus himself. That is why the Lord is able to offer reassurance to our hearts, why those who receive the gift of the peace of Jesus Christ at the deepest of levels should not be afraid.

Peace, therefore, is so much more than the absence of war. It is a gift, and it is also a decision, a gift that must be received. It is a choice we make that shapes the way we live well alongside each other. It characterises our relationship with God. It comes into being by seeking justice.

In these days of uncertainty and fear, we pray that each of us might again turn to the Lord and receive God's gift of peace, work for God's justice, know God's reconciliation and love, and choose paths not of hatred or destruction, of violence or retribution, but God's way of justice, mercy and peace.

As Christians, our response to a crisis must always be rooted in prayer. And so we invite you to join

with us in praying most earnestly for an outpouring of the Spirit of God, that the world may once again choose peace, strengthening those international bodies that enable us to work and live together as one humanity inhabiting one world.

We pray for those in Ukraine who suffer grievously, for all who take decisions around the world, and for the people and leaders of Russia too.

However and whenever you pray, pray that the world may choose peace, and be assured of our prayers for you.

With every blessing,

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby
Cottrell
Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen
Archbishop of York



Services across the Parish

Holy Trinity

Sunday 3	10.30am Morning Worship
Sunday 10	10.30am Morning Worship
Wednesday 13	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 17	10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	10.30am Morning Worship
Wednesday 27	10.00am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

Sunday 3	9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Worship Together 6.30pm Holy Communion
Thursday 7	9.45am BCP Communion
Sunday 10	9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Worship Together
Thursday 14	9.45am BCP Communion
Friday 15	10.30am Reflective Service 2.00pm Hour at the Cross
Sunday 17	9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 21	9.45am BCP Communion
Sunday 24	9.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together
Thursday 27	9.45am Morning Prayer

St Andrew's

Sunday 3	9.30am Morning Worship
Sunday 10	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 17	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	9.30am Morning Worship

St Aidan's

Sunday 3	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 6	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 10	10.30am Sta's4all 4.00pm Evening Prayer
Friday 15	10.00am Reflective Service
Sunday 17	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 20	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	10.00am Beacon Service 4.00pm Evening Prayer

St Luke's

Sunday 3	11.00am Family Worship
Sunday 10	11.00am Family Worship
Thursday 14	7.00pm Holy Communion
Friday 15	11.00am Reflective Service
Sunday 17	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	11.00am Family Worship

Easter Morning, 17th April at 6.30am
The Three Sister's Lakeside

St Peter's

Sunday 3	10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 10	10.30am Morning Prayer
Friday 15	10.30am Good Friday Service
Sunday 17	10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	10.30am Morning Prayer



Parish News

As always, everyone is welcome to join at any of the services across Wigan South.

We would like to draw your attention to the following special services in which we especially encourage the hub to join together:

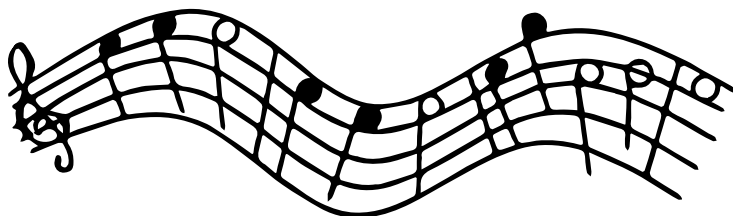
Maundy Thursday

Thursday 14th April starting at 7pm at St. Luke's.

Dawn Easter Communion

Sunday 17th April at 6.30am by the lake at the Three Sisters. Followed by hot cross buns at Brigade House, Bryn Road.

We are grateful to the clergy who have made it possible to have a service of Holy Communion at each church on Easter Sunday.



Holy Trinity Church are holding a 'Songs and Scones' afternoon, a celebration for St. George's Day.

Saturday 23rd April at 3pm.

Tickets are £5 including refreshments, available from Committee members or Frank Lowe 01942 728531.



We want to hear from you



Did you see the Queen when she visited our town?

Have you met Her Majesty elsewhere?

Do you remember watching the coronation?

As part of our recognition and celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee, we would love to collate the accounts, photos and memorabilia of these events. If you have stories you would like to share about meeting the Queen or the coronation, please email them to magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk or to a worship community team member. Any items we can photograph or scan shall be returned as quickly as possible.



*Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in
perfect harmony.*



*And let the peace of Christ rule in
your hearts, to which indeed you
were called in the one body. And be
thankful. Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.*

Colossians 3:14-16a



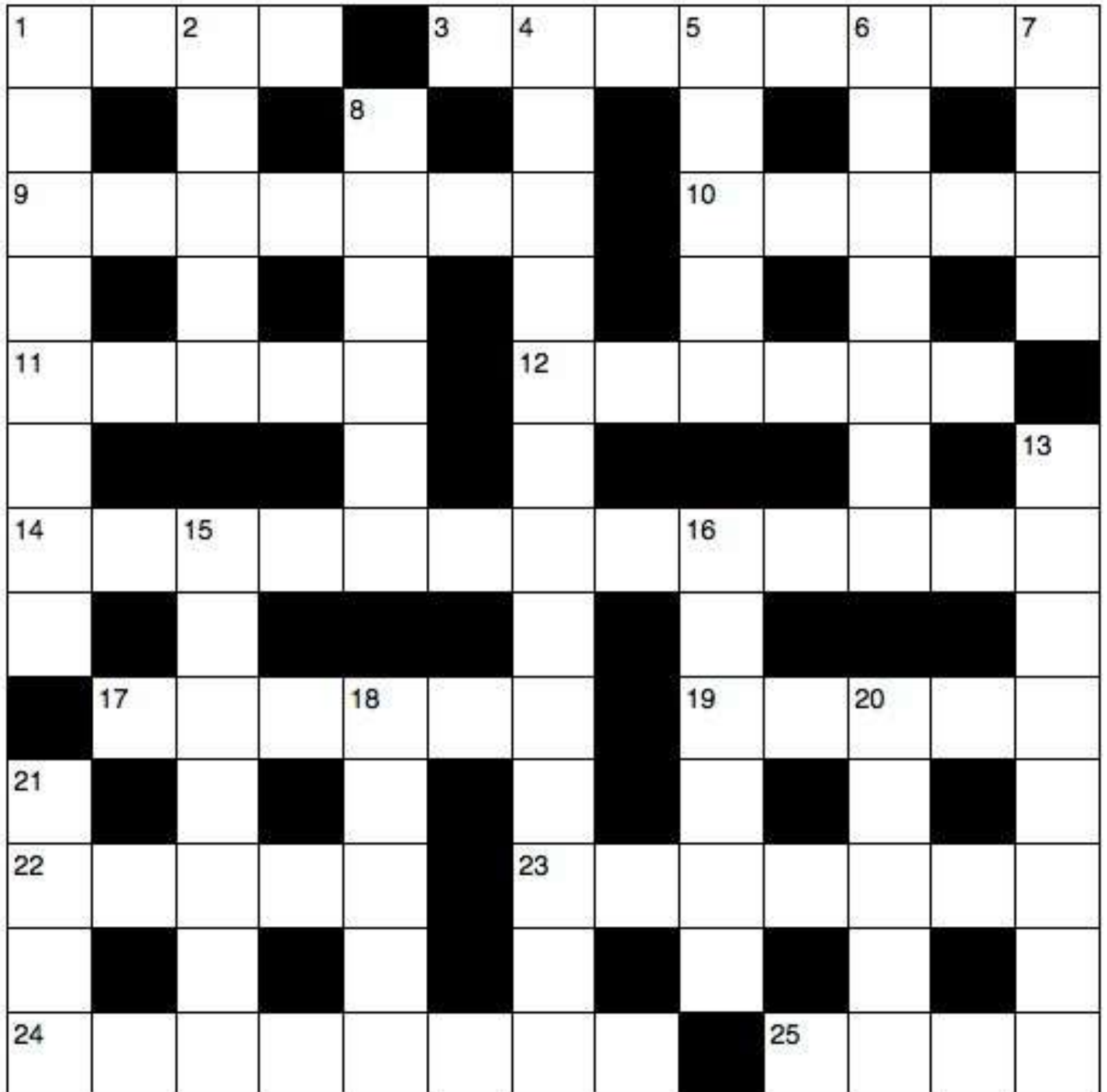
Are you or could you become a Co-op member and select Wigan Deanery Trust as your cause. This will really help the Trust in raising some much needed financial support which will then be used to fund the great work going on in Church Wigan. Firstly please use this link to become a Co-op member:

<https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>

And secondly select WDT as your preferred cause using this link:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/59913>. If you would find it easier to join by phone you can contact the Co-op membership team on 0800 023 4708.

Crossword



Answers on page 17

Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

April Holy Days

15th April: Good Friday, Jesus and the thieves on the Cross

Luke's account of the crucifixion (Luke 23:32-43) emphasises the mocking of the crowd, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself' (35,37,39). In their view a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the two men who were crucified with Jesus, we are also confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us.

The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd's taunts: 'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us.' He highlights the question of Jesus' identity: how can He save others, when He cannot save Himself from death? He failed to see that the cross itself was the means of salvation.

So - what kind of Messiah was Jesus?

The other criminal's response in his last moments is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion: 'this man has done nothing wrong.' He perceived the truth that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. In a wonderful picture of grace, 'remember me when You come into Your kingdom', the second thief confessed his guilt and secured Jesus' forgiveness and mercy.

In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death; 'Today you will be with Me in paradise.' Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand His promise of protection and security in God's love and acceptance eternally.

Each one of us has to choose how we react to Jesus on the cross. Do we want Him to 'remember' us when He comes into His kingdom, or not? If you were to die tonight, how confident would you be of going to be with Jesus? 'For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God' (1 Peter 3:18).

27th April: Zita, the long-suffering servant girl of Lucca

If you have ever been in trouble for simply doing good, then Zita is the saint for you. Born in 1218 to poor but devout parents in Monsagrati, Zita was sent at the age of 12 to work as a servant for the rich Fatinelli family in nearby Lucca.

Zita was pious, generous and hard-working. Oddly enough, all three traits got her into trouble. For one thing, the other servants hated her for her devotion to prayer and to doing her work perfectly. When Zita said that 'a servant is not holy if she is not busy,' they were furious, and bullied her.

The Fatinellis were also annoyed with Zita. They had discovered that she felt such compassion for the poor of the town, that she would often give them gifts of their food. So, they took to beating her.

Then came the day that Zita was supposed to be baking – but she left it halfway through in order to go and help someone in dire need. The other servants told the Fatinellis, and everyone rushed down to the kitchen, expecting to find disaster. Instead, the story goes that they found an angel, finishing the baking.

Well, how can you be angry with someone whom the angels help? It was a wake-up call for both servants and family, who began to feel ashamed of themselves. Soon Zita's patient endurance and consistent goodness won her their deep respect and increasing affection. She was placed in charge of the household.

As the years passed, Zita became locally famous for helping the sick, the poor and the imprisoned. Soon after her death a popular cult sprang up. Chapels were named in her honour as far afield as Palermo and Ely. In England she is known as Sitha, and she has traditionally been invoked by housewives and domestic servants, especially (for some reason) when they lose their house-keys.

Palm Sunday



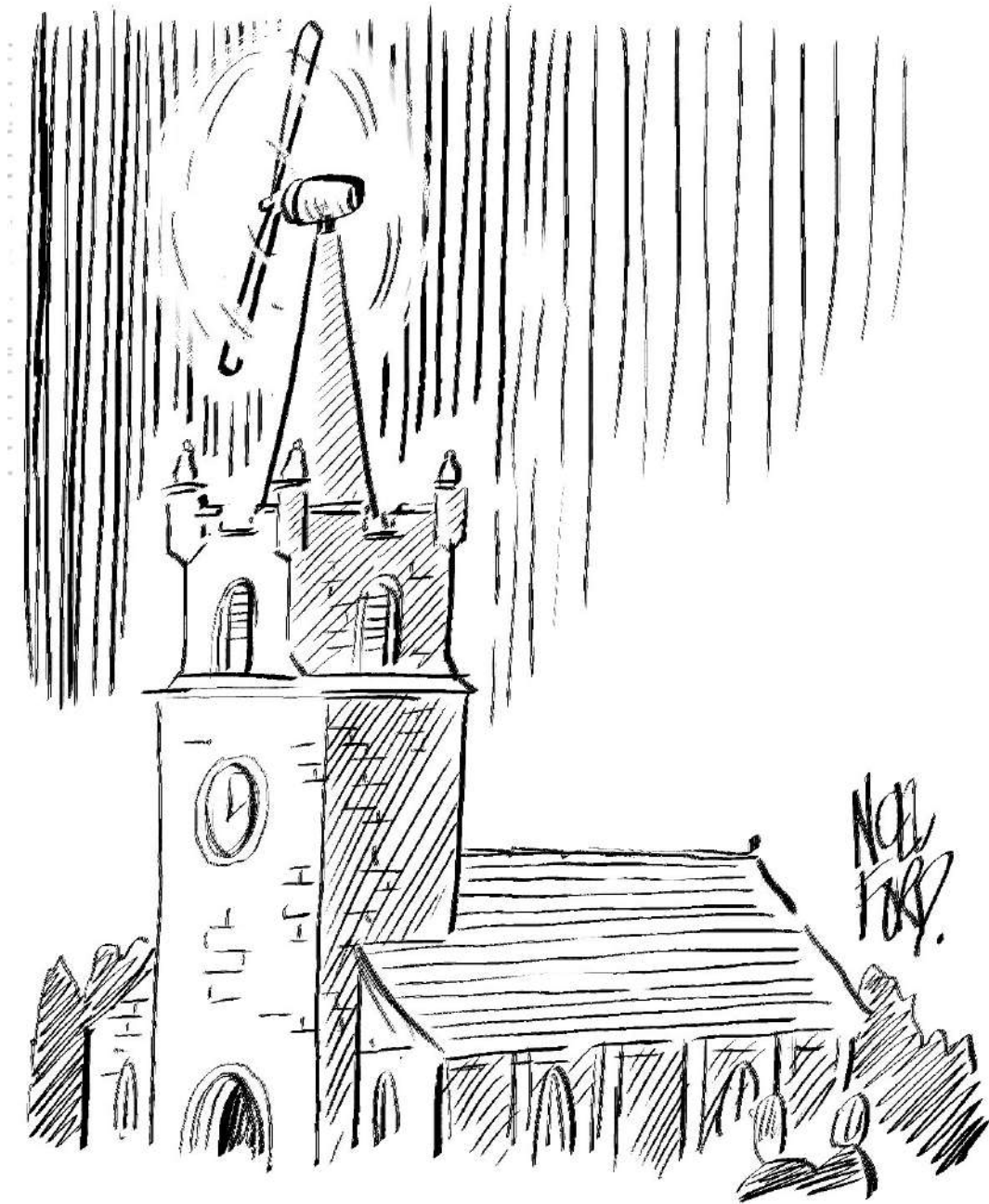
It must have been a dramatic sight on Palm Sunday when Jesus approached Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. The Bible tells us that 'A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"' (Matthew 21:8,9).

But not everyone in Jerusalem welcomed Jesus; in the very next verse we read, 'the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"' (10). But by the end of the week, the crowds had turned against Jesus and were demanding His crucifixion. (Matthew 27:22).

Why did they turn against Jesus so quickly? Perhaps they were disappointed because He refused to fulfil their expectations in establishing a new political kingdom. Instead, He came to change our hearts and save us from our sins by His death and resurrection. As He said during that week, 'My kingdom is not of this world.' (John 18:36). This deeply disappointed those who hoped that He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers.

Where would we have been on that first Palm Sunday? Among the disciples who welcomed Him or among the sceptical crowds? It's easy to judge those who condemned Jesus, but would we have acted differently? We too can be disappointed when Jesus fails to meet our hopes and expectations of Him?

The message of Easter is that God still loves and accepts us, and because of Jesus we can be forgiven. He came for one simple reason: 'For Christ also suffered once for sins...to bring you to God.' (1 Peter 3:18). May we welcome Jesus afresh into our lives this Eastertime



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

Wordsearch

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Peter
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someone
Mary
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Jesus
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Sunday



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News from our churches

Thank you

Meta, Amanda, Vanessa and their families have asked that we express their sincere thanks to everyone for their sympathy cards, flowers, messages of condolence, donations and especially for the prayers which have kept them uplifted during that past two years and at Ken's passing.



New Chairs

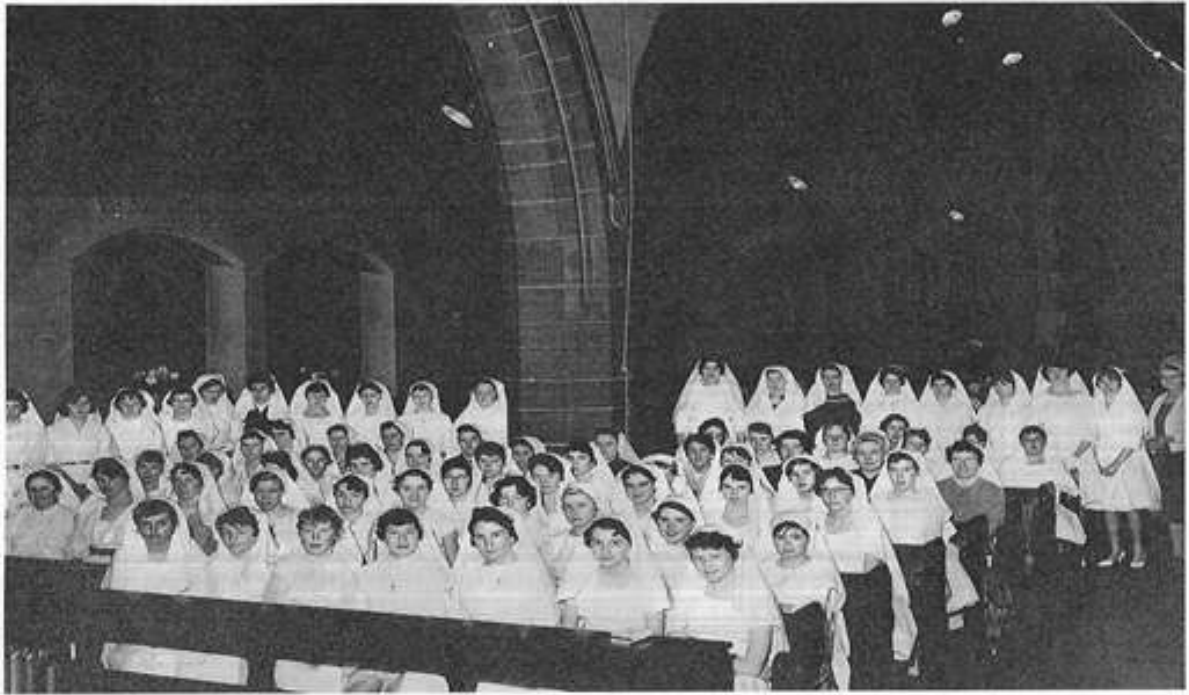
The appeal for donations to assist in the purchase of new chairs was generously received by our church members with donations totalling £7000 having been received. I am mentioning this to thank those who kindly responded and to mention that the appeal is still open as we have now agreed to purchase a further number of chairs with the intention of disposing of the older red chairs. We will continue to acknowledge the donation with a certificate recording the name of the donor and the amount donated and when appropriate the name of a loved one when the donation is made in memory.

Donations of cash or cheque can be posted through the vicarage letter box accompanied by details of the donor, the details for the certificate and whether gift aid can be claimed. Cheques should be made payable to St Thomas's PCC. Currently, the government will donate a further 25% to any donation eligible for gift aid. If it's more convenient, it's possible to make donations via bank transfer directly into the church bank account. The details are Account Number: 94395918 and Sort Code: 60-01-24. If this is your choice, please e mail Phil Hayton (email address at the back of the magazine) with your details so that a certificate can be issued and any gift aid recouped. Please reference your donation with your name and the word 'chair'.

Volunteers needed

In the March edition of the magazine I set out the areas of our church life where volunteers were needed. We haven't filled the jobs so please pray to see if you are called to help your church.

As a church family we must always be looking to the future and endeavouring to understand what our God has planned for us to do to further his Kingdom. Sometimes it is nice to have a brief glimpse into past times and I am grateful to Margaret Lyon (third from the right front row) for this photo of the girls who were confirmed in our church in 1960.



We had a great turnout for our church and community litter pick this morning. Our brilliant team worked around the edge of the Three Sisters and removed LOADS of rubbish. If you want to help make our town look better then why not join us? Our next litter pick will be on Saturday 16th April. We'll assemble on St Thomas church hall car park at 10am.





Songs of Praise evening

On 20th March, a 'Songs of Praise' evening took place in St Thomas' church. It was wonderful to see so many people gathered in worship - every seat was occupied. We were treated to music from our church worship group, the organ, the Salvation Army

Community Brass Band, Spectrum Choir and two fantastic songs from our school choir - who received a rapturous applause, deservedly so. Each song was carefully chosen by people from all aspects of our church community and it was a pleasure to hear of the reasons for their choices; from long time stoic favourites, to modern popular choices. It was most certainly a night when the power of coming together to praise our Lord was felt amongst all in attendance. How wonderful it was, too, to see the versatility and function of our reordered church used to bring so many together after such a long time apart.

The sense of community and fellowship continued after the service when, over refreshments, many were able to catch up and chat with others whom they'd not seen for some years now.

Behind the scenes many people worked together to make the evening a success, each playing a crucial part; from those involved in leading the service, those who chose and performed the music, the individuals who provided teas and coffees, the many hands needed to set up and pack away after the service - we could go on. Special mention must go to Graham and Linda Bailey who conceived the idea of this event and took on the role of organising it. It was a fantastic evening of uplifting worship with a real sense of community.



Once again our thanks to David Fearnley for another glimpse into our history.

MEMORIAL STONE, LOCKER LANE, EDGE GREEN, ASHTON

Situated on the sharp bend near “The Harrow Inn”, Edge Green Lane, is Locker Lane Farm. If you walk through the farmyard (the Alsatian dog is chained) and walk along Locker Lane for c300 yards you will see to the right of the path near a large tree, and before a gate across the path, the memorial stone to P. W. Davies. The inscription on the stone informs us that he was a native son of Edge Green, born 1889 and died at Chester 1944. Who was P. W. Davies?

Philip Wilfred Davies was born 9/7/1889 and baptised 28/7/1889 at All Saints, Hindley, son of John & Mary Davies, of Locker Lane, Ashton, contractor. When the birth was registered the mother's maiden name was given as Davies but there is no marriage of a John Davies & Mary Davies. Also in the 1891 census Mary Davies was living with her parents Thomas & Ellen Davies (Ball), in Locker Lane, Edge Green, Ashton, when she states that she is 29 and unmarried, also in the family group is Philip Wilfred Davies, aged 1, grandson. In 1913 when Philip Wilfred Davies married Jane Steele he did not give the name of his father.

1893 Wigan Civil marriage of Robert Twiss & Mary Davies. In the 1901 census at Dam Lane, Golborne, lived Robert & Mary Twiss, Philip Twiss (adopted mother's married name), and Philip's two half-brothers Samuel Fred Twiss, born 1893 & Wilmot Robert Twiss, born 1895. Dam Lane is the first road on the right as you enter Edge Green Lane from Golborne Road. In 1904 Mary Twiss (Davies), aged 43, died and was buried at St. Thomas, Ashton. In 1908 Robert Twiss died and was buried at St. Thomas, Golborne. c1908 Philip Wilfred Davies and his two half-brothers were raised by Mary Twiss' (Davies) sister Rachel Davies, born 1866, who had married William Henry Green, at St. Thomas, Ashton, 18/5/1891. In 1911 the family, including Philip Wilfred Davies, reverting to his birth name, nephew, lived at 5 Wigan Road, Golborne.

26/6/1913 St. Thomas, Golborne, marriage, Philip Wilfred Davies, 25, coalminer, 5 Wigan Road, Golborne, father unknown, & Jane Steele, 22, 34 Bank Street, Golborne, father Richard Steele, coalminer. Philip & Jane Davies, had 3 children, Ella, born 1914, William Halliday Davies, born 1919 and Enid Mary, born 1921.

Philip was a colliery fireman/coalminer and the family lived at 30 & later 31 Ashton Road, Golborne. During World War One Lance Corporal Philip Wilfred Davies served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. 1928 burial St. Thomas, Golborne, Jane Davies(Steele), aged 37. 1932 Holy Trinity, Reading, Berkshire, marriage, Philip Wilfred Davies, 42. & Lilian Amy Benham, 24, born Newbury, Berkshire. Philip & Lilian Amy Davies, had one child, registered at Wigan 1933 Ivan Philip Warwick Davies. In 1939 Philip Wilfred Davies was living at Mill House, Runcorn, Cheshire, where he was director manager of a provender mill (producing livestock feed). Died 18/11/1944 Chester Royal Infirmary, Philip Wilfred Davies, aged 55, of Rocklea and The Mill, Frodsham Bridge, Frodsham, Cheshire.

The memorial stone was originally laid flat c50 yards into the field to the rear of its present position. It was repositioned at the side of Locker Lane when the Main's colliery and all the spoil heaps were reclaimed in the 1980's. Near the stone's location stood the cottage of Philip Wilfred Davies' grandparents Thomas & Ellen Davies (Ball) where Philip spent most of his youth. I think the cottage stood near the junction of Locker Lane and the footpath to the railway where the path crossed the railway by the "iron bridge" leading to Dover Locks, Abram. Teenagers in Stubshaw Cross in the 1950's & 1960's will remember the "iron bridge" which was a popular playground.

Coal was probably mined in this area in the 1600's, from shallow bell pits. In 1700 coal was mined from shafts 40 yards deep. In 1779 the Gerard's were leasing land on Locker Lane for coal mining. The area was greatly transformed with the development of Edge Green colliery in 1812 and Main's colliery in 1866. After closure Edge Green colliery became Thomas Crompton's rolling mill and is now Hanson's aggregates. The Main's colliery is now the Viridor Wood recreational area.

To be continued...

Mothers' Union



Diary:

Wednesday 20 April

Our speaker this evening is John Lewtas who will be telling us of his experiences with Myanmar. You will recollect that we have a connection with that country through Maralyn and Rachel who visited Wigan. We have been unable to make return visits since the problems in Myanmar. The meeting time is **7.30pm** in the Church Hall.

I was delighted that Jennifer Harrison agreed to be the speaker at our meeting in March when she unfolded her experiences of trips to Uganda. I would like, through the pages of the magazine and on behalf of our members, to thank Jennifer for a very interesting and enlightening explanation of these experiences.

Advance Notice

Thursday 21st July

We are hoping to have a trip to Lytham Hall for afternoon tea. The cost of the tea will be £15.95 plus the cost of transport. There is a maximum number of 20 and if you are interested in joining us please let me know so that a booking can be made. There will be a deposit of £10.00 payable with your booking. I look forward to hearing from you.

*We worship our Loving Saviour
who chose the way of sacrifice
to make known to us the path of life.*

*We praise our Risen Lord
who fills us with hope and joy
as we journey along the path of life.*

Amen

Love and Easter blessings

Barbara



April Sunday Services



St Thomas'

3rd April

9.00am Morning Worship
10.45am Worship Together
6.30pm Holy Communion

10th April

9.00am Morning Worship
10.45am Worship Together

17th April

9.00am Morning Worship
10.45am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

24th April

9.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Worship Together

St Luke's

11.00am Family Worship

11.00am Family Worship

11.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Worship

Donations Information

Regular Giving: We have traditionally taken envelope donations in our plate offerings and these monies help towards the payment that has to go to the diocese each month. If you are unable to get to a service and wish to still use your envelopes, please deliver them, to Malcolm and Barbara's (32 Townfields). In the alternative, please consider switching to the Parish Giving Scheme by phoning 0333 002 1271 as we can get the tax back much quicker this way.

Donations: Please place any donations in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please post this through the Vicarage door. Please make cheques payable to St Thomas' PCC. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

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- Africa Fund
- Asylum Seek
- Audio Visual
- Church Hall
- Buildings and Maintenance
- Food Ministry
- Garden of Rest
- General
- Grave Maintenance
- Heath Road Graveyard
- Heating
- Fit for the Future

Unless otherwise stated, donations will go into the General fund

Donations & Remembrance



St Luke's

In memory of **Sandra & Stan Cross**
from Stephen Cross And Amanda Thompson

In loving memory of my mum and dad **Sandra and Stan Cross**, you were our world.
Love always Julie, Peter and family.

St Thomas'

In loving memory of **Ken Laites**, a dear husband, Dad, Grandad
from Meta, Amanda, Vanessa & families

In Birthday Remembrance of **Doris, Walter and Gilbert Evans**
from Val and Roy

In memory of **Roy Parry** and **Joan** and **Ray Parry**
from Christine Kelly, Hazel Casson and Janet Parry

With thanks for the baptism of **Ivy-Mae Bonney** on 27th February
from parents Georgia and Nathan

Donation from Bowling Club to Church Hall and the Food Pantry



The Registers



Holy Baptism 'We welcome them into the Lord's family'

27th March	Jessica Jayne Quinn
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Holy Matrimony 'All the days of their lives'

5th March	Lewis Yeates Kirsty Williams
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Funerals or burial of ashes 'May they rest in peace'

2nd March	Brian Burkes	83
4th March	Vivienne Jones	65
9th March	Kathleen Marsh	92
10th March	Edna Brown	94
21st March	Joseph Williams	87
22nd March	Mary Robinson	100
23rd March	Doreen Sharples	94
24th March	Thomas Price	newborn
24th March	Brian Burke	83

St Thomas' and St Luke's Organisations

Coffee Mornings

Tues 10am—12pm at St Thomas'
Barbara Taylor
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Wednesday Weenies

Wed 1pm—2.30pm in Church Hall
Jan Cornthwaite
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Mothers' Union

3rd Wed 7.30pm at St Thomas'
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Fairtrade Stall

3rd Sun 11.45am at St Thomas'
Anne Wooff
724207

Litter Pick

3rd Sat 10am—12pm from Church Hall car park
Chris Wooff
724207

Fur Clemt Stubshaw

Mon 12pm—1pm at St Luke's
Jennifer Harrison
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Asylum Seeker Support

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Thurs 2pm - 3pm
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Sun 1pm - 3pm

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Meta Laites
723679

Bowling Club

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712709

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Tuesday & Saturday 11am - 12pm

Thursday & Sunday 3pm - 4pm

Youth Clubs

JYC: (for Y3—Y6) Mon 6pm - 7pm

JYC Extra: Mon 5.30pm - 6pm

Friday Youth Club: 7pm—8pm fortnightly

11—18 year olds : Sun 6pm—7pm

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Sunday 10.45am

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