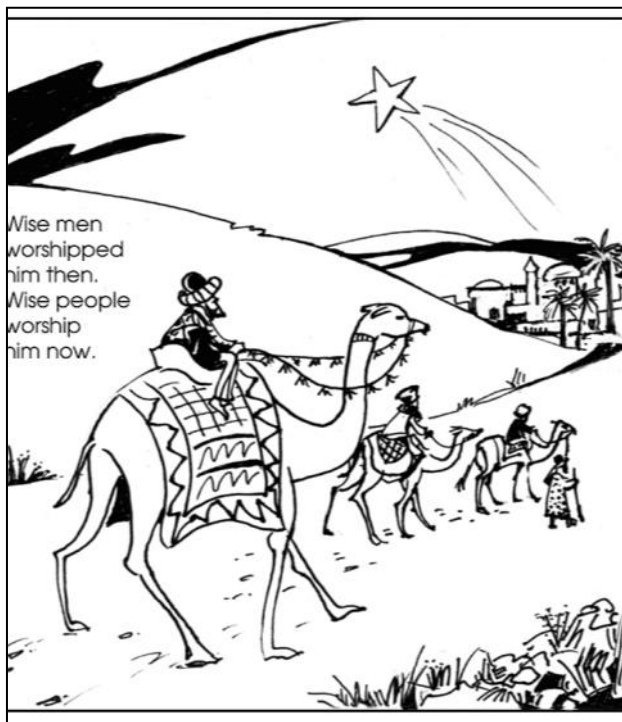
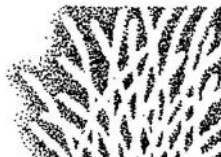


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Sundays

St Thomas's		St Luke's	
9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday Only)
10.45 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Parade & 4th Sunday Family Communion)		Family Worship (2nd Sunday Family Communion)
6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion)	4.15 p.m.	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday Only)

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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Parish Office: St Thomas's Church Vestry, **Thursday 6.30 – 7.30 p.m:** For all enquiries regarding church matters and arranging baptisms and weddings. Contact - 01942 721484.

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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 or call in at Vestry Hour on a Thursday evening.

Funerals

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



Letter from the Vicar

We are defined as people by what we value, in that, our values direct our thoughts, our choices and our actions. We can all make mistakes and sometimes fall short of what we value, but in general, we live our lives guided by the values that we hold.



Over the last year we have explored the values that we hold as a church. Gathering together the many individual values we identified across all of our congregations, we grouped and summarised them into a set of five core values. These are the core values that we discerned.

Worshipping: Worship lies at our heart as we seek to love and know God as Father, Son and Spirit.

Loving: We are a community characterized by relationships of loving welcome, hospitality and support.

Following: We are called to be disciples: to faith in Jesus, to personal growth and transformation through knowing Him.

Serving: We are all called to serve in Jesus name, through the gifting and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sharing: We seek to be relevant and to shape ourselves for our goal of sharing the good news of Jesus.



In the same way that our personal values, or our family values, or maybe the values of an organisation or company direct thoughts, words and deeds, our values as a Christian community do the same.

The difference though is that as a set of values guided and instructed by our faith, Christian



Letter from the Vicar

values, which are founded on Jesus, may underpin and overarch personal, family and even an organisation or company's values. We retain our year verse for this year as our faith in Jesus Christ and our relationship with him is more than our starting point, it is the foundation of all that we value.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11)

St Thomas and St Luke's values don't stay in the church buildings when we leave them, the idea is that we own them personally as well as collectively. Therefore they should shape and be the foundation for all that we think and say and do.



We begin this New Year and journey together exploring what our values and our purpose say to us personally and as a whole church. We may decide that as part of our New Year commitment or resolution, to consciously consider anew how our thoughts, words and actions reveal about what we value.

Jeremy Thomas





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church – January 2015

<u>Monday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	Morning Prayer. Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) Church open for prayer.	9:00am 10:00am - 12:00pm 7.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Communion. Princes Pantry. (St Luke's) Vestry hour.	9:45am 11:30am - 1:00pm 6.30-7.30 pm

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 work and live in:

White Lodge Drive, Heather Grove, Rushmoor Avenue, Moorland Road, Linkway Avenue, Crossway Close, Willow Grove School



Parish News



Free Will Offerings and Gift Aid

The usual annual and respectful reminder that, despite the economic hard times which continue, it is the time when each year we do need to review our personal giving in the light of the Church needs.

Our Treasurer Sarah is doing a magnificent job but as I said last year we can make her life easier by converting to standing order payments. Forms are available in church, just ask the wardens. Can I also ask those who pay tax and are not yet involved in our Gift Aid scheme to take that very easy step of increasing your generous giving by 25p for every pound donated. It costs you nothing to join but by not taking part the Church loses a considerable financial benefit.

Malcolm



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Mothers Union

Diary Branch dates

As always there are no Branch Meetings as such in January but we can look forward to our belated Christmas meal for members and friends at Bryn Masonic Hall on Friday 16th January meeting at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. I look forward to seeing everyone there and if you haven't done so already please let me have the £19.00 cost of the meal and your menu choice no later than 4th January.

Advance Notice

Wednesday 18th February in St THOMAS CHURCH HALL our Annual General Meeting starting at 7.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone thinking of joining the Mothers Union to find out exactly what we do both here and overseas.



Thank you to everyone who provided Christmas Presents for the residents at Coops Foyer. They were very welcome and very much appreciated.



I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing Hannah Prescott a very happy birthday when she celebrates her 100th birthday on the 19 January 2015 - what an amazing lady, she has just renewed her season ticket for the Wigan Warriors! May she have a happy and healthy year in 2015.

We give thanks and praise, O God,
 for the Gospel of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple
 for the wisdom of Simeon and Anna,
 for the loving care of Joseph and Mary,
 for the simplicity and innocence of the child Jesus.
 We pray for the different generations of our own day
 that in offering their lives in service to you
 and to each other, they may grow in mutual respect
 and understanding,
 and so enrich the life of all, for Jesus Christ's sake.
 Amen

Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year

FREE WILL OFFERINGS - NOVEMBER 2014

DATE	AMOUNT	NO. OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE PER ENVELOPE
03/11/14	481.50	66	7.29
10/11/14	427.30	82	5.21
17/11/14	463.14	76	6.09
24/11/14	349.33	56	6.24
TOTAL	1721.27	280	
AVERAGE	430.32	70	6.15



Powerlessness at Christmas

Isn't it just amazing that God would send His son to us as a defenceless and powerless baby? We wanted to firmly put Christ in Christmas in the run up to Advent and so we tried our hand at all sorts of Christmassy themed activities.



It's a boy – we wrote messages to God on Jesus' birthday balloons.

Shoebox stable – each family were given a shoebox 'stable' and could model their own nativity figures. Some of them were amazing with all the usual figures and many animals. We even had a camel! One of nativity sets is on display in the church hall until 6th January for you to look at.

Animal masks – there were a variety of animal mask templates to choose from so that we could think about Jesus' birth from their viewpoint.



Gift tags – we made gift tags and then wrote a personal prayer on the back to hang on the Christmas tree.

Christmas boxes – some people who are struggling this Christmas will get a Christmas parcel from the Foodbank and so we decorated boxes to make the parcels look special for them. Some of us even got to take the boxes to the Foodbank the next day and look around!

Junk throne – I was amazed at how impressive this throne ended up looking considering it was made entirely from our recycling and some wrapping paper! We built it to remind us that Jesus came as a baby and then took on all our sin (or rubbish things that we do) by dying on the cross.

Magnetix challenge – the challenge was to find a friend, to sit back to back to them and for one to build a stable, following instructions from the other. It didn't quite work like that though as everyone just wanted to make their own models; mostly Nativity related. Some spent most of Messy Church at this station!

Flower arrangement – we had some experts on hand to help make personalised table centrepieces. They looked very professional!

Glittery angels – a Christmas tree is not complete without an angel (to remind us of the role they played in the Christmas story) and so we got out the glitter and glue and made our angels sparkle!

Pizzas & Christmas pudding muffins – we got to make our own tea choose our toppings to make our own pizzas for tea with a muffin that we decorated in the Christmas theme!



We mulled over some questions as we enjoyed our Messy Church. Although Christmas Day has gone, this magazine comes out during the season of Christmas - maybe you would like to think about them too:

Have you ever taken part in a school nativity play? Who or what were you?

Did you have a choice or was it just the role you were given?

Do you think Jesus had a choice about coming to earth?

Our next Messy Church will be on February 12th in St Thomas' school. We are always looking for people to help out our team - if you would like to get involved in any way then please get in touch with Messy Sue on 07877 704645 or sue@stthomasstluke.org.uk. Don't forget that we welcome all ages to Messy Church - you don't have to bring a child!



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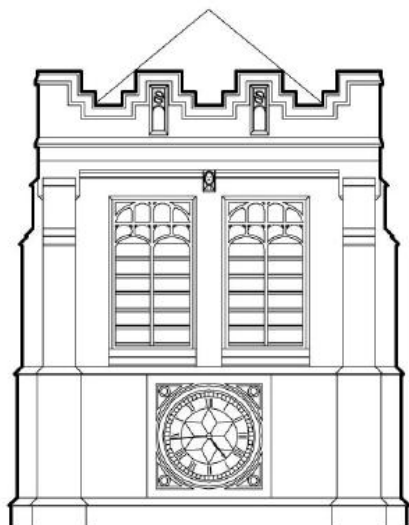
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The Leprosy Mission

World Leprosy Day, Sunday 25th January 2015

This is the date when we remember the vital work of the Leprosy Mission, at St Thomas There will be the usual information available together with prayer bookmarks and, of course, donation envelopes in church on the day. Once again we ask for your valuable support.

We also like to repeat our thanks to those who so generously supported our recent coffee morning.

Extract from the latest Leprosy Mission letter.

Restoration

We hear through the prophet Jeremiah that God can restore health and heal wounds (Jeremiah 30: 17). As a Christian charity inspired by the love of Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission tends to each leprosy person it serves physically and emotionally. One by one, it nurses their wounds, restores them to health and helps heal emotional scars caused by the stigma surrounding this ancient disease which remains a modern- day reality.

Leprosy is a disease of poverty. It can impact on every area of a person's life: health, education, employment, marriage prospects and relationships with family and community. The Leprosy Mission helps to restore lives destroyed by leprosy by providing the rehabilitation, schooling, job prospects, housing and sanitation required to lift a person from poverty and enable them to be self- sufficient.

In many parts of the world today, the disease continues to carry a great stigma. Many people with leprosy-caused disabilities suffer terrible discrimination. They can be regarded as 'cursed' and forbidden from collecting water from the common tap. The Leprosy Mission works to educate their communities, teaching them that leprosy is a mildly-infectious and curable disease and not a curse for life.

On Sunday 25 January - World Leprosy Day 2015 -. please pray for the many millions of people globally who, today, struggle with the physical and emotional scars left by this cruel disease, leprosy. If you can, please give a gift of hope and restoration to The Leprosy Mission England and Wales so that it can continue its life-changing work across Asia and Africa.

Barbara and Margaret

Through the pages of this magazine we thank Barbara and Margaret for their work on behalf of what can often be a forgotten cause, the work of the Leprosy Mission. *Malcolm*



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Interstellar (12A) Directed by Christopher Nolan

Stars: Matthew McCounaghey, Anne Hathaway, Michael Caine, Casey Affleck, Jessica Chastain, Wes Bentley, Ellen Burstyn, Mackenzie Foy, Matt Damon, Eyles Gabel, Topher Grace, John Lithgow, and David Oyelowo

In a Nutshell: The question of the day is just because you haven't the foggiest what happened in a movie and it really pulled one over on you and confused you, does that impact what you think of said movie? Because bar the fact that Matt with the unspellable last name goes into space to save us all and Michael Caine is very kind, it's hard to even try and recount some of the events in this film, it could be I wasn't focused enough or really it could be the plotting, the science and the themes are too much for some, including me. It's funny though, because the cast are all uniformly excellent... the effects are some of the most jaw-dropping and spectacular you'll see... even more so because most of this film was done practically, but just you try playing spot the seams! It grips you throughout its running time with crashes, bangs, bravura plot twists, great characters and intense plotting even if maybe the first hour of talky plot explanation will either lose you or if you're feeling very delicate and sleepy, may make you miss a beat. It's a hard tightrope to walk because I really admire what this film is doing with really complex themes and groundbreaking cinema, and Nolan is still at the top of his game. But like 2001 before it, either it's too much for some or maybe I'm just really dumb? There's no question this is unmissable but the question still hangs over it, how much can you enjoy something or really build an opinion of what you thought... if you don't quite get the film to begin with? Rating: 8/10



The Hunger Games: Mockingjay- Part I (12A) Directed by Francis Lawrence

Stars: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Donald Sutherland, Julianne Moore, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Stanley Tucci, Woody Harrelson, Elizabeth Banks, Sam Claflin, Jena Malone, and Natalie Dormer

In a Nutshell: With the new trend being to split finales into two, it was always going to be interesting to see how Mockingjay worked out. With the Hobbit being stretched out to a crazy degree yet somehow still managing to grip and engage and Harry Potter pulling it off with so much ease and class could the tricky third book manage to be split successfully? Well yes and no. While it's fair to say this is a gripping and intriguing first part, it does suffer from being all talk and not much action. That is yet to come. The things you want and love are still here though, Jennifer Lawrence is just fantastic as always, vulnerable yet filled with fire and vigour... whilst Hemsworth comes

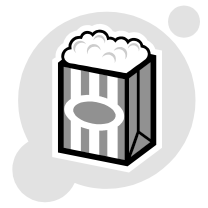


The Film Review

With Rob Carson



into his own, and Moore is as solid as ever as the intriguing Coin. On a sad note, it's Hoffman's last performance but happily he is wonderful, reminding us how great he can always be, and what will be missed. Whilst the action is light, what there is manages to be pretty cool and whilst light on action, the themes and subtexts within are as fascinating as always, and it as always has a lot to say about us and our society... this is the exciting build up to what is sure to be a superb finale and for that it works greatly, even if deep down there's a feeling of it could have been one big event rather than the two.... but for what it is, it's still pretty darn good! Inevitably you'll all see, so what more do I need to say? The odds are still in your favour.... Rating: 8/10



Also Seen:

Get on Up (12A) 10/10

Horrible Bosses II (15) 7/10

The Imitation Game (12A) 9/10

Paddington (U) 10/10

Top 15 Movies to see in 2015!

The Avengers: Age of Ultron (12A TBA) (April 24th) Directed by Joss Whedon

Jurassic World (12A TBA) (June 12th) Directed by Colin Trevorrow

Tomorrowland (PG TBA) (May 22nd) Directed by Brad Bird

James Bond 24 (12A TBA) (October 23rd) Directed by Sam Mendes

Star Wars: Episode VII- The Force Awakens (PG TBA) (December 18th)

Directed by J.J. Abrams

Kingsman: The Secret Service (15 TBA) (January 29th) Directed by Matthew Vaughn

Ant-Man (12A TBA) (July 17th) Directed by Peyton Reed

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay- Part II (12A TBA) (November 20th) Directed by Francis Lawrence

Mortdecai (12A TBA) (January 23rd) Directed by David Koepp

Marvel and Disney's Big Hero 6 (PG) (January 30th) Directed by Don Hall and Chris Williams

The Walk (12A TBA) (October 2nd) Directed by Robert Zemeckis

Mission: Impossible 5 (12A TBA) (December 26th) Directed by Christopher McQuarrie

Disney/ Pixar's Inside Out (U) (July 24th) Directed by Pete Docter

Mad Max: Fury Road (15 TBA) (May 15th) Directed by George Miller

Crimson Peak (15 TBA) (October 16th) Directed by Guillermo del Toro



St Thomas' January Donations



GIFT AID

If you gift aid your monies to church please write your gift aid number on your donation (this is the same as your Free Will Offering number). If you do not know your number or wish to gift aid a one off donation please state that you want this donation to be gift-aided, confirm that you are a UK taxpayer and give your name and address for our records. Thank you

Donations should be handed in at church.

Please write the amount of your donation and **include your surname**. This is for audit purposes.

Please make cheques payable to St Thomas' PCC. Thank you.
Please make sure that dates are CLEARLY written.

Unless otherwise stated donations will go into the General Fund

APOLOGY

In September, a donation was incorrectly listed as thanks for Home Communion from Elsie and Keith Stone. The donation was in memory of Elsie's husband Thomas Stone, whose birthday was 22nd September and who passed away on 25th September. Apologies for any distress this may have caused.

In loving memory of

Eileen MacDonald from her daughter Kay Scott

Peter Allcroft from Hilda Edwardson

A dear husband **Alan Walker** from Barbara

A beloved husband **Albert Topping**

Raymond Parry (2 Dec 2012) from Joan, Christine, Alan, Hazel & Roy

A much loved & missed father **Eric Hurst** who passed away 2 Dec 1992 and wishing the congregation & clergy of St Thomas' a very happy Christmas from David Hurst



St Thomas' January Donations



Anniversary remembrance of

Ellen Pennington (21 Jan) - a dear mother & grandmother from David & family

John Bailey (22 Jan) - a dear husband, dad & grandad from wife Annie & family

Marg and Billy Cooper (21st and 23rd Jan) from Annie Bailey

Kenneth Rimmer (15th Jan) a dearly loved husband, dad and granddad from Doreen and family

Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance of

Ronnie Wood (15 & 24 Jan) from his ever loving wife & family

Arthur Edwardson from Hilda, Raymond & Sharon

With thanks for home communion: Doreen Byers, Brenda Percival, Alice Ashley, Marion Bullen, Margaret Rodgers, G Jones, Keith and Elsie Stone

Other donations: For the use of Church Hall from St Wilfreds, from the monthly Dance Club, from 1st Ashton Scouts, with thanks from the family of Edna Hayes

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY ST THOMAS' FOR JANUARY 2015 £610

General £245

Grave Maintenance £20

Building & Maintenance Fund £40

Audio Visual & Heating Fund nil

Garden of Rest £230

Heath Road Graveyard nil

Church Hall Fund £125

Fit for the Future nil



Ashton Street Pastors

The Challenge

Anti-social behaviour, the breakdown of the family, and young people feeling marginalised are massive challenges for both the Church and our society. For many years Ashton town centre has experienced problems around its pubs at week-ends. Our churches can work together to be there for people who are vulnerable or need help.

The Street Pastors scheme is a national initiative which began in 2003 and is to be found in over 300 locations in the U.K. The aim is to make it known that the Church has *left the building* to create a visible presence on the streets in order to help the vulnerable, intimidated and hurting and to offer non-judgmental practical support and care to those who need our help.

The Street Pastors main role is to make themselves available to: care, listen and offer practical help to whoever they meet. Their visible presence offers reassurance and their non-confrontational approach helps them to become a welcome part of community life. Street Pastors are not there to preach but to serve people of all faiths and those with no faith with practical demonstrations of God's love. However our Christian faith will be at the heart of everything we do and why we do it.

The Solution

We would like to form teams of Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors who would operate in Ashton town centre during late evenings, when the town centre is busy.

What are the Criteria?

In order to become a Street Pastor you need:

- To be at least 18 years of age (there is no upper age limit),
- To have a Christian faith and to have been a member of a recognised church for at least the last 12 months,
- To be able to provide a positive reference from your church leader,
- To commit to approximately 30 hours of training in the first year,
- To be able to work effectively as part of a team,

To commit to going out on patrol at least once a month.

Prayer Pastors

In addition to those Pastors who go out on patrol, we will also need Prayer Pastors who will provide prayer support for the Street Pastors and the work they do.

What Will We Do?

The role of an Ashton Street Pastor will develop as we introduce this mission but it might include:

- Trying to do what Jesus would do: caring, listening and helping,
- Providing help and support to those in need,
- Reducing the vulnerability of lone individuals,
- Providing directions to taxi stands, cash dispensers and local pubs and clubs,
- Signposting people to support services,
- Giving out bottled water,
- Giving out flip flops.

The Benefits

Street pastor projects in other towns have resulted in:

- Crime reduction,
- Anti-social behaviour reduction,
- Safer streets,
- Improved image of the town centre.



Collaborative working with the council and local police i.e. 'The Urban Trinity'

What's Next

In order for the Ashton Street Pastor project to succeed, we will require lots of committed Street and Prayer Pastors. If having read this leaflet you think you might be interested in becoming a Street Pastor then please contact: [Chris Wooff](#) or ring me on 01942 724207



BABUSHKA

Once in Russia, there was a woman called Babushka. Her house was perfect because she was always cleaning. One night, a star appeared above the village: everyone rushed outside to see it but Babushka missed it because she was too busy sweeping and polishing.

Three Kings came to the village following the star. Babushka invited them into her house and cared for them very well. As they left, the Kings asked her to join them on their journey. They were following the star to find the new-born King of Kings, the baby Jesus. Babushka wanted to follow them - she promised to catch them up, as soon as the house was tidy. It was days before the house was clean and then she set off, carrying a basket of toys for the baby.

But she was so far behind and when she arrived in Bethlehem, the kings and the baby had gone. So, still to this day, Babushka travels the world with her basket of toys, leaving them as presents for good children, just in case the child is Jesus.

PUTTING THINGS OFF

Sometimes we put things off because other things are more important to us, or because we are too frightened to start something that is different. There is a word for putting things off until tomorrow, it is

PROCRASTINATION

How many words can you make out of the letters of this word? Try today and don't put it off!

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What do you call a magic dog?

A Labracadabrador.

Where does the three legged horse live?

In the unstable.

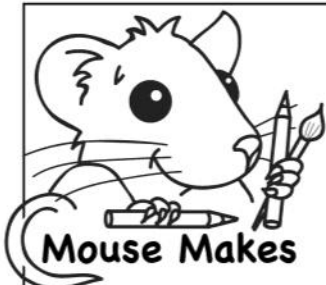
What's small and cuddly and bright purple?

A koala holding his breath!

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Babushka is the Russian word for 'grandmother'. Some Russian nesting dolls are called Babushkas, but mostly they are called 'Matryoshka' which means 'mother'.





A NEW BEGINNING- Jesus calls his first disciples

As Jesus was walking
beside the Sea of Galilee he
saw two fishermen, Simon
called Peter and his
brother Andrew.

Jesus said:
"Come follow me"

At once they left their
nets and followed him.
Further on he saw James
and his brother John in a
boat with their father. Jesus
called them, and immediately
they left their boat and their
father and followed him.



Read this story and the other
stories of how Jesus called
his disciples in:

Matthew 4: 18-22

Luke 5: 1-11

John 1: 35-51

Matthew 9: 9

**When Jesus calls you
will you follow him?**

JESUS said

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JESUS said

"I am the *light*
of the world.
If you follow
me, you won't
have to walk
in **darkness**,
because you
will have the
light that
leads to life."

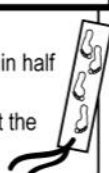
John 8:12



To make the bookmark:

Colour in then cut around the outside, fold in half
along the dotted line and glue together.

Add a tassel to the bottom by punching out the
holes and tying through a length of ribbon.





The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

11th Nov.	Kevin Wall	Windsor Road	52yrs
13th Nov.	Michael Bibby	Church Road	81 yrs
19th Nov.	Mary Almond	Allscot Way	92yrs
24th Nov.	Colin Pooke	Ennerdale Avenue	68yrs
24th Nov.	Kenneth Hindley	Warrington Lane	47yrs
2nd Dec.	Christine Ann Pickering	Old Road	56yrs
5th Dec.	Mark Langtree	Woodland Park	48yrs
5th Dec.	Edna Heyes	Camington Court	91 yrs

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



23rd Nov	Archie Higgins	Smallshaw Close
	Joseph Shaun Rowlinson	Weavermill Park
	Freddie Forster	Turnhill Drive

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

Boys Brigade

Captain: Gareth Hamlett (07903866501)

Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 6.00 p.m.)

Olwen Wright (389595)

Junior Section (Wednesday: 6.30 p.m.)

Company Section

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.) & (Friday: 7.00 pm)

Jonty Cornthwaite (721626)

Music Group Mary Owen (203277)

Sunday – 10.45 a.m.

Practice – Monday : 7.30 p.m.

St Thomas' Choir

Sunday - 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.

Paul Tushingham (711085)

Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.

Bubbles (Pre-School)

Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6)

Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)

Sue Thomas (727275)

sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk

Wednesday Weenies

Wed – 1.00 p.m.: Jan Cornthwaite

(721626)

Friday Drop In

Friday - 8-9.30pm (Y7-Y11)

Sue Thomas (727275)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)

Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall

Ceri Mansell (727417)

St Thomas' Mothers' Union

3rd Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Barbara Taylor (205136)

Girl Guides

Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)

Anne Wooff (724207)

3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies

(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)

Irene Taylor (703410)

Susan Hughes (725291)

St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.00 p.m.)

Helen Hughes (748863)

3rd Ashton Guides & Ranger Guides

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)

Rachel Starkie (718350)

Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'

Tues - 10 a.m.

Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)

Barbara Taylor (205136)

St Luke's Over Sixties

Monday – 2.00 p.m.

Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club

St. Luke's Donation Secretary

Dorothy Hesketh(738713)

St. Luke's Treasurer

John Boon

St Luke's Mothers' Union

1st Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Bobbie Masnyk

(718473)

Flower Guild

Meta Laites (723679)

Bowling Club

Henry Hunter (712709)

Monthly Dance Club

John Makinson (725870)

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