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# Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

## 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.

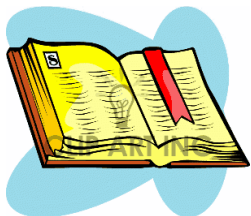
### Funerals

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



## Letter from the Vicar

It was Bishop Cyril who introduced me to The Methodist Church's covenant prayer. A covenant is an agreement or a contract, a pledge or a promise. At the end of a gathering of church leaders in the Transforming Wigan movement he reflected on reaffirming our covenant with God. He gave us a copy of the prayer to take away with us.



Simplistically, the Bible's Old and New Testaments are Old and New Covenants. God's covenants with humankind are evident throughout the narrative of scripture and many understand that God 'covenants' with specific people at specific times, we may think of Abraham, Moses and David. The New Covenant is a new relationship between God and humankind through Jesus. The verse Luke 22:20 which makes its way into our communion service, recalls Jesus' words at the Last Supper, where he says that his blood shed on the cross is the seal of this New Covenant.



When we come to faith in God, through Jesus, we make a covenant with him. God calls us, and our response from the heart is a pledge and a promise that we offer our lives to him and to his purposes.

You may be like me, in that gradually, over time I find I have drifted away from the ideals and the intentions of my original covenant with God, when I offered all that I am to him.

A covenant prayer is a good way to reaffirm the commitment that we have to living out our faith. At the beginning of 2017, why not use this prayer – or one of your own, to state or restate your plans for this year, to humbly offer yourself in service to God and His Kingdom plans.



# Letter from the Vicar



'I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing,  
put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you,  
or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you,  
or brought low for you;  
let me be full,  
let me be empty,  
let me have all things,  
let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.'



**Let us pray**

**Jeremy Thomas**

## Verse for the Year

***'Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together'***

***Hebrews 24-25a (NLT)***





## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - January 2017**

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Coffee Morning. (Church Hall)	10:00am-12:00pm
	Church open for prayer.	7.30-8.30pm
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Holy Communion.	9:45am
	Vestry hour.	6.30-7.30pm

*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 live and work in **Melford Drive, Oriel Road, Greyfriars, Magdalen Drive, Wolfson Square, Balliol Way**

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# Parish News



## Church Hall Car Park



I am sure that you will all have noticed the considerable improvement in the condition of our car park. A number of thanks are due to those involved in bringing this about. I was approached by Henry Hunter telling me that the Bowling Club wanted to pay for the work necessary to fill in the holes and make the car park fit for purpose.

Henry then set about organising the job. He located a source for the supply of former road surfacing and placed the order at the expense of the funds supplied by the Bowling Club. He then arranged a date when he could ensure that there were no cars parked and the work could be done. It was carried out by our friend Peter Case to whom we are extremely grateful as he carried it out in his own time, using his machinery and at no expense to the Parish. You might recollect that Peter also helped when we dug the holes for the barriers.



**Malcolm**

## Thank You Notice—Joyce Gibson

My sincere and heartfelt thank you, to the many friends and relatives of Joyce, for the cards of condolence at her passing.

Even though Joyce had been in a 'care home' for so long, you have shown that she had been missed and was still in your hearts.

The donations passed to me, has realised the grand total of £350, which has been forwarded to The Alzheimer's Society.



**Yours sincerely**  
**Eric**



# Mothers Union



As again there are no Branch Meetings in January we can look forward to our belated Christmas meal for members and friends at Bryn Masonic Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8th January.

## **Advance Notice**

**Wednesday 15th February in St THOMAS CHURCH HALL** our Annual General Meeting starting at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no better opportunity for anyone interested in the possibility of joining the Mothers Union of finding out more about the organisation and in particular the work of our branch. You can discover exactly what we do both here at St Thomas and



in the Deanery, the Diocese and overseas.

Once again a great big thank you to everyone who provided Christmas Presents for the residents at Coops Foyer. They were very welcome and as always very much appreciated.

I am sorry to say that our first magazine of the 2017 starts the year with some very sad news with regard to three of our members. On returning from holiday I was very sad to see that Joyce Gibson had passed away on the 11th November. Joyce had been a keen member until some 13 years ago when her dementia had reached the stage when she had to go into a nursing home in Leigh. Whilst in the home her dedicated husband Eric visited her without fail three times a week. Our deepest sympathy is with Eric and her niece Karen and her brother and his family.

I was devastated by the news that Margaret Hilton had gone to be with her Heavenly Father on the 3rd December. I just can't believe that I will never see her again. We worked so closely together in the Mothers' Union over



# Mothers Union

many years. She was a very efficient secretary and much, much more besides. She was a truly remarkable lady and a very dear friend and will be sorely missed not only by me but also by her many friends. We pass on our sincere sympathy to Alison Adrian Becky Chris and all her family.

Just one day later on the 4th December came the news of the passing of Elsie Stone who only as recently as September last I was proud to present with her certificate reflecting her 51 years membership of the Mothers Union. Elsie was a keen member of the branch until ill health forced her to become an indoor member in later years. We pass on our sincere sympathy to her son Keith and all her family.

## Seeking God

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for you have called us to seek you,  
to know and to love you.  
You have revealed yourself in Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and our God.  
We come to worship you.  
Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



We give thanks for the wise men  
and the leading of a star.  
We ask your blessing upon all who are seekers  
and all who dedicate their lives to you.  
We remember all those who lead worship  
and teach of your love and salvation.  
We pray today especially for the Churches of the Middle East.

***Wishing you a healthy and Happy New Year  
Love and God bless  
Barbara***



# St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

## Advent Workshop

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, our Year 1 class attended a wonderful workshop at Liverpool Cathedral. We travelled by coach arriving around 10.00am to be greeted and welcomed by a very friendly and professional team.

The day consisted of four craft workshops, each providing an opportunity for our pupils to learn about the meaning of Christmas. The children had the opportunity to dress up and act the stable scene in Bethlehem, which was used as a platform for questioning our gifted and talented pupils whose answers demonstrated knowledge and confidence.



In the next part of the day the children met a very convincing Angel Gabriel, the angel of good news, with feathered wings, who totally had the children believe he could fly.

The next two workshops included building stables and angels and the final part of the day involved joining up with another school to share worship time.

During our lunch break we had a very special visitor, a small beautiful robin. We were told it arrived with the Christmas tree and is now living in the Cathedral. The children were extremely amazed and excited by this unique experience.



I would like to thank everyone who organised, helped, and worked on this very special event. We all had a very enjoyable time and felt immensely blessed.

### **Student Prayer Of The Month**

Dear Jesus,

Please make 2017 a happy year for all our families and friends.

Bless each one of us in school and church. Please help us to always love and be kind to each other.

I pray that we can learn more about you.

*Amen*

Millie-Mae Magee (Year 3)



### **Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11**

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

**Happy New Year to you all,  
God's blessings be with you.**

**Elaine Mateus**



## Messy Christmas in St Thomas' Church

Our Christmas Messy Church was on December 1st. Children had opened the first window of their Advent calendars at home and so were pretty excited about the thought of Christmas!



We had ten activities

- sewing Christmas stockings
- adding to our 3D sheep & shepherds collage
- making an igloo out of ice cubes (or sugar cubes) – very challenging!
- colouring in a Messy Christmas card
- making a chocolate themed favour
- having a hand massage while Izzy prayed
- decorating biscuits with a nativity crib and another with a star
- looping our prayers together to make paper chains
- marking off the days on an advent candle and decorating a glass ramekin for it to sit in!
- getting dressed up for a Nativity Photoshoot



We also had a last minute extra activity as we were given lots of haunted gingerbread houses. We chipped off all the scary things and covered them with white icing, sprinkles and mini marshmallows – a real transformation!

For once the food station was not the most popular; this time it was the dressing up and then running around church as different Nativity characters. Some children spent much of the time having great fun doing just that.



Sometimes we can get a little frustrated when things don't work out the way we planned, but reflecting on this Messy Church, it was wonderful to see the children eager to change into costumes to be part of the story as they would do if they were playing superheroes with their friends.

We need to try to help them to understand that the story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection, can mean more to them than any other story they have ever heard or will hear in the future.

Our prayer is that each one of those who come to Messy Church will have a lifelong and life changing relationship with Jesus.





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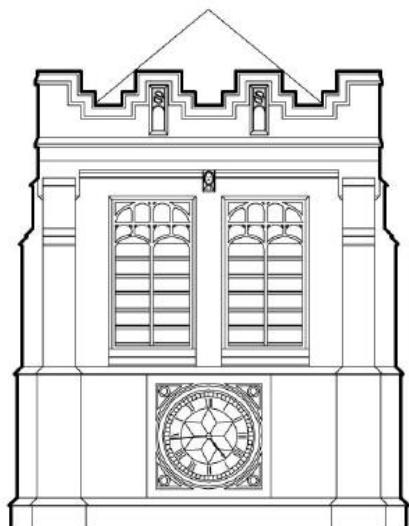
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# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



### **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (12A) Directed by David Yates**

**Stars:** Eddie Redmayne, Dan Fogler, Katherine Waterston Colin Farrell, Ezra Miller, Alison Sudol, Samantha Morton, Jon Voight, Carmen Ejogo, Ron Perlman and Zoe Kravitz

**In a Nutshell:** When a franchise ends, does it ever really end? There's always the chance it'll come back anyway, so if you are a to bring a franchise back when you thought that was it, you have to do it right... which is where David Yates and JK Rowling come in. Diving back into the Potter universe with superb aplomb, this is exactly how you do it... really digging deeper into the universe and with a vague exception, never harking back to the previous characters and glories, instead setting up new antagonists and heroes fleshing out this fabulous universe. Eddie Redmayne is superb as Newt, super eccentric and yet very loveable and charming... he is as lovely as he always is here and a really engaging lead. He's backed up fantastically by a top support cast, with Colin Farrell marvelously dark and mysterious as Graves and the lovely Katherine Waterston utterly delightful as Poppy, whilst Dan Fogler gives the strongest turn as the muggle who gets drawn into the adventure... whilst solid support is given by Miller and Morton in creepy roles. The best yet though is the creatures, this film centres on Eddie's character transporting some fantastical beasts, and the range of designs and styles and types of creatures is awesome, with such variety and cool ideas ... they're so cute and cool. With twists, turns, adventures and utter magic ... this is an utter treat and cannot be missed! There will of course be more and I genuinely can't wait to see how far and wide the exploration of this universe can go... **Rating: 9/10**

**Also Seen:** Arrival (12A) 9/10, A Streetcat Named Bob (12A) 8/10, A United Kingdom (12A) 9/10, Office Christmas Party (15) 8/10



### **The Top 17 of 2017!!**

#### **17. Going in Style (12A tba) Released: April 7th**

The latest directorial effort from Zach Braff sees Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin team up as senior citizens who decide to attempt a bank heist to help them make ends meet. Also featuring Matt Dillon and Christopher Lloyd, this should be a warm and funny heist comedy from a promising director and a top cast.





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### **16. War for the Planet of the Apes (12A tba) Released: July 14th**

Following on from the Rise and Dawn, the evolution of Caesar and his followers continues in this epic next installment in the new Apes franchise, expect thrills and dazzling mo cap effects



### **15. Pitch Perfect III (12A tba) Released: December 22nd**

The gang all returns for a third time in this comedy sequel, full of fab tunes and your favourite characters, aca-mazing!

### **14. Sing (U) Released: January 27th**

Garth Jennings, director of Son of Rambo and Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy makes his animated movie debut with this story of a singing contest and the various animal characters who compete for the big prize, featuring the voices of Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Taron Egerton and Seth Macfarlane.

### **13. La La Land (12A) Released: January 13th**

Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone reunite once more after Gangster Squad and Crazy Stupid Love for this dazzling romantic musical from the director of Whiplash. Expect beauty, music and soul.

### **12. The Founder (12A) Released: February 10th**

Michael Keaton continues his stellar comeback with this ruthless turn as the businessman who broke the rules and became the founder of the McDonalds brand, even if it meant leaving the actual McDonalds brothers in the dust. A biting true life story from the director of The Blind Side and Saving Mr Banks.



### **11. Blade Runner 2049 (15 tba) Released: October 6th**

Director Dennis Villeneuve and producer Ridley Scott team up to bring us this long awaited sequel to the 1982 classic, with Harrison Ford returning and Ryan Gosling starring in an as yet unknown plot...

### **10. Star Wars: Episode VIII (12A tba) Released: December 15th**

Rian Johnson, the director of Looper... is the next stellar director to take on the Star Wars



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saga. This next episode follows on from the dramatic end of Force Awakens and will see Rey discover Luke Skywalker and begin her training... Episode VII was one of the biggest films of all time so expectations are roof high.

### **9. Spider-Man: Homecoming (12A tba) Released: July 7th**

Fresh from Captain America: Civil War, Tom Holland's interpretation of the webslinger gets his own solo outing as he juggles battling through high-school with battling the evil Vulture, played here by Michael Keaton. Along the way he's also being tutored from Tony Stark, carrying on the themes of Civil War...

### **8. John Wick: Chapter Two (15 tba) Released: February 17th**

Keanu Reeves returns in quite honestly his greatest role and his best in years, as John returns to once more seek vengeance and bloodshed in what could well be the action movie of the year ....

### **7. Thor: Ragnarok (12A tba) Released: October 27th**

The mighty Asgardian returns in this third installment, which with its stellar cast (Jeff Goldblum, Cate Blanchett) and offbeat director... promises to be a fantastic concoction of adventure, comedy and disaster, with even the Hulk popping by to help... as Thor and Loki search for Odin and the apocalypse looms.



### **6. Paddington II (PG tba) Released: November 10th**

Everyone's favourite bear is back in this highly awaited sequel... with Hugh Grant and Brendan Gleeson joining in the fun alongside all the other regulars, expect a lot of fun and fuzzy feelings

### **5. Logan (15 tba) Released: March 3rd**

Hugh Jackman has on last outing as the hairy mutant in this more adult and somber tale as an aging Wolverine along with an ailing Professor X (Patrick Stewart) must protect a young mutant who may hold the key to the future. After the success of Deadpool, expect a more adult take on the X-Men formula with a bravura turn from Hugh in his last hurrah in the role that made his name...



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### **4. The LEGO Batman Movie (U tba) Released: February 10th**

Fresh from completely stealing the show in The LEGO Movie, the mini figure version of the caped crusader (Will Arnett voicing) gets his own awesome movie. Joined by his trusty butler Alfred (Ralph Fiennes) and having to contend with both the crimewave of the Joker (Zach Galifianakis) and his new ward Robin (Michael Cera) amongst many other crazy antics... expect everything you loved about The LEGO Movie in Batman form.

### **3. Kingsman: The Golden Circle (15 tba) Released: June 16th**

After the insane and wonderful first movie, expectations are high for this spy sequel... especially as director Matthew Vaughn is returning to the helm. Taron Egerton returns as Eggsy, this time heading stateside to work alongside the US counterparts The Statesmen, including Channing Tatum and going up against baddie Julianne Moore... Jeff Bridges also will feature in what should be something truly special and next level insane.

### **2. Beauty and the Beast (PG tba) Released: March 17th**

Disney follow up the massive success of Cinderella and The Jungle Book by adapting possibly their greatest and most loved movie into the live action spectacle format. Emma Watson takes on the role of Belle, while super Brit Dan Stevens is the Beast in the title with Luke Evans as nasty Gaston and Ewan McGregor and Sir Ian McKellen amongst others as the household objects that used to be the staff of the castle... expect something spellbindingly special and magical for the whole family, a true treat!

### **1. Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume II (12A tba) Released: April 28th**

Fresh from one of the most exciting, funny and cool movies in years, the crazy cast of Guardians of the Galaxy return for this intergalactic sequel. Joining in the fun this time around is Kurt Russell, who is playing Starlord's wayward father, who also happens to be a living planet... whilst Groot this time around is a baby, Groot himself regrowing after the events of the first movie, so expect the cutest thing ever! Marvel never put a foot wrong and with this, the sequel to their most exciting and out there property... expect something truly special!

**In February's Issue:** Reviews of Moana and Star Wars: Rogue One and The Review of 2016





## St PAUL

St Paul's day is the 25<sup>th</sup> January and we remember him because he was one of the Church's greatest teachers. Called Saul by his parents, he was brought up a Pharisee and became a tent-maker. He was completely against the early Christians and was there when Stephen, the first Christian martyr was stoned to death. He searched out many Christians and handed them over the prison and death.

So why did he change? Like many people since, although few so dramatically, Saul changed because Jesus came into his life. You can read all about it in Acts, chapter 9. Everything changed for Saul but he had a hard time persuading people that it wasn't a trick. Even his name changed, and as Paul he travelled teaching and founding churches. To encourage these growing communities he wrote the 13 letters (or Epistles) we can still read today. These letters are the earliest parts of the New Testament to be written, some only 20 years after Jesus.

## P.S.

These names have all the letters S and P missing. Can you fit in the missing letters to make the names of some people or places in the Bible?

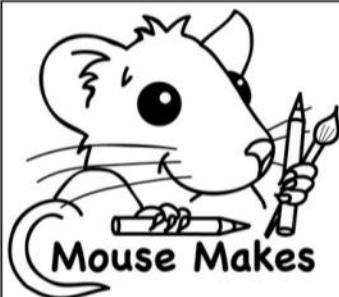
1. Both the Pharaoh and Joseph knew - OTI - HAR.
2. THEO - HILU - was Luke's friend.
3. St John wrote his Revelation on the island of - ATMO - .
4. MO - E - led the Israelites out of Egypt.
5. E - THER was a queen and a book of the Old Testament is named for her.
6. Paul was imprisoned in the town of - HILLI - - I.
7. Paul's friend - RI - CILLA was the wife of Aquila.
8. A town in Sicily, - YRACU - E, Paul stayed here on his way to Rome.

**What do you call a camel that's got three humps?**  
Humphrey.

**Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?**  
Florence of Arabia.



1. Potiphar
2. Theophilus
3. Patmos
4. Moses
5. Esther
6. Phillippi
7. Priscilla
10. Syracuse.

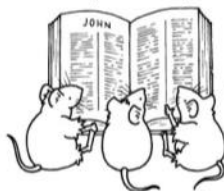


"Oh, Teach us  
to live well!  
Teach us to live  
wisely and well!"

*from Psalm 90:12 MSG*



"**Trust** in the Lord with all your heart;  
do not depend on your own understanding.



**Seek** his will in all  
you do, and He  
will show you which  
path to take.

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

"Always be full of joy.  
Never stop praying.



Whatever happens,  
always be thankful."

*1 Thessalonians 5:17*

"Be kind and loving to each other,  
and forgive each other  
just as God forgave you in Christ."

*Ephesians 4:32*



"The Lord has told you... what he wants  
from you: to do what is right to  
other people, love being kind to others  
and live humbly obeying your God."

*Micah 6:8*



Cut out these Scripture  
verse cards to remind  
you this new year of how  
God wants us to live.



# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

15th Dec	Margaret Hilton	St Oswald's Road	92
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## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



18th Dec	Sienna Ann Julie Hesketh	Dinmore Ave
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<p><b><u>St Thomas' Choir</u></b>  <b>Sunday - 10.45 a.m. &amp; 6.30 p.m.</b>  <b>Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.</b>  Paul Tushingham (711085)</p>	<p><b><u>Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'</u></b>  <b>Tues - 10 a.m.</b>  <b>Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)</b>  Barbara Taylor (205136)</p>
<p><b><u>Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.</u></b>  <b>Bubbles (Pre-School)</b>  <b>Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6)</b>  <b>Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)</b>  Sue Thomas (727275)  sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk</p>	<p><b><u>St Luke's Over Sixties</u></b>  <b>Monday – 2.00 p.m.</b>  <b>Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club</b></p>
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