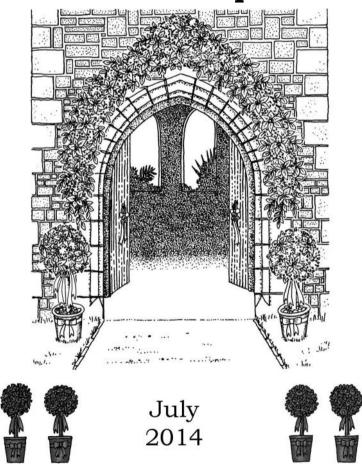
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6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion)	4.15 p.m.	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday Only)
Weekdays			
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Letter from the Vicar

Finding a relevant name for a venture or activity that is meaningful and descriptive can be a difficult task. Thinking of something for our next programme of fundraising at St Thomas church that combines the needs for building and people was hard at first. Our tasks are: to replace and upgrade St Thomas' church heating with a system that is efficient and is effective for many years future use, to upgrade our PA system and install fixed projection, to employ a part time youth worker.

Many people today understand the church as

a building. According to the Bible, the church is not a building or a denomination, the church is the body of Christ—all those who have placed their faith in Jesus. Local churches are gatherings of members of the universal church.



Each local church worships in a building of some sort, and in each generation we are called to maintain and enhance our worship place to be fit for not just our present needs but for future worship and Christians to come – our children and theirs.

If we think about our children, our grandchildren and beyond, they are the future. We are blessed with many children and young people in St Thomas' and St Luke's churches, but we only



Letter from the Vicar

need to look at the average age in church to see that they have to be a key focus for the future. The future of the church is our young people. Our youth worker will help to nurture them in the love of Jesus, so that they may become the future church.

If we think about our church building then we want it to be fit and ready for our future generations to use and to enjoy for their



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Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - July 2014

<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: **Wotton Drive, Talman Grove**



(MEMS) +

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everybody for all the lovely cards, flowers and gifts for my 82nd birthday. All were very much appreciated. Many thanks, with love from **Brenda Percival**.



Ordination of Priests

Congratulations to our new priests who were ordained by Bishop Richard on Saturday 7 June.

Rev Pauline Rowe, Rev Isabella Schafer, Rev Glyn Thomson, Rev Dr Christine Daniel-McKeigue, Rev Dr David Owens, Rev Susan Thomas, Rev Matthew Roberts, Rev Neil Stothers, Rev Ian Jones, Rev Laura Pasterfield. Rev Henry Wood.

The service was held in the main Cathedral in Liverpool.



Mothers Union

Diary Branch dates

Wednesday 2nd July

St Luke's 7.30pm speaker Helen Coffey.

Wednesday 23rd July Evening trip to Liverpool Cathedral with supper. The cost of the trip which includes a tour of the Cathedral is \pounds 18.00. Leaving the Church Hall at 6.00pm.

Advance notices

We will be having our Light Lunch on in the Church Hall 11 -00am -1.00pm. on **Saturday 9**th **August** Everyone welcome, contributions will be gratefully received to our cake stall, raffle, tombola. Please do come along and enjoy your lunch and chat with your friends.



The Diocesan Annual Rally this year is on Friday 12th September at Widnes & Halton Rugby Stadium beginning at 7.30pm. The tickets are £4.50 each which need to be ordered by the 20th July at the latest. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to go so that I can order the tickets.

THE ARTIST

I love the way you paint the sky With autumn's brilliant blues, And winter's powder grey. I love the way you pour the ocean out, and send it shouting to the shore. I see here how nature's life expresses you. The rain the storms, The relentless burning sun. You must laugh at our God-denial. We think we're so together, so advanced. Inventions, conventions, so evolved, Man on the moon.



But who sets this barren orb into a midnight sky And keeps it there?

Who summons the dawn without fail,

And gathers up the whispering wind,

That strips the trees of leaves?

Gives us eyes that see,

And hearts that are an echo of your own. That in those dull and shaky moments, With vision cleared we will read the natural signs of you,

God... our mighty creator.

Tricia Richards



Love and prayers Barbara

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Bishop Paul to be installed on November 15th

We're delighted to announce that the Rt Revd Paul Bayes will be installed as Bishop of Liverpool in a special service at Liverpool Cathedral at 3pm on November 15th.

Bishop Paul said "This date seems a very long way away! But there are a number of legal and other steps to be taken before I can begin my public ministry among you all. I'm delighted that we have a firm date in the diary and grateful to the legal officers of the Church, and to the Dean and Chapter, for putting all the various processes in place. I can now look forward to moving to the Diocese and getting to meet as many of you as possible".



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The Sign

As part of a process of reviewing how we distribute the church magazine and what

is included, we are reviewing the demand for "The Sign" (the insert which is included within each printed magazine).

If you read any sections of "The Sign" and would like us to continue to provide it, then please email our editor

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If you no longer require a printed version of the magazine then please email Jack Stuart: <u>jack.stuart1@btinternet.com</u>and we will cease to provide it, once your current "contract" ends.







Messy Church is ten years old. What began in April 2004, in Cowplain near Portsmouth, as one congregation, has since been joined by 2342 others worldwide.

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Key moments from ten years of Messy Church include: being featured on BBC's 'Songs of Praise'; St Paul's Cathedral in London hosting a Messy Church celebration; Spring Harvest becoming a popular place



to dip into Messy Church seminars; Messy Nativity sheep trails popping up in shopping centres around the country each Christmas; and attention from the national press ('Messy Church crafts colourful alternative Sundays'—*The Times*)

Lucy Moore, the founder, says: 'As I look at the shouting, laughing, praying, awestruck, grateful, lifegiving, weeping, eating, loving Messy multitudes

gathered in churches around the world, it feels incredibly humbling'.

Messy Church is a core ministry of Bible Reading Fellowship.



Dioceses vote in favour of women bishops

The Church of England's dioceses have now all voted in favour of the current draft legislation to enable women to be bishops. In 2011 both London and Chichester diocesan synods voted against the legislation. The February 2014 meeting of General Synod referred the current Women in the Episcopate legislation to the dioceses.



Diocesan Synods all voted in favour of the motion: 'That this Synod approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and draft Amending Canon No 33.' For the motion to be carried the houses of clergy and laity had to each vote, by a simple majority, in favour. The draft legislation will now go before General Synod in July for a Final Approval vote.

The Bishop of Rochester, James Langstaff, Chair of the Steering Committee for the Draft Legislation for Women in the Episcopate said: "The dioceses have now expressed their view very clearly and the matter now comes back to General Synod in July. I pray that the

Synod will continue to approach this decision in a prayerful and generous way as we move towards voting on the proposal that women may be bishops in the Church of England."





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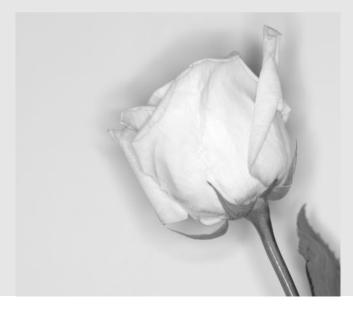
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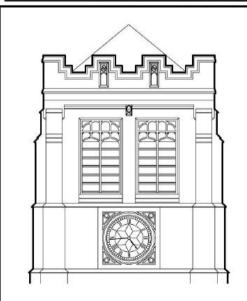
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6TH JULY	VACANT	VACANT	
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The Film Review With Rob Carson



X-Men: Days of Future Past (12A) Directed by Bryan Singer

Stars: Hugh Jackman, James McÁvoy, Patrick Stewart, Michael Fassbender, Ian McKellen, Jennifer Lawrence, Peter Dinklage, Halle Berry, Nicholas Hoult, Ellen Page, and Shawn Ashmore

In a Nutshell: Avengers having cornered the market in teaming up multiple superheroes, the X-Men franchise is trying something similar as the heroes of the modern X-Men movies as well as the younger incarnations from the terrific First Class. The result is nothing less than marvellous. In the canon, I'll say straight off... it's behind X2 and First Class for me but this is a tremendous piece of superhero blockbuster entertainment with smarts as well as the thrills. Cast wise, Jackman is tremendous as ever as Wolverine with the usual solid support from Stewart and McKellen whilst X-Vets like Page, Hoult and Ashmore are suitably enjoyable, it's in the new blood triple threat of McAvoy, Fassbender and Lawrence who completely steal it with fantastic performances, especially James and Michael as young Xavier and Magneto respectively. The effects as always are fabulous, and the time travel stuff is crazy but works.... it's the drama of the past and future colliding that really makes this a treat for fans and non-fans alike, well that and the plentiful chuckles you can expect too. It's one of those movies that

doesn't need selling by my review, you know you want to see it... so go and do it! This is one franchise that will keep on going, hence the after credits bit you need to watch for.... **Rating: 9/10**



Godzilla (12A) Directed by Gareth Edwards

Stars: Bryan Cranston, Aaron Johnson, Ken Watanabe, Juliette Binoche, Elisabeth Olsen, Sally Hawkins, David Straithairn, and Richard T. Jones In a Nutshell: Cast your mind back to 1998, the hype and excitement for a new Godzilla movie from the director of Independence Day, what could go wrong? As much as I really enjoy that movie for it's big action and tons of cheesy dialogue and characters.... I'm willing to accept why people didn't rate it either as a film itself or especially as part of the Godzilla canon, it was simply a big of Jurassic Park rip off. He was basically a massive dinosaur. Rest assured then, that in this new incarnation, he IS Godzilla, plain and simple. All the tropes and attributes you remember and want from the character, including the fire breath.... and when he appears properly during the second half of this movie, it's amongst the most awesome action set pieces you'll see all year, as he appears from the sea and wreaks havoc and fights other monsters.... a slight shame then but also something fascinating, that a good deal of the rest of the movie deals with the human characters and very real human drama. Director Gareth Edwards has assembled a perfect cast who are all terrific, and the mixture of this drama and the action is sublime but there is a feeling of hoping for just that bit more of the action and less talking at times. This is to be expected though from the guy who

The Film Review With Rob Carson

brought us the terrific Monsters, and it's fine in the end.... it's not a perfect film but it manages the mix of the two better than Man of Steel did and when it's great, it's unbeatable! Godzilla is back and he's going to breath his fiery breath on the world..... **Rating: 8/10**

Also Seen:

Bad Neighbours (15) 8/10 Maleficent (PG) 9/10 Pompeii (12A) 7/10 A Million Ways to Die in the West (15) 7/10



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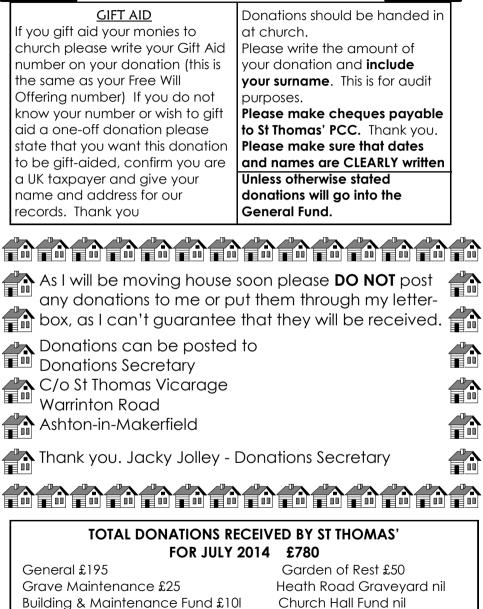








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St THOMAS

Thomas was one of the 12 disciples and one thing we know about his family is he had a twin because he was called 'Didymus' which means a twin.

Thomas was ready to die with Jesus (John 11:16) but it is as 'Doubting Thomas' that most people remember him. Thomas wasn't afraid to ask the questions that the other disciples were thinking.

Thomas wasn't with the other disciples when they they first saw the risen Christ. He refused to believe that Jesus had returned from the dead 'unless I see... and touch... I will not believe', but when he saw and touched Jesus he exclaimed 'My Lord and my God'. You can read this in St John's Gospel, chapter 20.

Without Thomas' doubts perhaps we wouldn't be as sure about our faith today. We need

someone to ask the questions that we are too afraid to ask for fear of seeming silly or foolish.



T-TIME PUZZLE?

All the answers to this Bible puzzle begin with the letter T – can find them all? The first one is too easy.

- 1. The disciple called Didymus.
- The town named after a Roman Emperor (John, chapter 6).
- Roman to whom Luke addressed his Gospel.
- 4. Where St Paul was born (Acts, chapter 9).
- Paul's companion on the journey to Jerusalem (Galatians, chapter 2).
- She came from Joppa and was also known as Dorcas (Acts, chapter 8).
- Deborah sat underneath one (Judges, chapter 4).



Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint and he has to touch it.

Answers: 1.Thomas 2.Tiberius 3.Theophilus 4.Tarsus 5.Titus 6 Tabitha. 7.Tree









Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

16th May	Alice Littler	Heath Road	80yrs
20th May	Sarah Aaron	Harlech Street	92yrs
22nd May	Rose Kiff	Monica Terrace	93yrs
30th May	Gladys Smith	The Farm Shop	
11th June	Joyce Hamilton	Liverpool Road	68yrs
12th June	Margaret Lowe	Sharston House Manor Park Road	93yrs

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	Ryan Matthew Morgan	East Street

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

Boys Brigade Captain: Gareth Hamlett (01744 752505)Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 6.00 p.m.) Olwen Wright (389595)Junior Section (Wednesday: 6.30 p.m.) Kevin Pennington (07894048476) Company Section (Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.) & (Friday: 7.00 pm) Jonty Cornthwaite (721626)Music Group Nary Owen (203277) Sunday – 10.45 a.m. Practice – Monday: 7.30 p.m.	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)
<u>St Thomas' Choir</u>	<u>Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'</u>
Sunday - 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.	Tues - 10 a.m.
Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.	Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)
Paul Tushingham (711085)	Barbara Taylor (205136)
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	<u>St Luke's Over Sixties</u> Monday – 2.00 p.m. Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club
Wednesday Weenies Wed – 1.00 p.m.: Jan Cornthwaite (721626)	<u>St. Luke's Donation Secretary</u> Dorothy Hesketh(738713)
Friday Drop In Friday - 8-9.30pm (Y7-Y11) Sue Thomas (727275)	<u>St. Luke's Treasurer</u> John Boon
Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)	<u>St Luke's Mothers' Union</u>
Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall	1st Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Bobbie Masnyk
Ceri Mansell (727417)	(718473)
<u>St Thomas' Mothers' Union</u>	<u>Flower Guild</u>
3 rd Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Barbara Taylor (205136)	Meta Laites (723679)
<u>Bowling Club</u>	<u>Monthly Dance Club</u>
Henry Hunter (712709)	John Makinson (725870)

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Vicar		Administrator
Rev Jeremy Thomas		Rachael Campbell
(727275)		721484 Parish office
Curate		Ordained Local Minister
Rev Helen Coffey		Izzy Schafer
(721962)		(717300)
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Malcolm Bold		Ken Laites
(276379)		(723679)
Alan Harrison	Kevin Dolan	Paula Gillespie
(718618)	(747151)	(711270)
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Scott Campbell		(205136)
(711086)	(715116)	Nigel Robinson
		(726597)
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Paul Weston		Carole Pye
(202649)		(517318)
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(722747)		(717300)
Church Hall Secretary		<u>St Thomas' Organist & Choirmaster</u>
Rachael Campb		Paul Tushingham
721484 (Parish Office)		(711085)
		F.W.O. Secretary
		Jackie Wilson
		(712368)
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