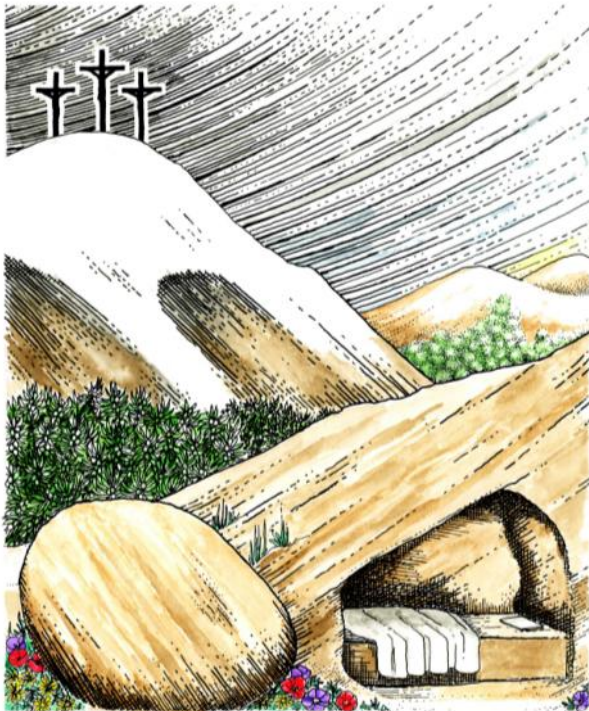


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Sundays

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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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.

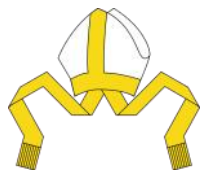
To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's/St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to undertake baptism preparation classes.

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.



Easter Message from the Bishop



The empty tomb

A central image from the Easter story is the empty tomb. The stone rolled away, the body gone. Jesus is not contained in the prison of the stone-cold cave; he is not imprisoned by death. He is free, alive and unpredictably present in the world.

As we grasp that, we are freed to grasp the central hope and promise of Easter.



The kingdom does not end in defeat. Jesus's story reaches a climax as he bursts through the barrier of life and death.

The tomb is vacated because Jesus is alive and present in the world. And then the energy, the 'dunamis' as the apostle Paul says, the dynamic power that God used to raise Jesus from the dead, becomes available to us in the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost. An outpouring that reminds us that God cannot be contained. Not by a tomb, not by a temple, not by a church building. He is alive and present in the lives of those who are working to make a bigger difference; alive, present and recognised in the lives of those who make a bigger difference in His name.

The image of the empty tomb presents a challenge for me and for all who are actively seeking for and praying for the renewal of the church. We see in it the certainty that God is working in the world, that his mission – as Jesus commanded in Matthew 28 – “go make disciples of all” – calls all to be “out there”.

So how does this speak to our efforts, our desire, our belief under God that in this Diocese we are called to be a bigger church making a bigger difference? We believe that the Church is

ordained by God as the best way to learn more about what it is to be a disciple. We know Jesus is the Lord of the church and we are called to worship Him and to come to the Father through Him in the Spirit's power. And so we commit ourselves to worship in the fullest sense, offering our whole beings to be that living sacrifice of service that follows the model of Jesus.

And over the centuries we have shaped buildings to help us in this. Some beautiful. Some less so. Some functional. Some that have become difficult to use in any meaningful sense. These are vessels of love - not empty tombs - but sadly they have the potential to be a place that Jesus has left, where we don't feel the presence of the living Lord, where people endure a sterile, unattractive and joyless expression of their faith.

But of course they also have the potential to be much more. To be houses of the bigger church, bursting with energy, hope and presence. Full of those loving the Lord, seeking to love him more, taking risks, falling down and being picked up again. Doing it all in the strength of the Lord. The building not an empty tomb, but a vibrant hub for the community. A place of love and service where people recognise the risen Lord in the Christians that worship there.



Jesus broke free of the tomb once for all, so that God's kingdom would not be contained but would grow through the world. This Easter our joy and our calling in our turn is to release the great news of Jesus' resurrection, sharing His love in all places with all people.

Christ is risen: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Letter from the Vicar

There is a mathematical formula for predicting happiness:

$$\text{Happiness}(t) = w_0 + w_1 \sum_{j=1}^t \gamma^{t-j} CR_j + w_2 \sum_{j=1}^t \gamma^{t-j} EV_j + w_3 \sum_{j=1}^t \gamma^{t-j} RPE_j$$

I'm not a mathematician, so I presume that in this formula our happiness in an event is equal to the sum, product and other mathematical expressions represented by the combinations of letters! For a 'happiness' total to be the result of the equation then I do know that the letters on the right of the = sign must mean different aspects, thoughts, emotions, expectations, rewards, experiences. The answer by the way from one newspaper headline was that 'The secret of happiness is? Lower your expectations.'



Rather than this idea that if you expect little then what you get will feel good, here's another formula for predicting happiness inspired by a series of daily Bible readings called 'The Happiness Habit':



The habit of happiness = keep your focus on the purpose for your life and not the problems you face; be thankful in all circumstances; rejoice; be sacrificial, think of others before yourself; be trustworthy; value being with others, finding things in common; be generous in all circumstances; be prayerful; know God more and more; give your life away.



Letter from the Vicar

If that sounds a lot like Jesus' story then the formula gets even simpler:

Happiness = following Jesus.

As we approach Easter this year once more, one of the joys as Jesus' followers is to focus on him as a person. We focus on his character and his commitment, the way he lived his earthly life - his joy, triumphs, happiness, grief, sacrifice, and pain. And the ultimate message of Easter - Jesus' rescue, victory and the blessed hope that we therefore inherit through His resurrection.

When we then reflect this back onto ourselves and see how we shape up as followers in the light of this knowledge, surely we see much to be happy about? No complex formulas, no maths, nor even theology, just a life giving relationship with Jesus. Happiness = Jesus. There. Even simpler.

God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you, and he will raise you to life by his Spirit. *Romans 8:11*

Jeremy Thomas





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - March 2016

<u>Monday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9:00am
	Coffee Morning. (Church Hall)	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Church open for prayer.	7.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Communion.	9:45am
	Princes Pantry. (St Luke's)	11:30am - 1:00pm
	Vestry hour.	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 live and work in **Warwick Avenue, Brooklands Avenue, Old Hall Drive, Aspenwood, Beechwood Avenue, Woodfield Crescent and Firwood Grove**



Parish News



The Leprosy Mission



This year the annual World Leprosy Sunday for St. Thomas and St. Luke's will be on Sunday 3rd

April 2016. The Mission has a special project this year, "Rebuild Nepal", to help people there rebuild their homes and lives after the devastating earthquake of April 2015.

The Anandaban region was particularly badly hit and this included the Leprosy Mission Hospital which serves a vast area; it suffered structural damage and parts will need rebuilding, plus the homes of doctors, nurses and support staff.

The usual gift envelopes will be available on that day for your donations, and to supplement those, there will be a coffee morning on Friday 8th April 2016 at 1 Girton Avenue. We ask for your support for the Leprosy Mission in this special Nepal Appeal.

Barbara and Margaret

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AVERAGE	335.47	65	5.20



Mothers Union

DIARY:

Friday 4th March is Women's World Day of Prayer the Service this year will be held in our Church at 1.30pm.



Wednesday 16th March in the Church Hall 7.30pm
Speaker Bobbie Masnyk -Holiday visit to Turkey

Advance Notice

Wednesday 13th April Deanery Festival is to be held at St Pauls Goose Green 7.30pm. Speaker Archdeacon Jennifer Mckenzie. Please put the date in your diary.

Lord Jesus, as we rejoice in your risen presence,
we pray that the world may know your peace.

May we rise above division and
strife,

that your victory over darkness and
death

may be known in the world.

Lord, show us the peace we should
give,

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and the peace we must forgo.

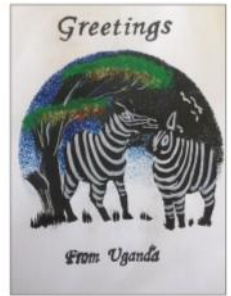
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***Love and prayers
Barbara***

BIOJEMMSS News

BIOJEMMSS is one of two Ugandan based charities sponsored by our Africa fund. BIOJEMMSS cares for Ugandan children and youth, in the absence of their parents. At the end of last year we sent an additional Christmas donation for the girls and boys in BIOJEMMSS.



Sian Davies, who is the director of BIOJEMMSS, recently sent a *thank you* email in which she wrote:

The money given went a really really long way this Christmas. We gave all our members either something or money (past and present members), re-painted the whole house, replaced our now worn out kitchen ware, bought one of those heating metal trays that you see at buffets, replaced some worn out blankets and mosquito nets, and even more bits and pieces. We also used the money to cover our Christmas food expenses. I really hope that this can be communicated to the church. We are very grateful and it really has made a difference. Thank you again for supporting the Africa Fund and the support going for us.

A few days after Sian's email, I received the following letter from one of the boys:

*To all at St Thomas' and St Luke's,
Hello from all of us in the BIOJEMMSS family and a Happy New Year to all of you! We pray that God continues to bless your church family as He has been blessing ours.*

Thank you so much for the Christmas money that you gave to us as a family. Each of us got a Christmas present and we had a Christmas lunch together as a family. We had so much fun!

We have been able to redecorate our home and we each have fresh new bedrooms. The money was able to get us new kitchenware – we love our new things! Our home looks fresh. We are so grateful from your amazing generosity. It has allowed us to do so much and we pray that God pours many blessings back to you all. Thank you again for your love and care towards us. Please continue to keep all of us in the BIOJEMMSS family in your prayers, pray that we will continue to do well at school and that God will keep pouring blessings over us.

Thank you, from Francis

We are always keen to involve more people in supporting the Africa fund. If you would like to know more then please contact me by email:

chriswooff@fastmail.fm or phone 01942 724207. **Chris Wooff**



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Eucharist Service



On Thursday 4th February thirty six of our year 6 children walked to church accompanied by their teacher, Mrs Fairclough, Teaching Assistant Mrs Bowden and a very kind parent helper, Mrs Pollitt, in order to attend the 9.45am holy communion service. This was a follow up from a special visit to our school by Reverend Jeremy and Sue which provided the year 6 pupils with a great opportunity to learn more about the Eucharist and the last supper. Attending the service was a great experience for all the students, enabling them to obtain a better understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist Service.

Feedback from some of our wonderful students was very positive, they all stated how much they enjoyed the occasion and felt privileged to have met and chatted to the all the parishioners, who made them feel very welcome.

The refreshments of warm drinks and biscuits were equally well received and all the children look forward to being confirmed in the future.

Student Prayer of the month

Dear Lord,

Thank you for letting us have this great opportunity to go to church and experience an Eucharist Service. Bless the lovely people we met, let them all live a long life as loyal Christians, and always feel close to you.

Please help us to never forget that you are always with us, in the good times and the bad, and we thank you for this.

Help us to be good friends with everyone and spread the word of God.



Amen

Jessica Lavin Y6
Hannah Pendlebury Y6



Psalms 127:3

"Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a real blessing".

Easter Blessings to everyone.

Peace be with you.

Elaine Mateus



The Great Feast



We decided that we would start 2016 with a Messy Church party theme based on Luke 14:15-23, and the story Jesus told about a man preparing a great banquet who invited many guests. When it came to the day, all the guests made excuses as to why they couldn't come and so the man sent his servants out to invite everyone they could find in the town to the party. They came but there was still room and so he sent his servants out again to bring in the marginalised. Again, the servants told him that there was still room for more. Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'



Can you imagine getting a VIP invitation to the greatest party the world has ever known - a party full of celebs, good food, champagne and live music. Now imagine turning the invitation down.

How crazy would you be? How foolish would your friends think you were? In this story, Jesus tells us about a number of guests who did just that. They made their excuses and they missed out. Similarly, we can make excuses when responding to God's invitation into his kingdom. We may think that we are too busy with work commitments, family responsibilities or other things, but the truth is we cannot afford to delay or reject the invitation!

This was our message for the afternoon but of course, we wanted to present it in a fun way. What are the essentials for a good party? Fun, food and a party bag; the first stop was for everyone to make their own party bag to take home their goodies! Next, we all made bookmarks with the words, '*Jesus invites everyone to his party*' written on it to remind us of the story once we got home.



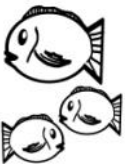
We drew smiling faces on balloons on sticks to take home, made party hats and a tablecloth collage of all the food that we would choose for our perfect party. We bashed the piñatas until they smashed and played pin the tail on the donkey (do you know how many times donkeys are mentioned in the Bible?)

As always there was a foodie activity - this time we were given a kebab stick and an assortment of delicious fruits for us to choose our favourites from. Once we had our stick full of fruit then we had melted chocolate drizzled over it and it was put away to set for after our party tea. They were yummy!

What is the last thing we say when we leave a party? Thank you of course and so we made thank you prayer dice with different prayers on each face.

We have so much fun at Messy Church that we want others to know about it too and come along. What better way to invite our friends then making a personalised invitation for our next one!

Once we had finished making, we all moved through into another room and acted out the story Jesus told, chatting about how crazy people must be not to accept Jesus' invitation to the best party ever! We finished with one of our current favourite worship songs - My Lighthouse, led by our Sunday Club children!



Our next Messy Church is on Good Friday (25th March) from 10.30 - 12.15 in the church hall. We finish with fish fingers or fish and chips together with many people who come over after the service in church. We make fish fingers on the day, but need to pre-order fish and chips and so please contact Messy Sue on 07877 704645 or sue@stthomasstluke.org.uk if you would like to join us for fish and chips or for any other information about Messy Church.



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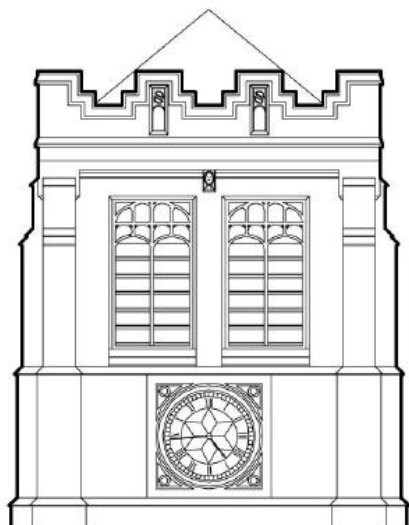
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Christmas seems such a long time ago now, but that's where our first news item begins. The Wigan Battalion ran a colouring competition for Anchors. Age 7/8 were asked to draw a Nativity scene and I am delighted to say that we have both the winner and the runner-up.

Rhys Hardman won and Owen Bullen was second. Age 5/6 were asked to colour the Nativity scene provided and again we have the winner – Matthew Bullen. All 3 received a selection box.

A group of Anchors attended a Christmas party organised by the Battalion and enjoyed a good time with games, a magician and, of course, a visit from Santa.

At the beginning of February 20 boys and 5 Officers from across our Company went to watch "Babes in the Wood" performed by St John's Pemberton Dramatic Society. It was very enjoyable, but the best bit was when cast members "frisked" our own Jonty Cornthwaite, whilst looking for a lost trinket.



All boys are now back into their badge work so we ask for your prayers as they travel along the path. Especially we ask you to pray for our 2 Company boys, Josh and Will, who are working towards their President's Badge, which is the second highest badge in the Boys Brigade.

As many of you will know, we are always looking for new recruits among the boys, but we are also looking for helpers and potential Officers, particularly to work with the older boys. You don't have to have a particular skill (although Musicians take note!), just a willingness to give up a few hours on a Tuesday to help our boys. If you are interested please speak to Jeremy, Sue, Gareth or any Officer.

Olwen – Officer in Anchor Boys.



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Room (15) Directed by Lenny Abrahamson

Stars: Brie Larson, Jacob Tremblay, Joan Allen, William.H.Macy, Sean Bridgers, and Matt Gordon

In a Nutshell: Sometimes it's really hard to jump into a review and think how to start it off, so I'll just be able meta and start off by pointing that out. It's also super hard to try and sum up a movie that it's easy to pre-judge.... a movie like this obviously comes with all the baggage of hype and praise, but it also comes with the massive baggage of such a troubling and upsetting subject matter that can lead people to not want to endure what they think this movie will entail... but it's the job of someone like me the reviewer to point out that whilst tough in places and pretty unsettling, this is not the endurance test you might expect, suffice to say it's actually one of the most affirming and uplifting movies you'll see in it's own way as well as pretty harrowing at points too. But it's not that film, the one you think it'll be. But another important factor in how this turns out are the performances and oh boy... the support cast do perfectly solid work, Macy in particular conveying so much through so little in one scene in particular, but it's Larson and Tremblays' show and oh what a show... two of the best performances I might have ever scene tbh, if both don't walk away with both Oscars this year then something has gone amiss, because both are just blinding and terrific in every sense of the word... Larson is just outstanding in what she has to do, but Tremblay in particular is a revelation, the innocence and the sweetness is just heart wrenching and wonderful, possibly the best child performance I have ever seen, he is sure to go far. This is particularly a hard film to talk about to be honest, so I'll say this.... throw away your preconceptions about what it will be but prepare yourself for tough stuff... but do yourself a favour and see this movie, it is a masterpiece! **Rating: 10/10**



The Revenant (15) Directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu

Stars: Leonardo Dicaprio, Tom Hardy, Domnhall Gleeson, Will Poulter, Forrest Goodluck, and Paul Anderson



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



In a Nutshell: Cinema is most certainly the first place you should consider when seeing a film, mainly because you need to see it on the biggest screen possible in the cosiest and comfiest way possible and with all the sound and picture quality to enhance that experience, and like Life of Pi, Avatar and Gravity before it... though much more, The Revenant is that sort of big screen experience that is to be remembered long after... from the epic vistas to the blistering tension and action and through to just the scope of the whole thing. One thing is for sure, it sure is terrific to look at... but beyond that, what about the film itself? Well apart from all that obvious stuff I've already... amazing landscapes, stunning vision and sheer scale... you have a great little cast of familiar faces... from the ever wonderful Will Poulter to the tremendous Domhnall Gleeson, both on the side of good whilst Tom Hardy is utterly magnetic and terrifying as the sinister Fitzgerald, mover-along of the plot as it were and all round baddie. The main draw as ever though is Leo, once more excelling beyond the call of duty and throwing himself into all matter of deadly situations... he is as terrific as he ever was. This is one of those films that needs to be seen as big as possible to truly do justice to it's scale... but mainly really, this is simply a film that deserves to be seen. Words can't do good to describe what this film is, you" just have to experience the cold and those blistering conditions on the big screen and then, well you'll never complain about normal weather again after you see what Leo goes through. This is quite simply a terrific piece of cinema... thrilling, slow burning, brutal and compelling.... it's on course for a bunch of awards this year, and I can see all the reasons... it's a truly brutal and dark thriller but one which really excels and is well worth seeking out... **Rating: 9/10**



Also Seen:

The Danish Girl (15) 8/10

The Hateful Eight (18) 9/10

Creed (12A) 8/10

The Big Short (15) 8/10

Spotlight (15) 9/10

Goosebumps (PG) 8/10



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**** Apology ****

In December 2015 the following donation was received and unfortunately omitted from the magazine.

In Memory of A Dear Husband **Allan Walker** from Barbara.

Please accept my apologies for this omission.

Funds currently in use are: Africa Fund, Audio Visual, Church Hall, Building & Maintenance, Garden of Rest, General, Grave Maintenance, Heath Road Graveyard, Heating and Youth worker

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All Loved Ones from Marion Bullen

My Parents, **Reginald and Phyllis Barnett** from Sandra Ferry

My dear Husband **Albert Topping** from Emily Topping

Stuart Brown from Mrs J Brown

Anniversary Remembrance of

Billy Lyon, a dear Husband and Dad (9th March)
From Margaret, Elizabeth, Beverley and Heather

Thomas Tagg (4th March) a dear Grandson, from Grandma

A dear Mum (26th March) and Dad (3rd April)

Peggy and Thomas Knocker from Margaret

Clara Shaw (5th March) a loving Mum and Grandma
From Barbara, Malcolm and Family

Thomas Pennington (22nd March) a much loved Dad, Father-in-Law and
Grandad from David and Family

Elizabeth Alice Winstanley (25th March), a dear Mother and
Mother-in-Law, from Nancy and George

My dear parents, **Jessie Evans** (12th March) and **Douglas Evans**
(21st April) from Hazel

Raymond Bullough (14th March), a beloved Husband, Dad and Grandad
from Avis, Alison & Stephen, Philip & Michelle, Rachel, Kate, Luke & Amy

Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance of James Scriven, March
23rd and April 6th - a dear brother and uncle

Freda	Craig and Nicola
Karen, Jimmy, Laura & Andrew	Wendy, Adrian, Michael & Bethany
Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica	Gary, Leah, Mason and Alyssa



St Thomas' March Donations



Donation in Thanksgiving for the life of Thomas Tagg to be used for children's work particularly **Bubbles** from family and friends.

St Lukes' Donations



Anniversary remembrance (26th March) of Gordon Bailey

A dearly loved son, brother and uncle from his loving mum Annie and family

A dear dad and granddad with love from Hannah, Kofi and Zahra

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Come and Join Us for
BRUNCH



**Bacon/Sausage Barm Cakes
Sandwiches**



**Apple Pie and Cream
Jam and Cream Scones**



**Cake Stall
Raffle
Tombola**

**Chocolate Tombola
Book Stall**



Please come and Join Us—Everyone welcome

**Saturday 19th March 11am-1pm
St Thomas Church Hall**



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the week before Easter Day; it starts with Palm Sunday which is on 20th March this year. Palm Sunday is when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.



The Thursday of Holy Week is called Maundy Thursday which is named for the words that Jesus used at his last meal with the disciples, what we now call the Last Supper. The Latin words are 'Madatum novum da vobis' – a new commandment I give you'. Do you know what that commandment is? You can read the whole account in St John's Gospel, chapter 13.

Then comes Good Friday - a lot of people can't see why a day that commemorates the trial and crucifixion of Jesus could be called 'good'. It was a black day but Christians know that without what happened that Friday there would be no Easter. Without the death of our Lord there would have been no empty tomb on Easter Day, no glorious Resurrection.

HOT CROSS BUNS

One of the pleasures of Easter is eating hot cross buns. Like most things they cost more now than they did in this old rhyme...

Hot Cross Buns,
Hot Cross Buns,
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot Cross Buns.

If you have no daughters,
Give them to your sons,
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot Cross Buns.

If you have some time to spare, see how many words you can make from the letters in the words HOT CROSS BUNS. Words of at least 3 letters, no plurals, proper names or foreign words.

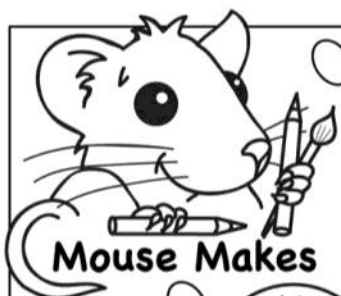


What do you get when you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?

A hot cross bunny.

Why couldn't the rabbit fly home for Easter?

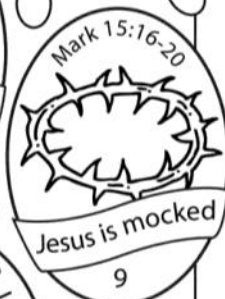
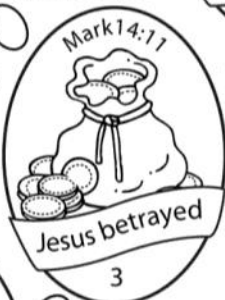
He didn't have the hare fare.



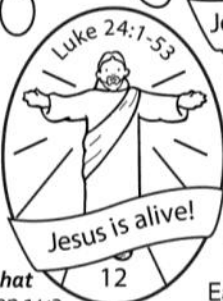
Each big egg tells a part of the Easter story. Colour them in then look up the bible verses.



Easter Story Eggs



Jesus said:
"I am the resurrection and the life"
John 11:25



Jesus said:
"I will come and get you so that you can always be with me" John 14:3

Cut out the big eggs. Glue onto card and use them for a bible story Easter egg hunt.



The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

19th Jan.	Olive Anderton	Booths Brow Road	89 yrs
20th Jan.	Margaret Garner	Limewood Court Nursing Home	91 yrs
20th Jan.	Margaret Lace	Oakwood Avenue	70 yrs
15th Feb.	Dorothy Picton	Old Road	73 yrs

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



24th Jan.	Emily Jane Vermiglio	Silver Birch Grove
	Daisy Marion Speakman	Orton Way
31st Jan.	Zak Daniel Trwoga	Old Road

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Boys Brigade

Captain: Gareth Hamlett (07903866501)

Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 5.45 p.m.)

Olwen Wright (389595)

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Kat Duckworth (07517486188)

Company Section (Tuesday: 7.30 p.m.)

Contact Gareth Hamlett

Girl Guides

Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)

Anne Wooff (724207)

3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies

(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)

Irene Taylor (Wednesday) (703410)

Susan Hughes (Thursday) (725291)

St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.15 p.m.)

Susan Hughes (725291)

3rd Ashton Guides & Ranger Guides

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)

Rachel Starkie (718350)

Music Group Mary Owen (203277)

Sunday – 10.45 a.m.

St Thomas' Choir

Sunday - 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.

Paul Tushingham (711085)

Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'

Tues - 10 a.m.

Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)

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)

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St Luke's Over Sixties

Monday – 2.00 p.m.

Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club

Wednesday Weenies

Wed – 1.00 p.m.: Jan Cornthwaite

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