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South Hub Church Wigan

Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

Funerals

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

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

If you would like further information or to book a wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine. Funeral Directors will book any funerals.

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Please send any material for the magazine to your local assistant editor (see contact details at the back) or magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk.

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Clock



I am the keeper of time,
I hold each small, set span
within its own appointed bounds.
Then one by one, I let them go.

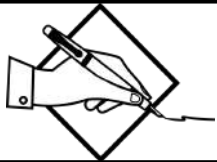
They meet their fate with man.
Used or squandered at his will,
each passes by, full charged
with hope to change a waiting world.

Mine is the grace to give.
For me, the privilege to offer time.
For man, the power to make it work
in man's own interest and good.

So grasp the challenge
while you may.
This moment will not live to see another day.



by Megan Smith



A Letter from Sue

If you were at the Hub Service at the end of April you will have heard me talking about our friend Dafydd, a sheep farmer in North Wales and how I once watched him leap over a hedge after a couple of run away sheep. We have recently returned from a week on the farm, where we were introduced to Flymo. Flymo is a rather wayward ewe who has learned to jump the fence. She munches on the grass in the cottage gardens, then leaps back into the field to feed her lambs. She is always giving Dafydd the runaround. The twin lambs were a big surprise as he couldn't catch her to scan her. And yet although Flymo might always be off doing her own thing, Dafydd is always there, watching out for her.

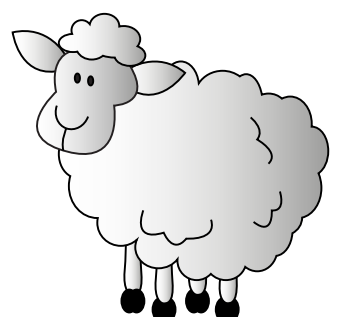
Does it remind you of a story Jesus told? I am thinking of the Prodigal Son, which we find in Luke 15: 11 - 32. Jesus tells us that all the time the wayward son was off doing his own thing and squandering his inheritance, his father was looking out for him. Having come to his senses but still some distance from home, his father saw him and ran to meet him.

We all have times when we wander away from God. Times when we think that we know best. Times when we prefer to go our own way or do our own thing rather than seeking God's will and purpose. Yet in his love and mercy he is always there, waiting for us. Is it time for us to turn back, to say sorry and to start again?

Or perhaps you have a wayward sheep in your family. Most families do have one. Don't give up - keep praying, keep loving, keep hoping. God is always there, watching over us and waiting.

With every blessing,

Sue Fulford xx



Parish News

Regular Events

Tuesdays

10am – 12pm: Coffee Morning in St Thomas' church hall



Wednesdays

1pm – 2.30pm: Wednesday Weenies in St Thomas' church hall (term time only)

1pm - 3pm: Knit and Chat group at St Peter's (term time only)

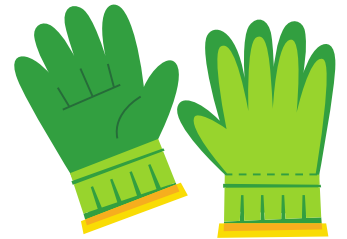
7.30pm: Women's Fellowship at St Peter's



Fridays

2pm – 3.15pm: Gentle dance class at St Luke's

2.10pm: Bible study in St Thomas' church hall



Upcoming Events

Monday 29th May, 10am - 12pm: Tidy up event followed by lunch at St Thomas'

Tuesday 30th May, 1pm - 3pm: Peace of Mind Dementia Café at St Andrew's

Saturday 3rd June, 2pm: Afternoon Tea at St Andrew's

Wednesday 31st May, 10.30am - 12pm: Messy Church at St Thomas'

Saturday 10th June, Parish Meal at Bryn Masonic Hall

Tuesday 27th June, 1pm - 3pm: Peace of Mind Dementia Café at St Andrew's

Saturday 1st July, 7pm: Glitz & Glam Gala Night at St Thomas' (see details overleaf)

Monday 17th July, 7.30pm: Mothers' Union Summer Night at St Thomas' church hall (see details overleaf)





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Over the Coronation weekend, there were a number of events across the Parish. From community fayres and faith lunches to getting stuck into The Big Help Out. Many people made (and knitted!) bunting, created beautiful flower arrangements and baked many a cake.



Services in June

Thursday 1st	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
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Wednesday 7th	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 8th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 11th	9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Sta's4all in school 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
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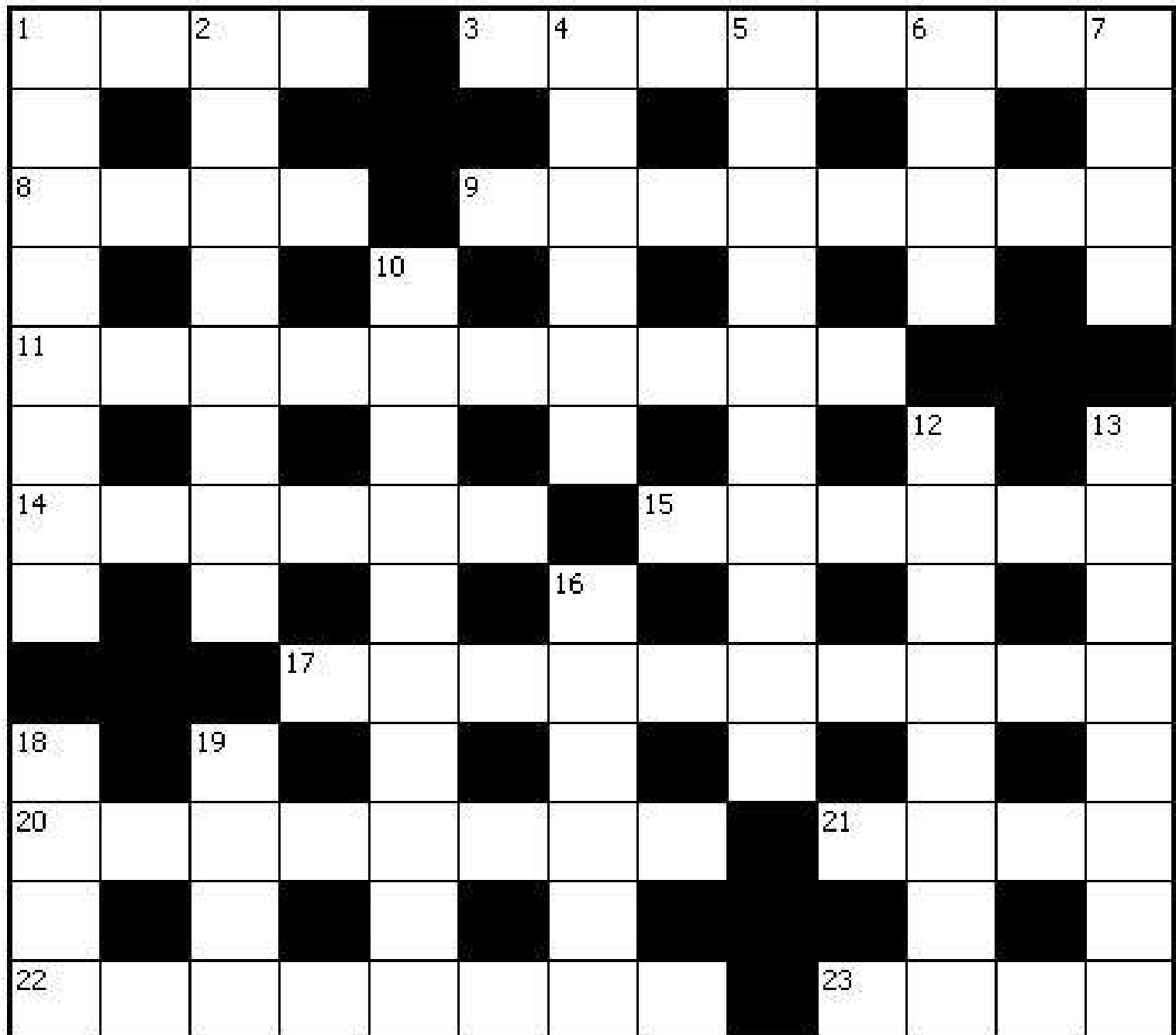
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Wednesday 21st	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 22nd	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 25th	9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am St Aidan's Beacon 10.30am Café Church 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Family Worship 4.00pm Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
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Everyone is welcome to join all services.

If you would like to attend any services across the parish and need assistance with transport, please get in contact with your local leadership team.

Crossword



Answers on page 16

CLUES

Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

June Holy Days

4th June Trinity Sunday, celebrating our God who is Three Persons

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, which gives us life and illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

Isaiah 45:22: 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.'

Genesis 1:1-2: 'In the beginning God created.... and the Spirit of God was hovering...'

Judges 14:6: 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...'

John 1:1-3: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we turn to its brilliant light, we find that warmth and life are there as well.

Spiritual Disciplines: Simplicity

‘Clutter is not just the stuff on your floor. It’s anything that stands between you and the life you want to be living.’ (Peter Walsh).

The spiritual discipline of simplicity is about living more simply and ensuring that possessions don’t end up possessing us! Jesus expresses the heart of simplicity in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:19-34). He emphasises trusting God, not worrying about material things but ‘seeking first his kingdom and his righteousness,’ (Matthew 6:33).

‘The Christian Discipline of simplicity is an inward reality that results in an outward life-style. Both the inward and the outward aspects of simplicity are essential.’ (Richard Foster).

What happens in our hearts impacts the way we live our lives. But what does this look like in practice? Richard Foster lists a number of outward expressions of simplicity in his book *Celebration of Discipline*. These include:

- Buy things for their usefulness rather their status value eg cars, clothes.
- Reject anything that is addictive to us eg drinks, TV, social media.
- Develop the habit of giving things away to others who need them.
- Don’t get caught up with buying the latest electronic gadget.
- Develop a deeper appreciation of creation.

How can we simplify our life?

Step 1: Find something that needs simplifying, eg decluttering the house or limiting the time consuming TV or social media. It’s about stopping whatever prevents us from making the kingdom of God our top priority.

Step 2: Take time to reflect and write down how we will embrace simplicity in that area eg. stop using the phone one hour before bed and keeping it outside the bedroom.

Step 3: Ask someone to keep us accountable!

‘Always remember the essence of Christian holiness is simplicity and purity: one design, one desire: entire devotion to God.’ (John Wesley)

UK foodbanks busier than ever

More food parcels were given out in the UK this past year than ever before. During December 2022, an emergency food parcel was handed out the equivalent of every eight seconds.

These are the most recent figures from the Trussell Trust, which supports more than 1,300 foodbanks in the UK.

In all, the charity says it gave out nearly three million food parcels between April 2022 and April 2023. More than one million of these were for children.

These three million parcels from the charity's foodbanks represent a 37-per-cent increase in England on 2021. And more than 760,000 people used a foodbank for the first time, which is up more than one third in 2021-22.

Soaring inflation and energy costs have driven the increase in demand. The charity reports an unprecedented rise in the number of employed people using their foodbanks, because they are "no longer able to balance a low income against rising living costs."

The problem now, says the trust, is that food donation levels are not keeping up with the need. "This is putting us under a lot of strain."

Crossword Answers

Across

1 care; 3 paradise; 8 null; 9 profaned; 11 legalistic; 14 closed; 15 stores; 17 missionary; 20 covenant; 21 Thai; 22 trade-off; 23 Eden

Down

1 conflict; 2 religion; 4 arrest; 5 affliction; 6 Iona; 7 Eddy; 10 allegiance; 12 preached; 13 Assyrian; 16 a son of; 18 Scot; 19 DVLA

What makes June so special

June is the month of light – the month of the summer solstice, when millions of people in northernmost Europe stay out late to enjoy the sight of the midnight sun. To have light and glory where there is usually darkness is something we celebrate, we welcome.

In John 9 Jesus said: “I am the light of the world.” He wasn’t comparing Himself to the summer solstice, but preaching at a Jewish occasion which celebrated light every bit as much. It was the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:14), which was a celebration not only of God’s provision of water, but also of the light of God’s presence with the Israelites in the wilderness.

During the Feast of Tabernacles there was a joyful celebration. The priests would light four huge lamps in the Court of Women. The flames would reach as high as the temple walls and would provide a light that could be seen all throughout Jerusalem. Men of deep piety would dance throughout the night for the entire week of celebrating. A choir, accompanied by an orchestra of instruments, would sing psalms like Psalm 27, which declare “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

At the height of this grand celebration, the Lord Jesus had the temerity to stand and say that HE was the light that was foreshadowed by the light for the Israelites in the wilderness.

The Jewish leaders were furious, and tried to stone Him to death. Jesus did not fight back, He simply illustrated His claim to be the Light of the World by immediately giving sight to a man born blind. (John 9).

In the 20 centuries since then, the Word of God, when it is proclaimed, has drawn people out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus. The Word is, as the psalmist said, “a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105). David said, “In your light we see light” (Psalm 36:9b). Today, by the light of the Word of God, we can see Jesus as He is: truly the Light of the World.



Together with local businesses, we are working to reduce the amount of food going to land fill. The pantry is regularly stocked with food that is near its sell by date but can still be used to feed bellies not bins.

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June Services

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Thursday 22nd	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 25th	9.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together	11.00am Family Worship
Thursday 29th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	

News from our churches

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Details of the decisions of the Annual Parish meetings held on the 24th May at St Thomas Church will be given in the next edition of our magazine.

Tuesday Coffee Mornings

Last year I posed the question 'do you know about Tuesday coffee in the church hall?' as I was hoping to encourage more retired people or those who can spare the time to come along and enjoy the fellowship. It runs between 10.00am and 12.00pm in the left-hand church hall with coffee, tea, toast and teacakes served by our brilliant team of volunteers.



Over the years many of our church members both past and present have enjoyed the fellowship of friends and a good old chinwag. Sadly, since the pandemic, when we couldn't open, our numbers have declined. Please give us a try as you will be warmly welcomed. I might add that this is a valuable fund raiser towards church hall expenses.

Tea Towels

We are all well used to refreshments being provided at all our services and other events. It is great to have our volunteers to provide the refreshments and the tidy up after each event. I would like to ask that if you see wet tea towels around the kitchens usually draped over a radiator please don't hesitate in taking them home to wash. This would be very helpful.

The Big Help Out

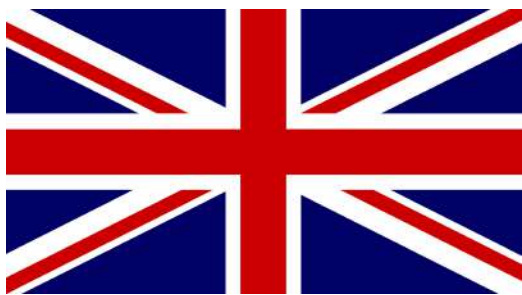
We would like to thank the 30 or so people who took up the King's suggestion and turned up on the Coronation bank holiday to do some volunteering. Both Church and the hall got a good cleaning, including windows and floors. It was great to feel the fellowship generated by the efforts of our volunteers.



It was unfortunate that the weather played a part by preventing what was really required - a strong team to tackle Heath Road graveyard. This area continues to provide worrying problem especially now in the growing season. We are crying out for voluntary help on a regular basis. We can't continue to rely on Graham Bailey and one or two people who help him. It is a parish problem which we need to tackle urgently.

There is another opportunity to help on the last of our three May bank holidays. From 10am - 12pm on 29th May, please do join us for another session of odd jobs, followed by lunch.

Flag pole



I don't know whether you have noticed but the flagpole has been painted. We are grateful to Tony Cornthwaite and Graham Bailey for the effort in lowering it for the painting done by Tony and the more strenuous effort of returning it to the vertical. I can only say that it took the efforts of 8 people to achieve!

You may also have noticed that we were proudly flying a new union jack on the occasion of the Coronation. I would like to thank Helen Stuart for acquiring the flag and the Thursday Coffee fund for meeting the cost.

Malcolm

Africa Fund News

The Africa fund supports two amazing Christian-run projects in south west Uganda: a children's home at Rukungiri and the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Project which provides outlying communities with access to clean water and proper sanitation. Both projects play a massive part in saving and changing lives. You can find out more about these on our web site:

<http://www.stthomasstluke.org.uk/ourworld/africafund/>

On Saturday 13th May we held a brunch to raise money for our Africa Fund. This raised a grand total of £913.02. This is a brilliant effort and we are indebted to all of those people who generously provided their time, food, plants, cards and prizes. Thanks also go to those people who came along to support us on the day.

Each month a number of generous donors support the Africa fund with standing orders. However, the monthly income does not match our donations from the fund to the projects we support. Events like the Brunch therefore play an invaluable part in helping us to meet our commitments.

If you would like to know about our Africa fund or would like to help then please contact me on 01942 724207 or by email at chriswooff@outlook.com

Chris Wooff

Litter Pick

On 20th May, our church and community litter pickers worked tirelessly across Ashton market and the footpath adjacent to St Oswald's school.



Coronation Celebrations

As well as the 'Big Help Out' event on Monday 8th May, a 'Bring and Share' lunch took place after the 10.45am service at St Thomas' on Sunday 7th May. All in attendance were welcomed to share in the many cakes, sandwiches, coronation quiches, biscuits and much more.

Church was adorned with bunting and followed a roaring rendition of the National Anthem.



Litter Pick

On 20th May, our church and community litter pickers worked tirelessly across Ashton market and the footpath adjacent to St Oswald's school.



If anyone would like to join any future litter picks, please get in touch with Anne and Chris Wooff.

Another glimpse into our past courtesy of David Fearnley

BISPHAM HALL, BILLINGE : WATERLOO, JUNE 18, 1815, MONUMENT

On June 18th 1815 the war between Britain and France ended with the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo, 10 miles from Brussels, and his final exile to St. Helena where he died in 1821. Britain had been at war with revolutionary France since 1793 and constantly under the threat of a French invasion.

The people of Ashton responded to the government's call for towns to raise volunteer forces in case of invasion. In 1798 Sir William Gerard, of Garswood New Hall, raised the Ashton Volunteer Cavalry of 60 cavalrymen and in 1804 Captain William Peet, the owner of a hinge-making business in Ashton, raised the Loyal Ashton Volunteer Infantry of 137 men.

Lady Gerard gave speeches against the evil Napoleon who had executed the legitimate king of France and presented the colours or flags to both regiments in elaborate celebrations within the grounds of Garswood New Hall. The estate grounds were open to the public and there was a firework display in the evening. There are no records of anyone from the Ashton area and serving in the regular army having fought at Waterloo.

From Wigan John Holding, a weaver, had joined the army in 1805, aged 22, and had fought with No. 1 Company at Waterloo. He was discharged from the army in 1818 with a pension of 6d (2p) a day. James Shakelady, of Lathom, a nailor served with No. 8 Company and was killed at Waterloo aged 30. He was one of the 50,000 killed at Waterloo.

In Britain there are only 18 memorials to the victory at the battle of Waterloo, June 18th 1815. These include memorials inside Waterloo Station, London and Edinburgh Castle and the Waterloo Vase, 18 feet high & weighing 40 tons in Buckingham Palace Gardens, London. In all of northern England there are only 2 memorials, one in Cheshire, in a church near Northwich and the other at Bispham Hall, Crank Road, Billinge.

The Bispham Hall memorial was erected in 1816 by brothers John & Robert Holt, the owners of the Hall, in the grounds of their estate. The memorial is a tall sandstone obelisk/steeple with a ball filial at the top and standing on a square base.

The inscription commemorates the Duke of Wellington and the victors of Waterloo. Around the top of the base is the inscription "England Confesses On That Day Each Man Did His Duty". Around the bottom of the base "Spare the Conquered and Conquer the Proud".

There are inscriptions in oval shaped areas on each of the four faces of the monument. On the West face "To The Most Noble Illustrious Arthur Duke Of Wellington and the Brave Heroes of Britain and the Continent who under His Auspicious Genius and Command so Gloriously Accomplished the Downfall of Tyranny and the Restoration of Liberty to Europe on the Plains of Waterloo June 18th AD1815".

On the South face "The British – Picton, Hill, Uxbridge, Gordon, Somerset, Ponsonby, F. Somerset, Cameron, Ellis, Maitland, Pack, Halket, Kemp, Cooke, Byng, Grant, Clinton, Alton, Adam, Barnes, Delancy, Vivian".

On the East face "The Continentals – Brunswick, Orange, Blucher, Bulow, Trip, Vanhope, Domberg, Ompteda, Pozzo di Borgo".

On the North face "To those who fell, The immortal Heroes in whose latest breath, Glowed the patriot feeling strong in death, But that moment was in all the past, Save my country heaven, was your last. Dulce et Decorum Est Pro Patria Mori".(It is sweet and right to die for your country).

David A. Fearnley

Mothers' Union



Diary: 15th June

There are no meetings of the branch in July and August but we have arranged a trip to the Borough Archives which are held in Leigh Town Hall and have been the subject of extensive refurbishment work. The visit is on the 21st June and we will meet at Leigh Town Hall at 1.30pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Summer evening 19 July 2023: in church at 7.30pm. Entertainment will be provided by Banjo and Beyond. Tickets are available from Pat Hamilton at £4.00 which also includes refreshments and a free raffle.

We intend to invite our friends from other churches to join us.



*Heavenly Father
give us grace in all relationships,
May hope be stronger than struggle,
Celebrations more frequent than trials,
May kindness prevail over judgement,
Equality dissolve oppression,
May love break the walls of hate
Amen.*

**Love and Prayers
Barbara**



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WELCOMES EVERYONE TO:**

SUMMER EVENING
Monday 17th July 2023
7.30pm
St Thomas' Church Hall

Enjoy entertainment from Banjo and Beyond
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1ST JULY 2023 7:00 PM

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Regular Giving: We have traditionally taken envelope donations in our plate offerings and these monies help towards the payment that has to go to the diocese each month. If you are unable to get to a service and wish to still use your envelopes, please deliver them, to Malcolm and Barbara's (32 Townfields). In the alternative, please consider switching to the Parish Giving Scheme by phoning 0333 002 1271 as we can get the tax back much quicker this way.

Donations: Please place any donations in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please post this through the Vicarage door. Please make cheques payable to St Thomas' PCC. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

Gift Aid: If you pay tax in the UK and would like church to be able to claim 25p for every £1 you donate, please complete a Gift Aid form or state on your envelope that you are a UK tax payer, would like church to claim Gift Aid and include your full name and address.

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

Funds currently in use are:

- Africa Fund
- Asylum Seek
- Audio Visual
- Church Hall
- Buildings and Maintenance
- Food Ministry
- Garden of Rest
- General
- Grave Maintenance
- Heath Road Graveyard
- Heating
- Fit for the Future

Unless otherwise stated, donations will go into the General fund

Donations & Remembrance



In Loving Memory of my Mum and Dad,
Freda and John Melling ,
From Susan

Loving birthday memories of a Dear Husband and Dad
Alan Deluce (24th June)
From Elsie and Family

from St Benedict's church for the bowling mats

from Margaret Anders

Thanks for home communion from
Elsie Deluce
Sid and Pauline Barker
Isabel Bowen

Flower Guild Donations

In thanksgiving on our 40th wedding anniversary
From Jan & Tony Cornthwaite

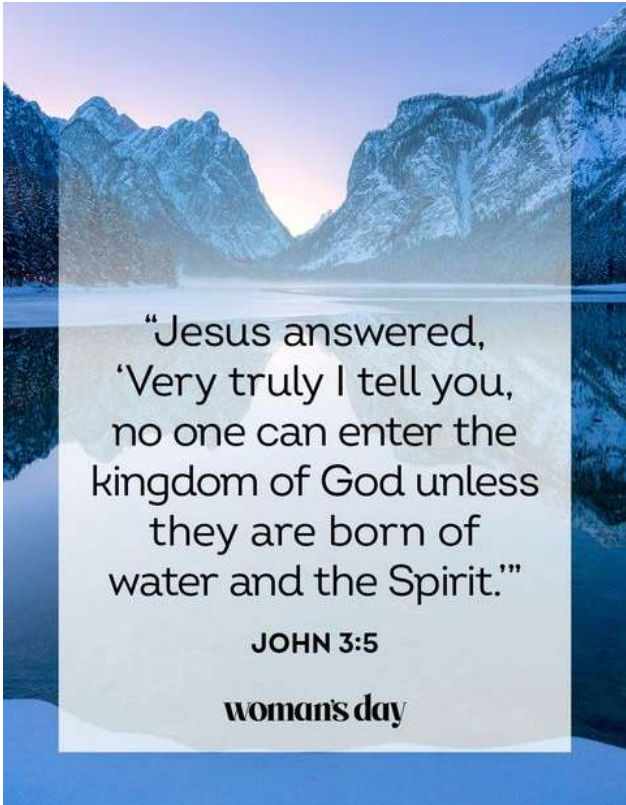


The Registers



Holy Baptism 'We welcome them into the Lord's family'

14 May	Eleanor Elizabeth Barnes
14 May	Zachary James Barnes
14 May	Myah Grace Cunliffe
14 May	Heidi Rose Cunliffe
21 May	Jacob Michael Hodgkinson
28 May	Bella Margaret Owen
28 May	Penelope Grace Crabtree



"Jesus answered,
'Very truly I tell you,
no one can enter the
kingdom of God unless
they are born of
water and the Spirit.'"

JOHN 3:5

woman's day

The Registers

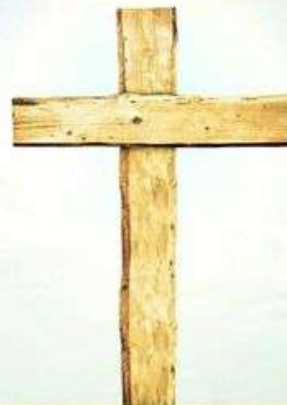


Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

3 May	Alec Parkinson	62
4 May	Edith Maltby	96
4 May	Paul Weston	71
9 May	Brian Clarke	84
11 May	Kaye Roby - Elliott	87
12 May	Evelyn Joyce Parry	82
17 May	Karen Rutter	62
25 May	Joseph Fairhurst	80

*"The Lord is close to
the brokenhearted
and saves those who
are crushed in spirit."*

~ Psalm 34:18



St Thomas' and St Luke's Organisations

Coffee Mornings

Tues 10am—12pm at St Thomas'
Barbara Taylor
205136

Wednesday Weenies

Wed 1pm—2.30pm in Church Hall
Jan Cornthwaite
721626

Mothers' Union

3rd Wed 7.30pm at St Thomas'
Barbara Taylor
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Fairtrade Stall

3rd Sun 11.45am at St Thomas'
Anne Wooff
724207

Litter Pick

3rd Sat 10am—12pm from Church Hall car park
Chris Wooff
724207

Flower Guild

Meta Laites
723679

Asylum Seeker Support

English Class
Thurs 2pm - 3pm
Social Drop in
Sun 1pm - 3pm

Bowling Club

Henry Hunter
712709

Anne & Chris Wooff
724207

For more information, please visit our website at
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Thursday & Sunday 3pm – 4pm

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Sunday 10.45am

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Brownies: Thursday 6.30pm

Guides: Tuesday 7.00pm

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