

St Thomas' and St Luke's Ashton-in-Makerfield Magazine



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Church Services in St Thomas' Parish, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas'

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
9am Communion 10.45 All age worship	9am Morning Worship 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Communion	9am Morning Worship 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Youth service	9am Communion 10.45 Communion 18.30 Evening Prayer
St Aidan's 18.30 Evening Prayer		St Aidan's 18.30 Communion	

5th Sunday

10.30 Hub Communion at one of the churches in the hub
18.30 Hub Communion at one of the churches in the hub

St Luke's

11am Family Worship	11am Communion	11am Family Worship	11am Family Worship
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Weekdays

Thursday 9.45am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) In St Thomas'	Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for additional services details or exceptions, particularly around Christmas time.
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Deadlines: Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor and email material to magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk

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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 12.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11am on the 3rd Sunday. To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's or St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session.

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. For details please contact the church office on:
01942 721484 or
office@stthomasstluke.org.uk



Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

Mon	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
TT	Youth club for 11+ (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
TT	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	17.45-18.45
TT	JYC Extra (Church Hall)	18.45-19.15
Tue	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
	Church open for prayer	19.00-20.00
Wed	TT Messy Tots (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
	TT Weenies (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
Thu	Holy Communion	09:45-10.30

TT—term time only

These are the usual events in our church, please see the notices for details of youth events and other activities taking place.

For details of organisations and who to contact see back page of magazine.

Streets for Prayer: This month we are praying for the people who live and work in: Heath Road (from Windsor Road), Ashton Heath, Heath Street, Mill Street and Druid Street.

TANGO

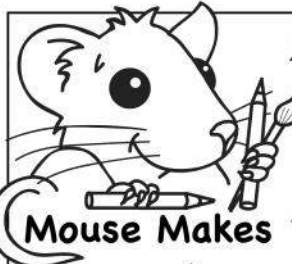
TANGO at St. Marks Church, Haydock support and resource families within the Haydock/Ashton area by providing food; clothing; furniture and household items.



If you have any items of furniture that you no longer want TANGO will collect Free Of Charge from your home.



Mouse Makes



Mouse Makes

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?
Read
Luke 2:7

What did Mary dress her baby in?
Read
Luke 2:6

Where was Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph and Mary there?
Read Luke 2:1-6

Good news!

Glory to God


A Saviour is born

What did the angel tell Joseph to name Mary's baby and why?
Read Matthew 1:21

What good news did the angel tell?
Read
Luke 2:10-11

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?
Read
Luke 2:16

Who appeared praising God and what did they say?
Read
Luke 2:13-14



Colour a star each day until Christmas

Letter from Jeremy



“When you listen to God he will eventually lead you to a door.” Words offered by Anthony Delaney of Ivy Church Manchester at the Launch conference held in Wigan this week.

The doors that God leads us to are sometimes wide open and sometimes we need to choose to turn the handle and open them ourselves. When the door is open it becomes a threshold from one place to another.

The spiritual threshold that God leads us to is sometimes known as a liminal space. Liminal, coming from the Latin word for the narrow part of a doorway that lies between two rooms or between the outside and the inside of a house.

This place is not always an easy place to be, a place where we have to have a great deal of faith as the destination is often unseen or unclear. A good time then to be close to God, listening to him and drawing on the strength and equipping that he will provide if we say yes to his call.

Advent is an appropriate time for to reflect on this. We appreciate the threshold moment that Mary encountered as the angel appeared to her, the threshold moment then of creation itself as the birth of Jesus is anticipated.

We are inspired by the Christ Child, Jesus, who is born and lives his life in obedience to the Father's will. Look once more at the Gospels and see the liminal moments that Jesus negotiated and how he did that. What's clear is that each one was powered by prayer and encounter with the Father. Thresholds are often hard to cross on our own – we need God and we need fellow travellers.

Each one of us has small thresholds daily in our lives as disciples of Jesus - moments where we choose to, choose not to, or maybe simply lose the opportunity, to share Jesus with another. Each also has larger thresholds as we respond to God in his call on us to serve, or maybe to go where he points.

We share with others community thresholds as worshippers drawn together, the obvious one for our hub is the threshold we step over together as we transition from four parishes to one.

We know that we can't do any of this on our own, but attentive to God, hearing from him and with the strength of others, some who reach out a hand from the new destination to help us through, we may step through all of the open doors of our faith journey, confident that God is already preparing the way.





Parish News



With Malcolm

THE PARISH AND ITS CHURCHES.

Thanks to Vera Parkinson and her family copy of the 1930 history of our Parish I have been able to provide an insight into our past .The first instalment dealing with the very early days follows.

Unfortunately there is no record left of Ashton Chapel as the building was called in the old days.

The earliest record is to be found in the pleadings from a dispute between Sir Thomas Gerard of Brynn and Thomas Gerard of Ince in 1515. It was deposed that the Priest of Ashton Chapel had given public notice that Sir Thomas intended to cut a ditch through Turnshea Moss, where ever that was.

During the next hundred years there is mention of a marriage having been solemnized “in a chapel within the house of Sir Thomas Gerard by one Oswald Key, Chaplain singing at Ashton Chapel,” it being clear that the public chapel was distinct from the private chapel of the Gerard family.

The Chaplain Oswald Key appeared at the first visitation in Queen Elizabeth’s reign. That the Elizabethan Prayer Book of 1559 was known from an odd incident when a certain prominent parishioner had an old relative Nicholas whom he thought adhered too obstinately to the old Latin services, and

so he forcibly carried him to Ashton Chapel for the English Service. Nicholas was old and gouty and unable to move by himself, and so by way of protest sang the Psalms lustily in Latin until he had to be carried out again.

It appears that at this time there was no continuous ministry here. In 1590 there was “no preacher” at Ashton and twenty years later there was “seldom a curate.” Probably because it wasn't a parish church but only a chapel of ease of the parish of Winwick, the only income would be that provided by the Rector of Winwick.



Parish News

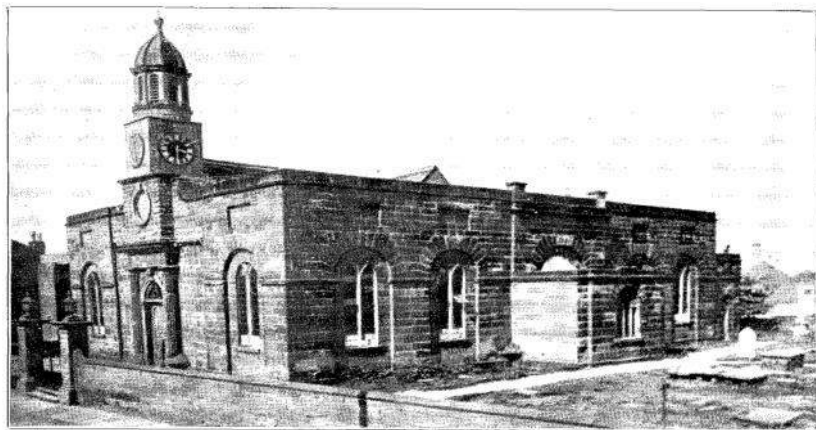


With Malcolm

It is not until 1645 that we begin to find a continuous list of curates but there is one name known before that date, John Janion, possibly 1609 but not at all certain. In 1645 after a local petition the Minister was granted tithes which were worth £120 a year. In 1650 the Commonwealth Surveyors recommended it be made a parish, a recommendation which was apparently not carried out.

At the Restoration of the Monarchy the Rev. James Wood who had been curate since 1645 refused to conform to the new prayer book and was ejected in 1662.

In 1718 Bishop Gastrell found the certified stipend to be £1/12/- the Rector of Winwick however gave £50 "being obliged to provide for it" and other inhabitants subscribed £7 a year on condition that the curate resided and read prayers on Wednesdays, Fridays and Holy Days. To have a resident curate was an innovation!



THE OLD CHURCH.



Parish News



Magazine

Yet another year in the life of our Church Magazine is almost over and again it is time to thank to the many people who ensure that the magazine comes to your door or online each month. Many thanks must go to our Magazine editors Sue and Vicki, to Jack and Helen Stuart who see to the administration and that dedicated team of magazine distributors who year in and year out come rain or come shine ensure that your magazine arrives at your door.

I am looking forward to the coming year and lots of articles from our church members to make sure we have a first class magazine with interest for all the family.

Senior Citizens Party

Our annual Christmas meal and concert has been booked for the 10 January 2020. I say concert but this, as always depends on you. I am giving advance notice of the need for a selection of artists young and old (and in between)to entertain on the night. Don't let me down put the magazine down now and get in touch Tel 205136.

For many years our church ran a dance club in the church hall providing much fellowship and enjoyment on Saturday evenings for the regular attendees. For many years this was run by our old friend John Fearnley and his wife Madge and latterly by the late John Makinson and Margaret his wife. Over those years the church hall benefited from the funds raised by people simply enjoying themselves . There is a balance left in the dance club Account and as the club no longer exists the remaining funds have now been kindly donated for the benefit of the church hall in our church accounts for which we are grateful.

Come September in each year we are delighted to offer the hospitality of our church to the hard working and dedicated members of the committee who organise the Ashton Festival. This is to provide a home for such events as fit the venue. In turn a donation is received from the committee and through the medium of this magazine I would like to thank them for their generosity.

To all the children and young people of our parish

This year our Crib Service at St Thomas' will be on Sunday 8th December at the 10.45 service. You are invited to come dressed as any of the characters (or animals) that are generally found in the Christmas Story. It will not matter if a character is duplicated, in fact we expect it.

There are no lines to learn and no one will have to speak who doesn't want to. For instance, you could be an angel, a shepherd, Mary, Joseph, a sheep, an Inn-keeper or a Wise Man or even a star. You may have other ideas.

If you don't have a costume, there will be some to use at the back of church on the morning of this service so don't go out and buy one.

If you don't want to dress up, then that is also fine.
Thank You.

The leaders of 10.45 Service



Mothers' Union

MOTHERS UNION

Branch Diary:

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Carol Service in St Thomas Church at 7.30pm

This special Service is open to all ladies of our Church and also the ladies from other Churches in Ashton. Come along and enjoy the traditional carols and lessons and not forgetting the fellowship. You will be made welcome and encouraged to join us for Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies in Church after the Service.

Bryn Meal on Friday 17th January a reminder of Our post Christmas Meal at Bryn Masonic Hall 7.00 for 7.30. All Ladies are welcome at this very enjoyable evening. If you wish to come and haven't already let me know please contact me and I will let you have the menu for your choice of meal.

Please let me have your menu choices by the 5 January along with payment.

Subs

It is the time when we need to tidy up our Branch year end accounts. I would like to thank those who have let me have their subs and include this gentle reminder to those whose subs are still outstanding.

Coops Foyer If you would like to donate a gift for the young people this Christmas I will need to receive it soon so that I can deliver it. Please mark the parcel male or female.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 19 February 2020 in the church hall at 7.30pm



Mothers' Union

BRUNCH

Our annual Brunch will be held on Saturday 15 February in the church hall 11.00am to 1.00pm we will have the usual stalls, raffle, tombola and good fellowship. All are welcome and contributions will be gratefully received.

THANKS

Another year passes by and once again it is that time to thank our Secretary, Treasurer and the Committee and all the members of our Parish and indeed our congregations for their continued support for me and for the branch throughout the year.

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as we prepare for your coming, we read the words of the prophets written long before your birth, giving us hope and encouragement that all people will be united and the land will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Help us, Lord, to open our hearts and minds to these truths and to gladly receive you, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

May this special time of Christmas bring you peace and joy!
with love and best wishes from

Barbara



Bishop Bev's Christmas message



Hope is delivered into uncertainty

People were anxious; living under the rules of a foreign government with corruption rife. A nervous nation with a rebellious population unsure of what the future may hold. Uncertain people. Uncertain times. Looking for a way out – looking for hope. This could be many points in history. There are elements that ring true today. But it was the world that greeted Jesus on the day he came into the world. The prettified Christmas card version of the Christmas story hides the harsh reality. Jesus was born into poverty in bleak surroundings in dangerous times.

This is the aspect which makes the story massively compelling. The events surrounding Jesus' birth would not seem massively out of place in the Game of Thrones. A despotic king ordering the slaughter of hundreds of innocent children. Magi travelling miles to be caught up in the political intrigue of the royal court. Mary and Joseph smuggling the new born away on a dangerous flight to Egypt. You almost couldn't make it up.

It needed to be this way! For the story of Jesus to make any sense to us today and indeed at any time, his birth and life had to be a realistic tale of human experience and struggle - not a fairy tale. A story we can relate to and find our place within it; a story to speak to our generation as it spoke to the generations before us and will continue to speak to the world long after we are gone.

Because at Christmas hope is delivered into uncertainty. And that's what people are looking for. Hope! Hope for meaning, for a better, kinder and more compassionate world, a world where there is no more war, and hope for the what next – is death the light going out, or is there more?

Bishop Bev's Christmas message



From the very beginning, God promised Jesus would come and herald in a whole new world. This is why the angels accompanied his birth – Jesus IS the ‘glory of God’. When Mary kisses the cheek of her baby son, she’s kissing the face of God. The child will grow and teach us how to be fully human, fully who we are. He will teach us how our slate can be wiped clean, how to start again and how we can lay down the things that weigh us down. He will show us what it is to have freedom, peace and joy in our hearts. This is his gift to each of us at Christmas, when we simply say, ‘Jesus, I need you! Jesus I want you! Please make your home in my heart’.

In the silent place of our heart, Jesus will give us assurances and the hope that we long for.

This Christmas, as you receive his gift of immeasurable love, be thankful!



**Bishop Beverley Mason
Bishop of Warrington**

Picture Parable

A Very Special Baby

JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE A VERY SPECIAL BABY.



MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE FOR THE CENSUS.

BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL



...WHICH IS WHERE JESUS WAS BORN.

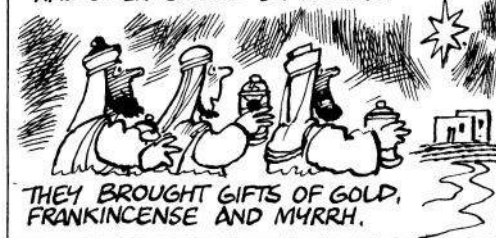


SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAD BEEN BORN.

WISE MEN CAME FROM THE EAST. THEY TOO WANTED TO SEE JESUS. THEY HAD BEEN GUIDED BY A STAR.



THEY BROUGHT GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

BUT MARY, JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS SOON HAD TO ESCAPE TO EGYPT...



...AS KING HEROD WANTED JESUS DEAD!!

Word search

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baby

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night

carefully

palace

flocks

manger

good

heard

sky

angel

Bethlehem

heaven

Mary

God

seen



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Joker (15)

Directed by Todd Phillips

Stars: Joaquin Phoenix, Zazie Beetz, Robert de Niro, Frances Conroy, Brett Cullen, Glenn Fleshler, Shea Whigham, Leigh Gill, Bill Camp, Brian Tyree Henry, and Marc Maron

In a Nutshell: There is something about certain characters that directors and actors and studios keep going back to the well to explore, and yet whilst you don't really see a ton of different movies that touch upon many Marvel Studios villains, the fact that the character of the Joker is being interpreted again and again is fascinating in a way and none more so than in this movie which has taken the world by storm. Whether it's the movement that seem to have popped up in its wake with protestors and groups taking on the clown motif seemingly inspired by the films message or the prescience of its themes or just the simple easy fact that Joaquin Phoenix's performance (a bit like Heath Ledger in Dark Knight) is just one of the greatest all time acting performances in a role, this coming from someone who was already pretty darn electric in Gladiator and Walk the Line as well as The Master. Taking the story of a character like the Joker and giving him a backstory (especially since Dark Knight shied away completely from giving him any such background) and especially one so bleak and entrenched in a 70s Taxi Driver style is a very bold move and it really pays off because this is no comic book blockbuster... you can take away the names of characters and it becomes a totally non related story to all the Batman universe. Phoenix is the big performance but there is a solid support cast with De Niro on solid form whilst Zazie Beetz shines once more after her big Deadpool II role last year, but its Joaquin's film and he is simply phenomenal... really mixing that dark ruthless psychotic that comes out with a vulnerability and tragicness that really to a point makes you side with him; again only so far though. This is a bleak and tough piece of cinema and yet it's connected to so many on so many levels and its themes of mental health and a crumpled society are timelier than ever and it's not hard to see why.... This is pure and simply an electric and tough piece of cinema, it's a must see and just excellent on almost every level. It won't put a smile on your face but it will leave you shaken to your core, in the best way that cinema can.

Rating: 9/10



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG)

Directed by Joachim Ronning

Stars: Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Michelle Pfeiffer, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Ed Skrein, Robert Lindsay, Warwick Davis, Sam Riley, Imelda Staunton, Leslie Manville, Juno Temple, Harris Dickinson, and Jenn Murray

In a Nutshell: The basic facts of life are that all films will get a sequel if they made a little bit of that sweet sweet money at the box office, but really was anyone clamoring for a Maleficent sequel? Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed the first movie but it seemed very contained in what it was doing. So, what can a sequel bring to the table? Well, more of the same really but yet still manage to throw up a few twists and turns and a darker tone all the same. They've ensembled a terrific cast but everyone is just on typically decent form if nothing more, I do really enjoy Sam Riley as Dival the crow and Chiwetel is a great addition as a mysterious new character and it's so great to see Robert Lindsay in a movie as the king. But a lot of people get not much to do and as majestic as Jolie is as Maleficent, it's really nothing too special for the most part; except for the fact that it culminates in one of the most intense and bravura battle sequences in fantasy cinema for a while which definitely goes some interesting and dark places and is excellent entertainment. Plus, the film does do good with delving into the characters back story some more and going some interesting places with that too. The overall feeling that I left with though was just more of the same with a few tweaks here and there, fans will enjoy it immensely and everyone else will find it perfectly fine too, plus Elle Fanning is always delightful as Aurora. And in a year of reboots and remakes such as Aladdin and Lion King, it can't help but at least be something a bit more original. And in the end, that's certainly the least we can ask for. Plus it has Warwick Davis, which should be true of all cinema.

Rating: 7/10

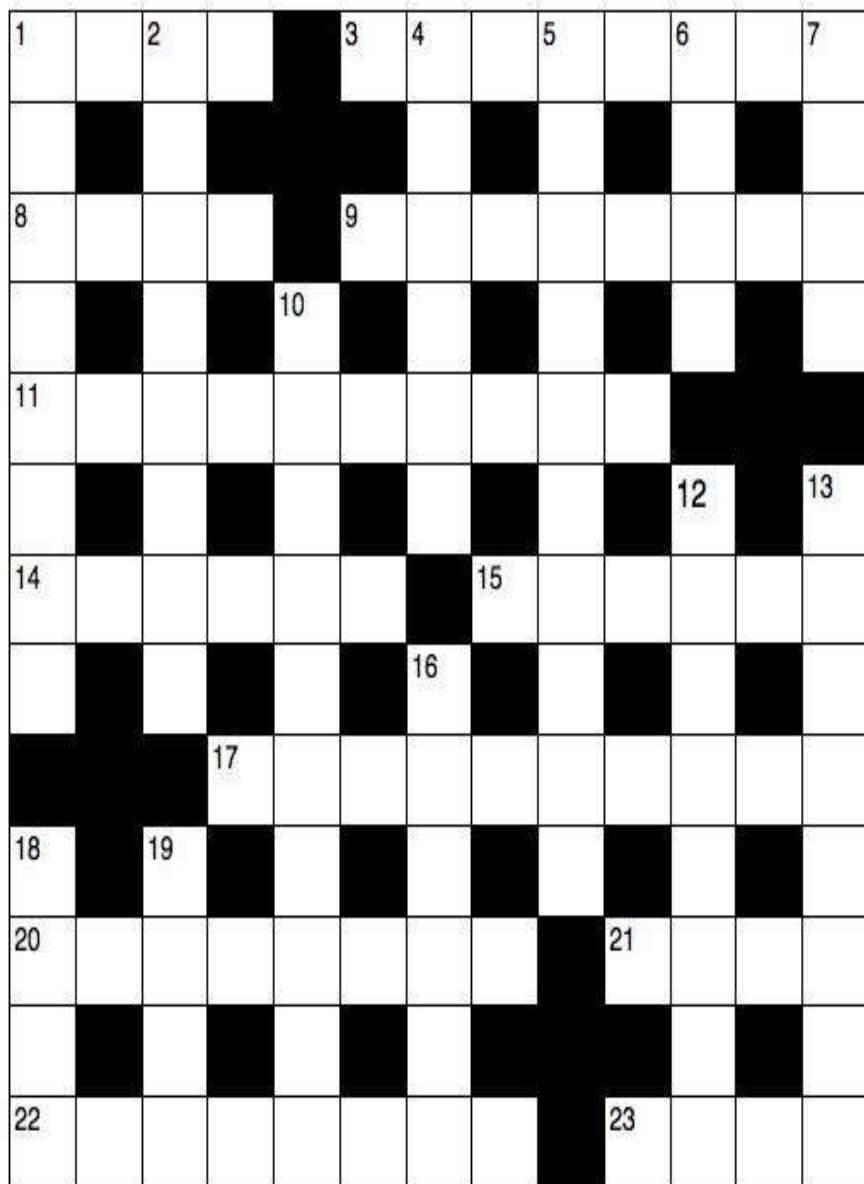
Also Seen:

Zombieland: Double Tap (15) 7/10

The Day Shall Come (15) 8/10



Crossword



Across

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
21 Rite (anag.) (4)
22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
23 'The eye cannot say to the — , "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

Down

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't — — , and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and — ' (Acts 7:22) (6)
18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

Answers on page 33



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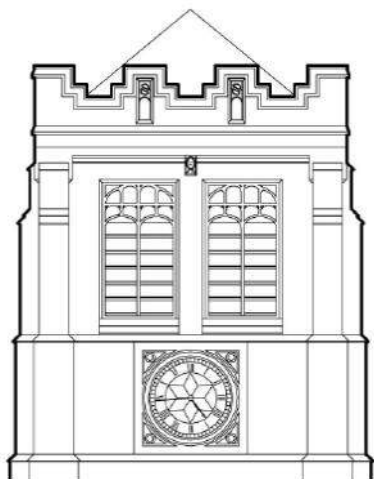
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Flowers in church this month	
1st Dec	Vacant
8th Dec	Vacant
15th Dec	In loving memory of Valerie Ann Boon (12 th December) from John & family
22nd Dec	Birthday memories of Peggy Royle from John & family
29th Dec	Vacant

Flowers in the Nativity Window

Anniversary remembrance of a dearly loved mum
From Alison, Adrian, Becky & Chris

Loving Christmas memories of Austin Bullen sadly missed from Joan,
Karen & Keith, Jaki & Simon, Toni & Ben

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Loving Memories of my Dear Husband Keith also my
Darling Daughter Andrea

Thinking of you both with love this Christmas

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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.

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If you are a UK tax payer and would like church to be able to claim back 25p for every £1 you donate, please complete a Gift Aid form or state on your envelope that you are a UK tax payer, would like the donation to be Gift Aided and include your full name and address.

With thanks to those who have donated this month to
Asylum Seeker , Churchyard Maintenance, Fit for the
Future, General Funds

**All donations must be received by 10th December to be
printed in
the January Magazine.**

Funds currently in use are: Africa Fund, Asylum Seeker,
Audio Visual, Church Hall, Building & Maintenance,
Garden of Rest, General, Grave Maintenance,
Heath Road Graveyard, Heating and
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Birthday Remembrance of Ina McLaren (15th November) from Pauline, Kevin, Susan, Nick, Jack and Scarlett

In loving memory of Peter Raymond (Anniversary 8th November) Margaret and family

In memory of a loving husband, Dad and Gramps, Chris Ashcroft from Susan, Darren, Nicola & Lily Mae

In loving memory of Piers Unsworth, Mary Alice Unsworth & Clifford Harold Unsworth from Jack, Barbara, Ann Marie, John & Brian form J Unsworth

Anniversary remembrance of Ted & Betty Grimshaw, loving and much loved parents-in-law and grandparents from Pat & the boys

Anniversary remembrance of Arthur Shaw (30th Dec) a lovely Dad and Grandad from Barbara, Malcolm & family

Christmas remembrance for my dearly loved mum Ena Jones from Rene and all the family

Christmas remembrance for my lovely husband Fred Conroy very sadly missed. Love you Rene and family

Christmas remembrance of a loving husband, dad, father-in-law & Grandad sadly missed from Barbara, John, Madolyn & Rob. David, Sharon, Ruby & Geena

Anniversary remembrance of a much loved aunt, Margaret Hilton (3rd December) form Karen & Alec Parkinson

In memory of Tom and Pat McIlwee always in our hearts and missed from Karen, Linda & families



St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty in October	
2nd Dec	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
9th Dec	Meta Laites, Kath Vella, Linda Malley
16th Dec	All ladies-Christmas flowers
23rd Dec	All ladies-Christmas flowers
30th Dec	Dismantle & Hilda Edwardson team

Gift Day

A belated thank you to all those who supported this year's Gift Day which raised the sum of £587.00 towards our Fit for the Future fund.

Verse for the Year

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32-33



St Thomas' Flowers

Flowers in church in October		
	Altar	Lady Chapel
2nd Dec	In loving memory of Derek Roberts. A much loved husband, dad & grandad. Much loved and remembered from Pat, Susan and Ryan.	In memory of all loved ones from Mrs Wood & family and Mr & Mrs Lawton and family
9th Dec	In memory of all loved ones from Janet & Doug Wildman & family	In memory of all loved ones from the Bailey family
16th Dec	Vacant	Vacant
23rd Dec	Christmas flowers— Congregation	Christmas flowers— Congregation
30th Dec	Christmas flowers— Congregation	Christmas flowers— Congregation

The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

30th Oct	Harry Winstanley	Soughers Lane	88
1st Nov	Olive Arnott	Princess Road	87
5th Nov	Brenda Moore	Ashton View	77
7th Nov	Robert Wareing	Westfield Ave	86
19th Nov	Carl Burton	Girton Avenue	87
25th Nov	Fred Hargreaves	Old Road	83

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



27th Oct	Grace May Brewer	Bolton Road
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