

# **St.Thomas' and St. Luke's Ashton-In-Makerfield Church Magazine**

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

## Sundays

### St Thomas'

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
09.00 Communion 10.45 All age worship 18.30 Evening Prayer	09.00 Morning Worship 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Communion	09.00 Communion 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Evening Prayer	09.00 Morning Worship 10.45 Communion 18.30 Youth service

For information about 5th Sunday see the notices for that week

### St Luke's

11.00 Family Worship	11.00 Communion	11.00 Family Worship	11.00 Family Worship
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## Weekdays

Thursday 9.45 am 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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## **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 12.45 pm on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and also during the 10.45 am service on the second Sunday. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11 am on the third 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 C of E 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](mailto:office@stthomasstluke.org.uk)



## Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

<b>Mon</b>	<a href="#">Payer for world &amp; community</a> (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	<a href="#">Fur Clemt Café</a> (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">Youth club for 11+</a> (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">Football</a> (Byrchall Sports Hall)	17.00-18.00
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">Junior Youth Club</a> (Church Hall)	17.45-18.45
<b>TT</b>	<a href="#">JYC Extra</a> (Church Hall)	18.45-19.15
<b>Tue</b>	<a href="#">Coffee Morning</a> (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
	<a href="#">Church open for prayer</a>	19.00-20.00
<b>Wed</b>	<b>TT</b> <a href="#">Messy Tots</a> (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
	<b>TT</b> <a href="#">Weenies</a> (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
<b>Thu</b>	<a href="#">Holy Communion</a>	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 Kiveton Drive, Bransford Close, Glebe Avenue, Chiltern Close, Farndale Grove Weavermill Park (Odds), Weavermill Park (Evens)

### **TANGO**

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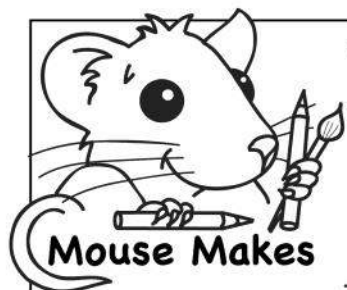


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# Mouse Makes



Who did Jesus choose as His first disciples?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 4:18

Which disciple was a tax collector?

Matthew 10:3

Who was John's brother?

Matthew 4:21

Which disciple betrayed Jesus?

Mark 3:19

Which Apostle wrote Revelation?

Revelation 1:1

Who became the Apostle to the Gentiles?

Acts 13:9

Acts 9:1-18

## DID YOU KNOW?

Some of the Apostles recorded the stories of Jesus and wrote about what it means to be a Christian.

**Matthew and John** wrote gospels.

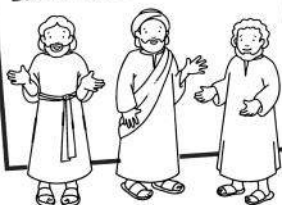
Paul wrote many letters to the new Christian churches. (Look at the New Testament to see how many he wrote.)

**James, Peter, John and Jude** all wrote letters.

**John** wrote the book of Revelation.

In the time of the disciples it was usual for men to have two names. Which second name belongs to which Apostle?

JUDE	BOANERGES
MATTHEW	SIMON
JOHN	DIDYMUS
PETER	THADDEUS
THOMAS	SAUL
PAUL	NATHANIEL
BARTHOLOMEW	LEVI



## DID YOU KNOW?

Four of the disciples were fishermen: **Andrew, Peter, James and John**. They would have used **two** different nets to fish: a circular one in shallow water and a large dragnet in deep water.

A J O J E S J U D P A U L J  
T M J U D M A T T H E W A E  
J A O D J A M E S I M O N S  
A T H A D D E U S L E H D U  
M T N S M A T T H I A S R S  
E N O T H O M A S P E T E R  
S A B A R T H O L O M E W S

Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

PETER • JAMES • JOHN  
ANDREW • PHILIP  
BARTHOLOMEW  
MATTHEW • THOMAS  
THADDEUS • SIMON  
JAMES • JUDAS  
MATTHIAS • PAUL



## Letter from Sian

It is much harder than I'd anticipated to sit down and write a final letter for our parish magazines. In fact, this is my third time of trying! I shall begin by stating again that it was not my plan to leave. Having committed verbally to staying on as Associate Hub Leader almost a year ago, I had a dream back in February which changed everything. In the dream, a group of us from around the parish were attending a conference, when someone approached me and said there was a job for me to look at in Liverpool. I graciously declined, but later in the dream, it was obvious that I was already in Liverpool and had been for some time. The next day (awake now, obvs!), an e-mail from the Diocese pinged into my inbox, inviting internal applicants to a post in the Dingle.

Although I felt nudged by God, there was a sense of knowing yet not knowing at the same time. I could see that God was preparing me for something but there was no guarantee that the job would be mine. Also, I was not the only person applying for it. So, there were all sorts of variables, and all sorts of questions. How do you test that something like this is right? How do you know that you're not going completely bonkers? And what if you were completely misguided – how do you regain composure? (I've always been known for mine...)

Ever since I was little, I've always asked God that if he needs to tell me something, please make it really clear, as I don't want to miss it. So, I asked him about this hunch, drawing me towards Liverpool and for confirmation that I was pursuing the right thing. Also, I ran the whole thing past my spiritual director, who has known me for years; he knows me well enough to ask me what I think I'm playing at and equally to say he thinks I'm heading in the right direction. I sought the advice of a couple of other people, too. Out of the blue, someone contacted me, as they thought the job would suit me. I eventually approached the interview feeling that whatever happened, God had it covered.

As the lectionary heads into some of Hebrews 11 and 12 in August, we meet a catalogue of people who felt inadequate but stepped out in faith: from Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah to Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and all the prophets. Some well-known, some a bit less familiar. All nudged/challenged/used by God. We might feel very far removed from some of these characters but they all started out as ordinary (if slightly eccentric) people like us. And, yes, they all made mistakes, often very publicly.



John Ortberg, in “All the Places to Go”, talks a lot about doors. He says, “*An open door is the great adventure of life because it means the possibility of being useful to God.*” What matters, of course, is our response to the open door. Some of us are closed-door people, whose default setting is to err on the side of caution, the thought of adventure making us seize up in fright. Ortberg goes on: “*Very rarely in the Bible does God come to someone and say, ‘Stay.’ Almost never does God interrupt someone and ask them to remain in comfort, safety, and familiarity. He opens a door and calls them to come through it.*” Some of us, on the other hand, are open-door people.

The changes in Church Wigan are not all easy to take on board. For the church to stay alive and grow, something had to change. Amidst the frustrations, the challenge for us all is to see the opportunities, the doors that are opening. We never step through them alone, God is always with us. It has been so encouraging and refreshing to see people stepping out of their comfort zones, leading services, planning worship, preaching, working with young people, and I know this has often come at a cost.

I shall always be grateful for the people I’ve met here, the times of laughter, times of questioning and the times of challenge, where we’ve learned to rely more on God. I shall think of you often as I wander around the Dingle, too scared to wear my Manchester United shirt and needing an interpreter who’s fluent in Scouse. I’ll miss the Garswood sunsets, the Carr Mill grebes, the Three Sisters woodpeckers and the Ashton kingfisher but I’ll console myself with a bacon butty and cup of tea from St Cleopas Café.

As well as reminding you that Andy Kind is with us at St Peter’s School on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July (6.30pm) to help us celebrate two of the most important things to me: Jesus and laughter, I’d like to leave you with two quotes. The first is from Mike Yaconelli’s book, *Dangerous Wonder*:

*“Christianity is not about learning how to live within the lines; Christianity is about the joy of colouring.”*

The second is a verse which encouraged me to step out in faith when I was a student:

*The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”* (Exodus 33:14)

I’m praying that the same God who surprised me with a call to inner-city Liverpool will surprise the right person with a call to South Wigan.

Thank you for having me.

*Sian*



# Parish News



**With Malcolm**

We have so much going on in our Parish to thank God for and to thank our people and organisations.



## **Christian Aid**

Once again a generous response to this appeal and a great big thank you to all who helped in any way with Christian Aid Week. It was a little disappointing to see a good number of envelopes undelivered but nonetheless a great effort by those dedicated souls who did the house to house collection. The amount raised is £1945.66 I can say that our school, as usual, also joined in with the usual enthusiasm raising further valued funds in the sum of £697. What a great effort!

In addition to the usual collection this year we also had the Big Brekkie in the Church Hall; a new enterprise but one which proved very successful helping raise the figure mentioned above.

As always a special thanks to Hilda Bramwell, Maureen Cook and Phil Hayton the principal organisers also all involved in the organisation of the school events and both the volunteers and customers at the Big Breakie and Sunday afternoon count.

## **Church Hall**

A number of expression of gratitude are due for efforts regarding our Church Hall. I am sure that you will all have seen our new doors, these have been paid for by the St Thomas Bowling Club and are a great improvement on the former wooden doors which were in a very sad condition.





# Parish News



## **With Malcolm**

The Tuesday Coffee Morning has generously funded the purchase of the new door mat and carpet which has been laid in the entrance hall and foyer. We benefit from the funds raised by those who regularly attend the Coffee Morning and a big thanks is due to them and also to the teams who take to the kitchen on a rota basis ensuring that refreshments are available each week. Not forgetting the chaps who set up the Hall week in and week out.

Regarding these two items a big thanks is due to Ken and Meta Laites for organising the acquisition and fitting of the doors and the carpets.

Regarding the outside of the Hall thanks go to the PAIS team who braved the poor weather and rain to cut back and tidy up the undergrowth around the Hall and to David Dalton who not only picks up the litter around the Hall and car park weekly but also assisted with the more arduous task of raking up sufficient stones to fill the numerous holes in the surface of car park.

### **Heath Road entrance to Church**

The two very small area of garden on each side of the entrance to Church from Heath Road have been cared for in the past by dedicated Church members. Unfortunately in recent times they have become overgrown and somewhat neglected. As consequence they do not present the sort of approach to our Church which we would wish to have. I became particularly conscious of this when I saw a bride having her photo taken on entering the building for the marriage ceremony. I am sure that some of our amateur gardeners would be willing to take in hand the care and maintenance of these two small areas of garden. They do provide a first impression for visitors to our Church. If you feel that this is a ministry which you would like to take up please contact me or the Churchwardens for more information, help in the initial restoration of the garden will be available if required.

*Malcolm*

# Mothers Union

## Diary:

**Wednesday 17th July** Summer Evening in the Church Hall 7.30pm. With Supper and free raffle Entertainment by Hindley Churches Together Community Choir. Price £3.00

## **Advance notices**

There are no meetings in August but we will be having our Light Lunch in the Church Hall 11-00am -1.00pm. on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August** Everyone welcome, contributions will be gratefully received to our cake stall, raffle, tombola. Please do come along and enjoy your lunch and enjoy the fellowship as you chat with your friends and at the same time have the opportunity of making new friends. The proceeds will go towards 'The Summer of Hope' to show their faith in action to help spread hope to people in our country and all over the world.

The Indoor members Service will be held on the 25th September at St Luke's Orrell.





# Mothers Union

## Circle of Love

Lord, where there is selfishness, surround your people with generosity;

where there is greed, envelop your people with charity;

where there is sadness, enfold your people with happiness;

where there is prejudice, encircle your people with acceptance;

where there is indifference, encompass your people with interest;

where there is jealousy, enclose your people with benevolence.

In this diverse world where there is so much uncertainty about the future

let the prayers of Mothers' Union members around the world encircle all

those in need and shine as a light to a brighter future for all.

Amen

*Jill Cameron, Province of Scotland*

Love and Prayers

Barbara





# The Film Review

With Rob Carson



## John Wick: Chapter III- Parabellum (15)

**Directed by Chad Stahelski**

**Stars:** Keanu Reeves, Halle Berry, Ian McShane, Lance Reddick, Laurence Fishburne, Anjelica Huston, Mark Dacascos, Asia Kate Dillon, Tobias Segal, Jerome Flynn, and Said Taghmaoui

**In a Nutshell:** Keanu Reeves. Always the coolest person ever, but sadly not always appreciated.... From Point Break and Speed through to The Matrix and more; he was often at one time labelled someone very wooden and one note even while very cool. I've always loved him in most things, so it's good to see with the John Wick series that he is finally getting some appreciation and well-deserved dues. True to this, the third installment in this franchise sees him once again in fine fettle alongside some of the best action and fight sequences ever committed to film. From books and horses to knives and glass, everything gets an outing as a means to engage in seriously masterful combat in this twisty turny narrative as the events of the previous two movies bring serious ramifications to the universe being built here. Once more you have wonderfully witty and fabulous turns from McShane, Fishburne and Reddick as well as fun support turns from Huston, Flynn and Berry; plus, one utter scene stealing turn from Mark Dacascos. The action is incredible, literally at times taking your breath away again and again and making you want to pause to catch your breath come the end of a scene... as with most films, there is moments where we must stop to talk plot and in these moments there is a mild lag but it's a small price to pay for another installment in a truly excellent action franchise and who knows where we'll wind up next? But it's guaranteed to be another great time at the movies all the same.

**Rating: 9/10**





# The Film Review

With Rob Carson



## **Rocketman (15)**

**Directed by Dexter Fletcher**

**Stars:** Taron Egerton, Richard Madden, Jamie Bell, Gemma Jones, Bryce Dallas Howard, Steven Mackintosh, Stephen Graham, Tom Bennett, Charlie Rowe, and Tate Donovan

**In a Nutshell:** How does one ever manage to fit a whole wacky and wonderful life into a simple movie narrative? Whether it's Bohemian Rhapsody, Walk the Line, The Doors, or many of the other wonderful movie rock and pop biopics... then it's finding someone worthy of playing such incredible personalities. Thankfully, the ever-wonderful Dexter Fletcher (secret director of Bo Rap) has done it once more after his fabulous Proclaimers musical Sunshine on Leith; and made something truly magical and truly special and with quite simply the performance of the year from Taron Egerton, one that even puts Rami Malek to shame quite frankly. This isn't so much the simple story of a life rather than that translated into a fantasy musical... the truth is tough but it also vibes beautifully on the screen. Complimented by a great cast of solid supporting actors, with highlights being a terrific Jamie Bell as Bernie Taupin, Richard Madden as John Reid and a wonderful little turn from Stephen Graham who's just happy to be here. The music throughout is top notch as can be expected with a catalogue as magical as Eltons' and Egerton sings every single second of every song and is incredible, you can truly tell straight away how he was picked and he fills the screen and owns it all. The musical sequences are incredibly realized and rather than simply go through them in chronological, the film just fits them in where they work in the narrative and it's all the better for it. So, quite simply if you want to really see the true amazing story of Elton John; then this is for you tenfold, music singing and dancing galore, it's certainly no sacrifice.

**Rating: 9/10**

# Bible Bites

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.

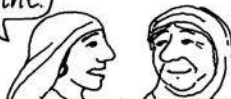


Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' \* because God has made my life bitter.



\* 'Naomi' means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived.  
Who's that girl?



That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

I worked in Boaz's field.



He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.





## **St. Thomas' C of E** **Primary School**

So far in our last term at St Thomas's we have been very busy. We saw the Year 4 assembly about Ancient Egyptians. It was funny and Year 4 put a lot of effort into it.

Also our Jewish visitor, Eric Cohen, came back into Year 6 to talk about Holocaust. He told us a lot about his personal life and his family. It was interesting hearing about how his dad survived a concentration camp and helped Year 6 understand their class reader, The boy in the striped pyjamas, much better. We also learnt about the life of Anne Frank when she hid in the secret rooms behind the bookshelves and how she went to Belsen (a concentration camp) and died with her family there. He visited Reception class and spoke to them about the Jewish festival of Hannukah and he lit candles to celebrate this festival. They ate doughnuts to show the happiness of eating and celebrating together.

As we head towards the end of the year we pray:

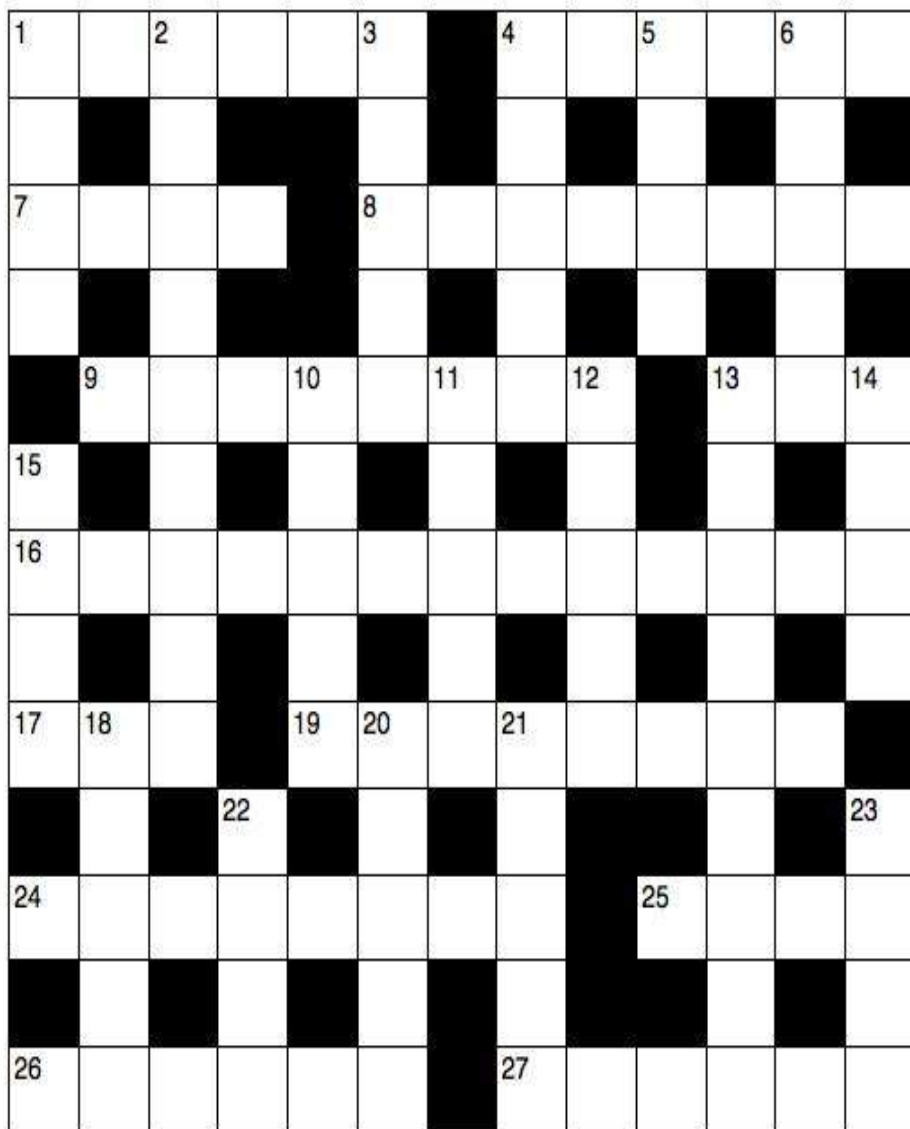
God, our light and our salvation,  
as we seek your light in our everyday faith,  
illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,  
and, looking on your beauty,  
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen



By Megan and Eve  
(from the ethos team)



# Crossword



Solution on page 29

### **Across**

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)  
4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)  
7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)  
8 See 5 Down  
9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)  
13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)  
16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)  
17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)  
19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)  
24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)  
25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)  
26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)  
27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

### **Down**

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)  
2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)  
3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)  
4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)  
5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)  
6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)  
10 Trout (anag.) (5)  
11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)  
12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)  
13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)  
14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)  
15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)  
18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)  
20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)  
21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)  
22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)  
23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)



## *Ashton in Makerfield Groups*

**St. Thomas Church Hall: Warrington Road.**

**TUESDAYS 3.30pm & 5pm & 7pm**

**Liz 07714775241**

**THURSDAYS 9.30am**

**Jenna 07974301019**

**Captains Lane Comm. Centre: Off Bolton Rd.**

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**Helen 07837337814**

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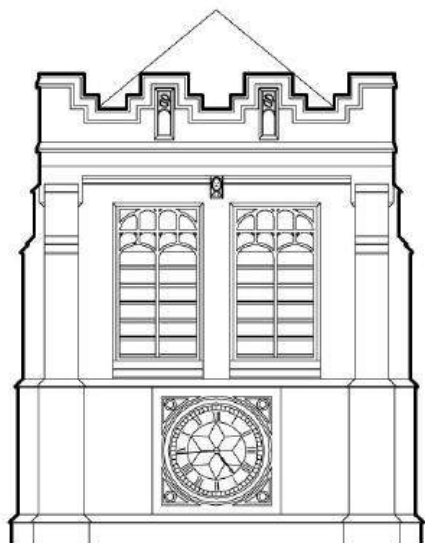
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# St Luke's Flowers

## Flowers in church this month

7th July	Vacant
14th July	Vacant
21st July	In loving memory of a loving wife Connie from Ken & Dianne
28th July	Best wishes for Chris from Mum

## St Luke's Donations

In loving memory of a loving wife Connie from Ken & Dianne

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## Bedding plant sale

Thank you to all who attended Maurice's bedding plant sale despite the rain!

A grand total of £302 was raised all of which were donated to church funds.

Thank you Maurice.



### Crossword solution

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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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**With thanks to those who have donated this month to**  
Heating Fund, Asylum Seeker Ministry, Church Restoration Fund & Africa Fund

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 Youthwork  
**Unless otherwise stated donations will go into the General Fund.**

If you wish to discuss any issues around Wills and Legacies please ring the Parish Treasurer Sarah Riley on 01942 722747

**All donations must be received by 11th July to be printed in the August Magazine.**

Any donations received after this will be printed in the next edition.





Birthday remembrance of a dear Mum & Dad Elizabeth Forster (29th June) & John Forster (3rd July) from son Barry

Birthday remembrance of Stanley Brown (24th July). A dearly loved husband, dad, grandad, great grandad & brother.  
From Edna and family.

Birthday remembrance of Arthur Shaw (23rd July) a loving dad and grandad from Malcolm, Barbara and family

Anniversary remembrance of William Winstanley (8th July) a dear father and father in law from Nancy and George



### 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' great grace was upon them all.**

**Acts 4:32-33**



# St Thomas' Flowers

## Ladies on duty

6th July	Meta Laites, Kath Vella, Linda Malley
13th July	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook, Margaret Carrington
20th July	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
27th July	Meta Laites, Kath Vella, Linda Malley

## July birth flower

July heralds the middle of summer and with it come two gorgeous flowers that are unique not only in appearance but in growth as well. The Delphinium, otherwise known as the Larkspur, as well as the Water lily has both been awarded the honor of representing [July](#) as its birth flower.

These two July birth flowers differ greatly in appearance. The water lily makes its home on the surface of the water and has a large lily pad with a single flower in the center. These majestic plants are often referred to as "Queen of the Water" and the flowers almost look like a crown and is also called a Lotus flower. The delphinium, on the other hand, might look like a single flower but is made up of numerous tiny flowers shaped like a poker. Other names for the Delphinium / Larkspur include Knight's Spur, Lark's Heel or Lark's Claw. Although the Delphinium and Larkspur look very similar, there are subtle differences between the two. You only have to look at the delicate flowers to see this. The Delphinium has trumpet-like flowers while the Larkspurs flower is more open without the trumpet-like tube of the Delphinium.





# St Thomas' Flowers

## Flowers in church this month

	Altar	Lady Chapel
7th July	Vacant	Birthday remembrance of Elsie Jervis, a dear mum from David, Elsie, Ann & families
14th July	For my daughter's 60th birthday (15th July) from Edna Leyland	Vacant
21st July	For our wedding anniversary (20th July) from Janet & Doug Wildman	Birthday memories of Sheila Lester, a much loved friend & auntie from Joan, Dennis & Wendy
28th July	Vacant	Birthday memories of Hugh Jervis, a dear dad from David, Elsie, Ann & families

## Flowers in Nativity Window

Treasured memories of a dearly love father

Robert Hedley Hilton (Anniversary 23rd July)

From Alison, Adrian, Becky & Chris



# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

29th May	Henry Wilcock	Nicol Mere Drive	96
4th June	Thomas Holcroft	Selkirk Avenue	80
7th June	Sylvia Almond	Nicol Mere Drive	79
10th June	Norma Leigh	Rutland Drive	80
10th June	Harold Southern	Morden Avenue	76
13th June	Leslie Massam	Yvonne Close	79
14th June	Alma Houltram	Ellesmere Road	84

## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



26th May	Alfie Darren Lee Walsh	Old Road
26th May	Esme Joan Grimwood	Duke Street
9th June	Rory Joseph Flaherty	Monmouth Crescent

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