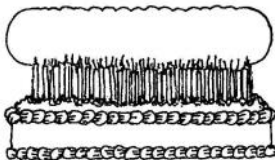
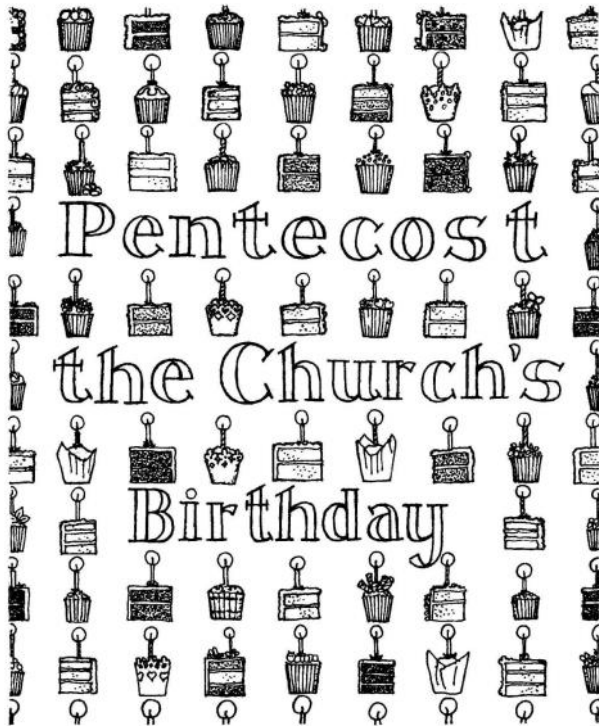


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# Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

## 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

We all know generous people, but what makes them recognisable as generous? There are the obvious signs of giving: time, resources, money. Important though they are, these are really only the outward signs of the personal values that lead a person to be generous.



In an attempt at generosity it's easy to just think of the outward signs, and to stumble with our lack of time, reticence to share resources and maybe finding the 'm' word difficult to hear with so many of our own commitments and needs.

As with everything that drives our thoughts and actions, it is our values that come first. When our values are not just aspirational but grounded in the reality of our lives, when they are close to our hearts and not just thoughts in our minds, then the outward signs become easier.



As Christians our values are grounded in our faith in Jesus and therefore the values of Jesus himself. The closer we are to Him then the easier it is to live by the values that He shows us. Jesus in our hearts not just in our thoughts, grounds His values right there in our hearts too.

The author and priest Henri Nouwen comments that "God is a god of abundance, not a god of scarcity. Jesus reveals to us God's abundance when he offers so much bread to the people that there are twelve large baskets with





# Letter from the Vicar



leftover scraps (see John 6:5-15), and when he makes his disciples catch so many fish that their boat nearly sinks (Luke 5:1-7).

God doesn't give us just enough. God gives us more than enough: more bread and fish than we can eat, more love than we dared to ask for. God is a generous giver, but we can only see and enjoy God's generosity when we love God with all of our hearts, minds, and strength."

**Jeremy Thomas**

## All in the month of JUNE



100 years ago:- on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1914 that Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was assassinated, sparking a conflict between Austria-Hungary and Serbia that led to WW1.

90 years ago:- on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1924 that George Mallory, British mountaineer, disappeared on Mount Everest. His body was found in 1999.

70 years ago:- on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 that D-Day took place with the Normandy landings. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy at the start of the Battle of Normandy.

65 years ago:- on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1949 that George Orwell's novel 'Nineteen Eighty-Four' was published.

50 years ago:- on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1964 that Nelson Mandela and seven other leaders of the African National Congress were sentenced to life imprisonment for acts of sabotage designed to end apartheid. (Mandela was released in 1990.)

25 years ago:- on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1989 that The Tiananmen Square Massacre took place in Beijing. Students holding a pro-democracy demonstration were forced out of the square in a bloody government crackdown. The number killed is unknown – estimates range from less than 200 to more than 6,000; thousands were injured. On 5<sup>th</sup> June the Unknown Rebel (or Tank Man) temporarily halted a column of tanks by standing in front of them on the morning after the massacre. It became one of the most iconic images of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Church – June 2014**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer. Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) Church open for prayer.	9:00am 10:00am - 12:00pm 7.30-8.30pm
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	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:  
**Golborne Road to Edge Green Lane, Edge Green Street, St Wilfred's Primary School, Ware Close, Soane Close, Wyatt Close, Salvin Close**



# Parish News



## THANK YOU

To Jeremy for allowing us to hold Philips funeral at St Thomas's, to Paul and St Thomas's choir, Jim and Cantique Chamber Choir, Gareth and 1<sup>st</sup> Ashton in Maker field Boys Brigade, Rosalyn Unsworth (Holy Trinity ) for the dignified and reverence on conducting the funeral service. And last to you all for donations ,cards and expressions of sympathy at this sad time, may Philip rest in peace.

## GOD BLESS YOU ALL

**Sharon, John, Daniel, Michelle and Ruth.**

## Church Notices via email



Our churches distribute the church notices sheet via email each week to anyone who would like to receive it that way.

There is no charge and all you need is an email address. Receiving the church notices will keep you informed about all of our services and the many other events taking place.

To sign up for the notices please go to this web page: <http://www.stthomasstluke.org.uk/subscribe/notice-sheet/> and enter your details. You can also get to this page from our home page: <http://www.stthomasstluke.org.uk/> and then go to the link at the bottom right hand corner of the home page.



## Flowers in Church

I just want the people responsible for the beautiful flower arrangements in our Churches over Easter and indeed throughout the year to know how grateful and appreciative we are for these arrangements and the work it involves. On a personal note a special thank you for removing the Easter lilies before the Mother's Union Deanery Service so that I could breathe.

**Bobbie Masnyk**



# Mothers Union

## Diary Branch dates



**Wednesday 4th June** Meeting at St Lukes at 7.30pm where the speaker is Rob and Joanne Jones, Gabriel's Wings.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** Summer Evening and Supper Church Hall 7.30pm. There will be a Buffet and also entertainment by Wigan Ukele Band. There is a charge of £3.00.

### Advance notices

A reminder of that on **Saturday 28 June** there will be a sponsored walk along the pier at Southport to raise funds for the Links Fund to help with the cost of the fare of Maralyn and Rachel to visit Liverpool. They are from Myanmar and will be there to help celebrate 125 years of the Mothers Union in Liverpool. Meet at the Lakeside Cafe at 10.45am to start to walk at 11.00am. I have the sponsor forms for anyone wishing to take part or sponsor another walker.



**Wednesday 23rd July** Summer Evening Trip to Liverpool Cathedral with Supper leaving the Church Hall at 6.00pm.



We had a very successful Deanery Festival Service on Thursday 1st May. Helen our curate led the Service and the preacher was Rev Mike Perrin from St Elizabeth's Aspall the theme being ' Help us grow! Sowing seeds together'

I would like to thank members of our branch for leading and reading the prayers, carrying and escorting the Branch Banner and Deanery Banner and making the button-holes. Those who helped at the steps and the collectors. Thank you to everyone who helped with the refreshments at the back of Church.

There was a real buzz in Church and a lot of members from other Branches said what a beautiful Church we have.



It is at this time of year that I like to draw attention to our Church members that membership of the MU is open to anyone who supports the aims and objectives which are:-

### **The Aims:**

The advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

### **The Objectives:**

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

We meet twice each month with a variety of interesting speakers why not come along and see if it is for you. You will not regret it I am sure.



Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
the Three in One,  
the holy and wonderful Trinity  
bounded together in one eternity of love.  
Blessed be God the Creator of all  
things.

Blessed be the Christ, our Saviour and friend.

Blessed be the Spirit within us, our Guide and  
Strength.

Blessed be God for all that he is and all he has done.

Blessed be the One and Three.

*David Adam*



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## FREE WILL OFFERINGS - APRIL 2014

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21/04/14	975.85	102	9.57
28/04/14	470.72	67	7.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2043.48</b>	<b>334</b>	
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>510.87</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>6.12</b>

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



On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014 six talented gymnasts from our school travelled south to Fenton Manor Sports Complex, Stoke-on-Trent, to take part in the annual British Schools Championship Finals.



Our team members, Carmen Muir, Jessica Teixeira, Antonia Anderton, Lauren Gillham, Kiera Heaton and Janelle Shaw, had secured their place earlier in the year and were now faced with strong, experienced competitors from across Great Britain.



To their credit they marched like Olympians, performed their routine with style and grace, and finished a credible 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12 contenders. However, a final score tally proved the North-West of England to be worthy of the "overall regional winners" trophy, a share of which goes to St. Thomas' C.E. primary School.

We are all very proud of the girls' achievement, but most important their behaviour was impeccable and their team spirit second to none.

**Congratulations and well done Elaine Mateus and Antonia Muir**



## Healthy body, healthy mind

We are given plenty of advice about how we can keep our bodies healthy, but we, as a church, need to show that things of the body are important to God, as well as things of the soul. We want to celebrate the differences that we find in others and appreciate how we can together as a body (or team) and give a reason for loving our neighbours.



One way that we thought about explaining this, especially to the young children was to give them a piece of card with a body outline cut out of it. They used different colour and size of cellophane to cover the body shape. This created a stained glass window effect and reminded us that Jesus' light can shine through each different colour and when we look at the whole body we can see how beautiful it is.

Another activity to celebrate the differences in the body of Christ, encouraged us to make a pattern using tessellating shapes. We made a plaque and then wrote across it,

*In Jesus you are being built together (Ephesians 2:22).*

What makes it difficult to fit together with other people as well as these shapes fitted together with each other? We asked if people could think of a time on TV, in a book or in their own lives when a group of people - friends or family or others- fitted together really well? It made me think of the early Christians and the way they looked after each other.



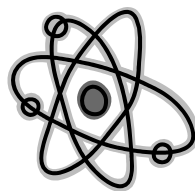
Our bodies are 'wonderfully and fearfully made' (Psalm 139:14). The graffiti big body in this Messy Church was impressive with all sorts of body parts drawn on it. Which parts do you find the most amazing? Which would you be most proud of if you had designed it? There was less detail on the gingerbread men that we decorated in coloured icing, but they tasted good!



Thinking about keeping our bodies healthy we made toothpaste from sodium bicarbonate, salt, peppermint oil and glycerine. It tasted minty but definitely shouldn't be swallowed!

We thought about the lengths we go to decorate our bodies using clothes, jewellery, tattoos etc and made some really cool hats from old clothes!

What gives our bodies energy? A challenge was set to make a car from some junk - a plastic container, straw, kebab sticks, cardboard circles and a balloon. Some of these cars travelled several yards, powered by the air in the balloon.

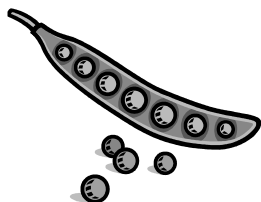


The end of May is still a good time to be planting peas. We gave the option of a sweet pea or an edible pea seed and planted them in tubs to take home.

We wrote the verse,

*'Live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:18)'*

on a lolly stick and used it as a marker. When the pea grows we have to remember how important it is that we play our role as peace makers.



Another table focused on a peace. We cut out a heart from card and after colouring it added this verse to the back,

*Be at peace with each other (Mark 9:50)*

Next, scissors were used to cut a jagged break through the heart and a magnet attached to the back of each half. When things go wrong in our family, we can each take half of the heart as a way of saying that we're very sad and that our heart is breaking. Then we can stick them back together again to say sorry and to make friends with each other.



We talked about how we are connected to other people? Maybe through friendships, families, Facebook, Skype or email, as well as through playing with them and spending time with them face to face.

How can we be better joined together in our church or in our family? We made some sculptures using mini marshmallows and cocktail sticks, though I'm not sure how many made it home! A body would look very silly if it was all separate body parts; they need to be joined together, like these sculptures.



Our next Messy Church will be on July 10th in the vicarage garden for a BBQ, unless it's raining in which case we will be in the church hall.

If you would like to help, particularly cooking on the BBQ or serving, then please get in touch with Messy Sue on 07877 704645 or [sue@stthomasstluke.org.uk](mailto:sue@stthomasstluke.org.uk). Don't forget that everyone is welcome.



**Bible Society's *Bible Bedtime* app is now available for iPad - for free!**

Help your children connect with Bible stories this summer – download the Bible Society's unique new app, giving imaginative and humorous slants on classic Bible stories, with beautiful illustrations and the option to illustrate the stories yourself.

Written by children's author, Martin Coleman, the app gives his unique take on five Bible stories with many cheeky asides which will surprise traditionalists: Jonah is credited with inventing sushi because he eats raw fish in the whale's belly; the prodigal son is described as smelling of 'pig poo'; and God gets 'ribbed' about the creation of Eve.



As part of its 'Pass it On' campaign, the Society is challenging parents to help keep the Bible alive for future generations by telling these stories each night.

The importance of the challenge is highlighted in research conducted by YouGov for Bible Society that shows children are bewildered by even the major Bible stories; confusing Easter with Aesop's fables and even fairy tales.

"The *Bible Bedtime* app is part of our challenge to parents to help children connect with Bible stories," says Bible society. "It's perfect for children and adults alike, to read together or on your own." So - visit the app store on your iPad and download *Bible Bedtime* today.



Just how much *do* children know about the Bible? Children aged eight to 15 were asked a series of questions to test their knowledge.

The results include:

- One in four (28%) think God may tell the tale of the hare and the tortoise
- One in four (26%) think a couple may kill a goose that lays golden eggs
- Almost a third (29%) don't know that God raises Jesus from the dead
- One in eight (13%) think Jesus tells his followers the Ten Commandments
- One in five (20%) don't know that Judas was the friend that betrayed Jesus
- Almost half (48%) don't know that Jesus shows love by washing the feet of his followers



Bible Society's earlier 'Pass it On' report found that 43% of eight to 15 year-olds admitted they had never read about the Crucifixion of Jesus.

Similarly, 71% of parents with children aged three to 15 said they didn't think their child had ever read, seen or heard the story.





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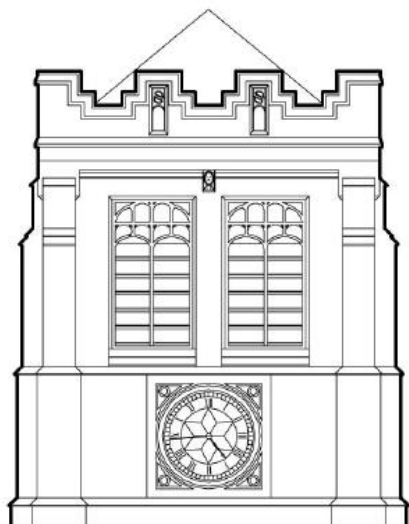
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14TH JUNE	Mrs Edwardson, Mrs Cook, Mrs Hardman
21ST JUNE	Mrs Hibbert, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Davies
28TH JUNE	Mrs Laites, Mrs Lyon, Mrs Deluce, Mrs Malley, Mrs Jones

FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING JUNE		
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
1ST JUNE	Loving birthday remembrance of Peter Raymond (1st June) from Margaret and family	Birthday remembrance (31st May) of Debra Davies, a dear Mum, daughter, sister and aunty
8TH JUNE	In memory of Elsie Chadwick from Don Hodgkinson	In memory of Elsie Chadwick from Ethel Glover
15TH JUNE	Birthday remembrance of a precious daughter and sister	Birthday remembrance of a precious daughter and sister
22ND JUNE	Birthday remembrance of Allan Deluce from Elsie and family	VACANT
29TH JUNE	In memory of Jean Hayes from all her friends in the Flower Guild	VACANT



# St Thomas' Flowers



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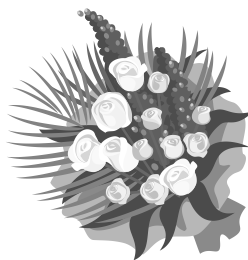
In memory of Jean Hayes from:      Avis and Raymond Bullough  
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    Maureen and Les Cook  
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Anniversary remembrance of loved ones from Freda and John Melling and family

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# St Lukes' Flowers



## FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING JUNE

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DATE	
22ND JUNE	For Peggy and John's Wedding Anniversary



# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



### **The Amazing Spider-Man II (12A)**

**Directed by Marc Webb**

**Stars:** Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx, Dane DeHaan, Sally Field, Paul Giamatti, and Chris Cooper

**In a Nutshell:** When you have a film like Spider-Man 2 already out in the world, being one of the most superb sequels and comic book movies there is, with possibly the best baddy in Alfred Molina's Doc Ock.... pressure is on for Marc Webb in sequelsing his 2012 reboot. I'll say now it's not quite there, but it's a pretty good go all the same. The fears of over bad guy-ing it are unfounded, as the focus is on Electro with a side character of the Osborns doing it's job but not taking up a maximum amount of time, and Rhino being a cameo. The performances too are great, Dane DeHaan is simply sublime as Harry whilst Cooper is limited in screen time but memorably nasty as Norman Osborn. Jamie Foxx is in one, adorable and awkward and then jaded and bitter as Electro, whilst Giamatti chews the scenery as Rhino in the best way. The leads of Garfield and Stone are as charming and beautiful as ever, with the sparks more than ever flying and the quips witty and perky. The goofiness and fun of Spider-Man is upped with loads of one liners and comedy whilst never ditching the serious drama that needs to be there too.... the film packed with powerful moments as well as funny moments. It's definitely not perfect but it's certainly everything most people would want from a Spidey sequel....great action, top characters, fun dialogue, powerful drama and just a ton of fun... what more could you want? GO SEE!

**Rating: 9/10**



### **Transcendence (12A)**

**Directed by Wally Pfister**

**Stars:** Johnny Depp, Rebecca Hall, Kate Mara, Paul Bettany, Cillian Murphy, Lukas Haas, and Morgan Freeman

**In a Nutshell:** Ideas are a bedrock of great film. When it comes to seeing a movie or having a favourite movie, a lot of it can come down to a great concept... whether it's Source Code, Groundhog Day, Speed, Back to the Future or Looper. And so comes Transcendence, the directorial debut of cinematographer Wally Pfister, who cinematographed the Nolan movies from Inception to Batman. The premise is simple yet not, top scientist Will Caster is experimented with very advanced AI and this has angered a specific group of individuals who strike back and fatally injure him. Using his tech, his distraught wife hooks him up and uploads his consciousness to the AI so he can live on after his body has passed, as is the deal with these things, it doesn't bode well for humanity. With a terrific cast including Depp as Caster, and terrific turns from Hall and Bettany as Caster's wife and best friend respectively.... as well as fantastic visuals and solid effects and great ideas... it's a shame overall that it fails to set alight on occasion, there are great ideas in here and great moments but as a



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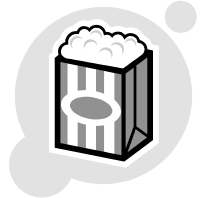
whole it's a film that will divide opinion and leave a good few people cold, which is a shame because it's actually rather solid and with time may become something of a underrated gem. There's certainly enough in here to make it worth a look and there are some fantastic ideas and sequences, it just needed a bit more of a boot from behind to make it move along at a better lick. As it stands though, it's a fascinating sci-fi idea delivered with enough panache to make it worth your while all the same, the more patient of you will love it!

**Rating: 7/10**

Also Seen:

**The Raid II: Berandal (18) 8/10**

**Noah (12A) 7/10**



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**Richard Glover** - a dear husband and dad from Mary & Carol

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### **Birthday Remembrance of**

a much love husband & dad **Allan Deluce** (24 Jun)  
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a dear brother **Allan Deluce** (24 Jun) from Jean & family  
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### **In Memory of**

**Mrs Elsie Chadwick** - anonymous

**Jesse Davies** from B Davies & Ella

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# St Lukes' Donations



Thanksgiving	M Cook
Anniversary remembrance (30th June) of Hilda Kilshaw, a loving wife, Mum and Gran	Tom and the family

## John the Baptist – preparing the way for the Messiah

John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman.

He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.



John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and his Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request.

When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.



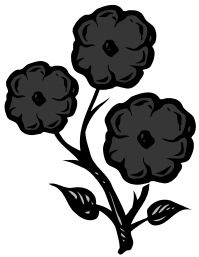
John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.



## Church plans for a 1,000 poppies to bloom for the Great War Centenary

Poppies will be grown in the grounds of parish churches and Church of England schools across the country as an act of remembrance for the centenary of World War 1 by the Church of England.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have both urged church schools and churches to plant poppy seeds with them this Spring, to commemorate the centenary of World War I and help make the country awash with poppies.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in an Instagram message, urges people to plant the seeds 'to remember the terrible events of the First World War and as a sign of our hope in Jesus Christ for peace in the future.'

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu welcomed the poppy planting initiative and said: "I encourage parishes and church schools across the country to join together to make many thousand flowers bloom as a tribute to the sacrifice of past generations Here in the grounds of Bishopthorpe, we too, are getting behind this community initiative. I have been inspired by the parishes of the new Diocese of Leeds (West Yorkshire and the Dales) and their shared efforts to mark the 100th anniversary of the Great War."

Some dioceses – like Oxford, Exeter, Manchester and the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales - have sent packets of poppy seeds to all their churches and/or church schools to create their own memorial gardens or flower pots.



The Rt Revd Nick Baines, the new bishop designate for the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales said: "Only 100 years ago the world fell apart in the most violent way. This simple act of growing poppies reminds us of our past and is a very visual way of pledging ourselves to serve together in the future."

Packs of Flanders poppies are on sale and can be bought at B&Q for £2 with a pound being donated to the Royal British Legion.



## St ALBAN

St Alban, whose special day is 22<sup>nd</sup> June, was the first English martyr, the first English person to be killed for the Christian faith.

He lived in Verulamium which was an important Roman settlement in Hertfordshire. At the time the Romans were persecuting followers of Jesus and Alban was brave enough to shelter a travelling Christian priest. Exchanging clothes with the priest so that he could escape, Alban was arrested.

When asked to prove his loyalty to Rome and the Emperor by making offerings to the Roman gods, Alban declared his faith in 'the true and living God who created all things'. He was condemned to death and had his head cut off.

All this happened a long time ago but St Alban is remembered today in the name of the place where he lived and died: Verulamium was renamed the city of St Albans.



## THE FIRST

All the answers to this Bible quiz are the first: either the first thing in a list or the first person to do or be something.

1. The first man (Genesis, chapter 2).
2. The city where Jesus' followers were first called Christians (Acts, chapter 11).
3. The first bird Noah sent out of the ark (Genesis, chapter 8).
4. The first woman (Genesis, chapter 3).
5. The first person to see Jesus on the first Easter Sunday (John, chapter 20).
6. What happened on the first day of creation (Genesis, chapter 1)
7. Israel's first king (1 Samuel, chapter 10)
8. The first of the four Gospels (New Testament)

**What is a forum ?**

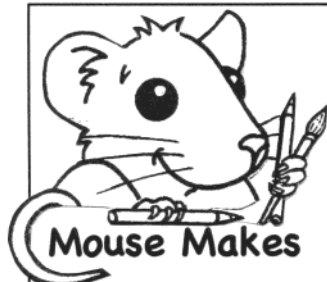
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# VIII

**Why didn't the two 4s feel like dinner?**

Because they already 8.

Answers: 1.Adam 2. Antioch 3.Raven  
4.Eve 5.Mary Magdalene 6.God made light and dark 7.Saul 8.Matthew



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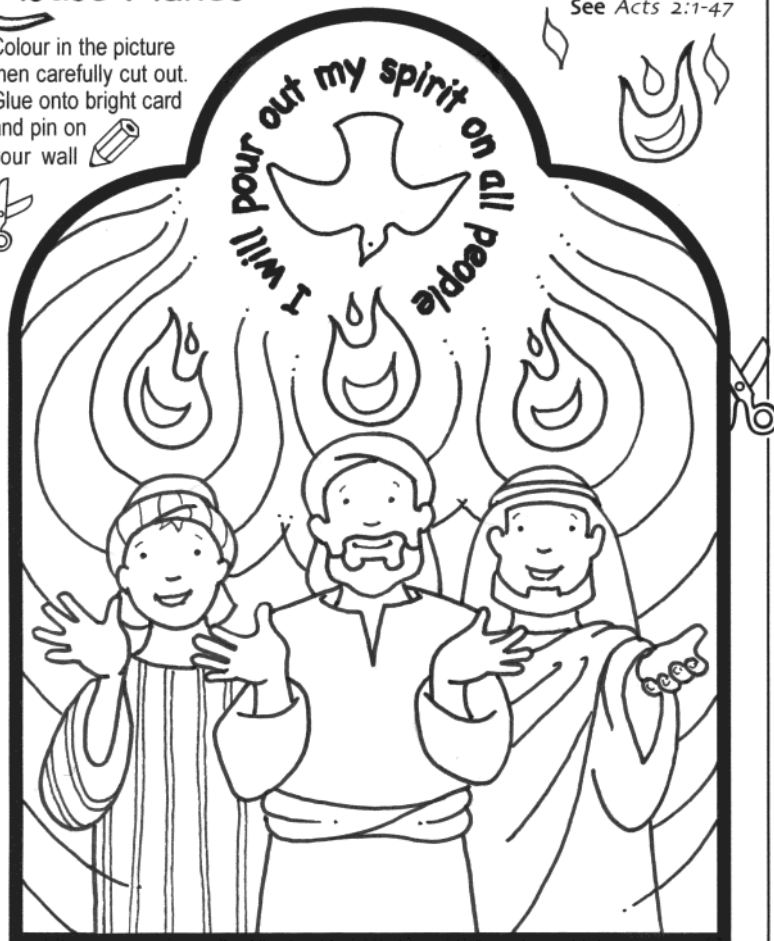


## THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now when the day of **Pentecost**  
had come the disciples were all  
together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like a violent wind  
blowing came from heaven and filled the  
entire house where they were sitting.  
And tongues spreading out like fire came  
to rest on each one of them.

See Acts 2:1-47



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# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

30th April	Kenneth Pendlebury Green	Grange Road	87yrs
1st May	Alan Stephenson	Winchester Avenue	90yrs
2nd May	Mathew James Hindley	East Street	47yrs
6th May	Jean Hayes	Wolmer Street	82yrs
12th May	William Mitten	Solway Close	82yrs
19th May	William Farrimond	Old Road	80yrs

## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



13th April	Sebastian Alexander Kelly	York Road
	Tilly Sophie Green	Bolton Road
	Harry John Clark	Bryn Road
27th April	Anna Christina Crowley	Greenway
11th May	Luke Alexander Thompson	Wotton Drive

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<p><b><u>Boys Brigade</u></b>  <b>Captain:</b> Gareth Hamlett (01744 752505)  <b>Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 6.00 p.m.)</b>  Olwen Wright (389595)  <b>Junior Section (Wednesday: 6.30 p.m.)</b>  Kevin Pennington (07894048476)  <b>Company Section</b>  <b>(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.) &amp; (Friday: 7.00 pm)</b>  Jonty Cornthwaite (721626)</p>	<p><b><u>Girl Guides</u></b>  <b>Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)</b>  Anne Wooff (724207)  <b>3rd &amp; 4th Ashton Brownies</b>  <b>(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)</b>  Irene Taylor (703410)  Susan Hughes (725291)  <b>St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.00 p.m.)</b>  Helen Hughes (748863)  <b>3rd Ashton Guides &amp; Ranger Guides</b>  <b>(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)</b>  Rachel Starkie (718350)</p>
<p><b><u>Music Group</u></b> Mary Owen (203277)  <b>Sunday – 10.45 a.m.</b>  <b>Practice – Monday : 7.30 p.m.</b></p>	
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