

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

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

## Sundays

### St Thomas'

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

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

### St Luke's

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

Thursday 9.45 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) In St Thomas'	Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for additional services details or exceptions, particularly around Christmas time.
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**Deadlines:** Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to [magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk)

**Deadline for any submissions to be included in the April magazine, including donations is 15th March** Any donations received after this date will be in the next edition.

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Hand Written	15th March	13th April
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Magazine Release	31st March	26th April

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### **Booking Baptisms and Weddings**

We are now encouraging everyone who would like to book a baptism or wedding to come to the family service at either St Thomas (10.45am) or St Luke's (11am) and bookings will be taken afterwards.

## **Important Parish Information**

### **Baptisms**

Baptisms are held at St Thomas' church at 12.45 pm on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and also during the 10.45 am service on the second Sunday. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11 am on the third Sunday.

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

### **Marriage**

You can marry in a C of E church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the church office on 01942 721484

### **Funerals**

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



## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches**

<b><u>Mon</u></b>	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
<b><u>TT</u></b>	Youth club for 11+ (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
<b><u>TT</u></b>	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	18.00-19.00
<b><u>Tue</u></b>	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
<b><u>TT</u></b>	Football (Byrchall Sports Hall)	17.00-18.00
	Church open for prayer	19.00-20.00
<b><u>Wed</u></b>	Messy Tots (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
<b><u>TT</u></b>	Weenies (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
<b><u>Thu</u></b>	Holy Communion	09:45-10.30

### **TT—term time only**

*These are the usual events in our church, please see the notices for details of youth events and other activities taking place. For details of organisations and who to contact see back page of magazine.*

**Streets for Prayer:** This month we are praying for the people who live and work in Conway Road, Severn Road and Avon Road

### **TANGO**

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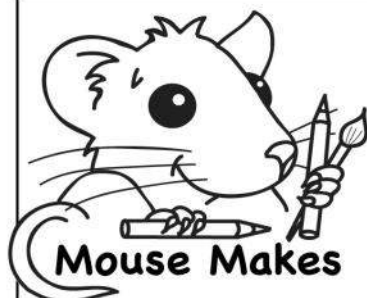


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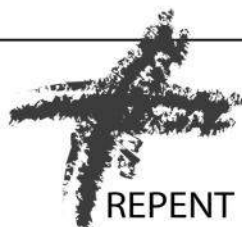


# Mouse Makes



During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus

**Lent** is the name given to the **40 days** before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say *sorry* to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.



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BIBLE • WORD • REMEMBER • WORSHIP • GOD



# Letter from Sam

*We spent February exploring 1 Peter in our sermon series thinking about: Worship, Discipleship, Mission, Leadership, and Community. At the end of the series, Sam reflects on some of Peter's closing words to the church.*

Soren Kierkegaard, a Danish writer, once wrote in his journal: “All existence makes me anxious, from the smallest fly to the mysteries of the Incarnation.” Perhaps you can empathize. Kierkegaard had recently undergone heartbreak. Regine Olsen, Kierkegaard’s fiancé, had broken off their engagement and he had fallen into a long period of depression. That experience led him to a deeper understanding of the ways in which anxiety is one of the definitive experiences of being human. On some level, to be human is to be anxious.

Over the past month or so, I’ve become more aware of the ways in which I’m anxious without always being conscious of it; anxious about the future, about relationships, about the state of the world. Everything from the fruit flies to the incarnation. I’m not particularly good at stopping for long enough to listen to my heart and body, and to hear what they are telling me about what is really going on inside. When I pause for long enough to listen to myself, I become aware of the anxiety within me. When I pause for longer and listen to God, I am reminded of the words Peter writes to his fledgling house churches:





# Letter from Sam

***“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.”  
1 Peter 5.7***

For the anxious and concerned those words offer relief. He cares for you. And in his caring he has become like you in every way. Those four words are worth dwelling with over the next month, or year. He cares for you. Like a mother with her child, we are cared for by God. We have not been forgotten, we have been remembered. We have been treasured up and brought to mind deep within God.

The church that Peter writes to, of course, has a great deal to be anxious about. Many faced persecution and martyrdom for their faith. Dorothy Bernard wrote: *"courage is fear that has said its prayers."* The growth of the early church is testament to their willingness to cast their anxieties onto Jesus and face the future with courage.

Over the next year, some of us will experience deep excitement and joy at the changes in our churches; for others they will be a source of anxiety. Our

prayer is that however you anticipate them, you would experience Jesus unending love for as the one who cares for you. And that together, we might say our prayers and face the coming year with courage and faith.



*Sam*



# Mothers Union

## **Women World Day of Prayer**

**Friday 1 March** is Women's World Day of Prayer the Service this year will be held in the Canon's Hall St Oswald's at 10.30am. Please note the change of time.

**Wednesday 20 March** speaker Peter Hatfield who speaks about his experiences as a journalist Church Hall 7.30pm

**Saturday 23 March** Commissioning Service in Liverpool Cathedral at 3.00pm for the new Diocesan President Caroline and the new Trustees including Liz the new Wigan Deanery Trustee. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Brunch, those who provided cakes, tombola and raffle prizes served the food, or helped in the kitchen. A special thank you for Michael Pye who acted as Treasurer for the event and a general thank you to all those who came along on the day and helped us to raise the sum of £462 for Mothers Union projects.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Brenda Percival on the 24th January. As I am sure you are all aware Brenda was the wife of our vicar the Rev Derek Percival who came to the parish in 1987. Brenda was a very active vicar's wife and became the Branch Leader, a role that she held for many years. In 1988 she had a recruitment drive resulting in many of our present members being enrolled in the Branch.

When Derek died suddenly Brenda was able to find a suitable bungalow in Ashton which enabled her to remain very active here at St Thomas and St Luke's until her failing health limited her ability to get about. She eventually became an Indoor Member but was always keen to follow, at a distance, the Branch activities. Her many medical problems eventually forced her to move into Shawcross Nursing Home. Brenda will be sadly missed by her daughter Debbie and her family and her many friends.





# Mothers Union

## The Lord is my Star - inspired by Psalm 23

The Lord is my star,  
I am enfolded by his love.

As I open my door each day to a version of heaven  
trees, birdsong, flowers, sky, loving people  
as the incomparable beauty of the Dales  
the hills, the rocks, the streams and woods  
unfolds before me as I wander  
with a surge of joy, I am complete.

He is a constant presence,  
as the pole star at night amid the endless galaxies,  
as the sun star by day lighting up every corner of the world,  
leading me onward and surrounding me with wonders and marvels.

In times of anxiety I hear his voice,  
Trust in me.  
Don't be afraid.

So I go on, acutely aware of the blessings life brings me,  
grounding me in love and compassion,  
with the knowledge of his presence at its heart.

Love and prayers  
**Barbara**



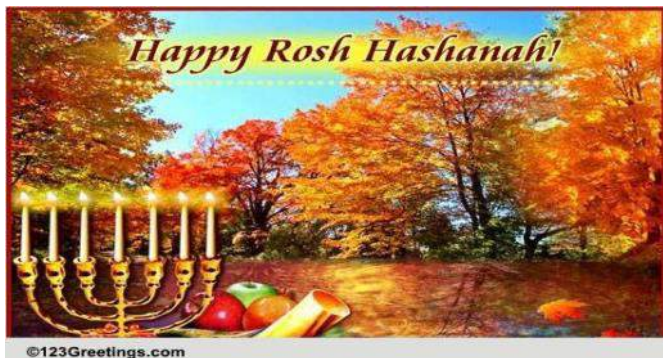


## St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

This term at St Thomas's we have been very busy and had quite a lot of special visitors who came in to talk about faith and religion.

A Jewish gentleman called Eric Cohen came in to tell us about his religion; Judaism. He told us about some Jewish festivals like Rosh Hashanah (new year) and a special festival where you must stay and fast in the synagogue for 11 hours and stand the last hour to show respect.

Eric also talked about Passover and what it meant in year 4. They got to taste grape juice and matzo (unleavened bread) they also sang lots of songs as well. We were told they pray by covering their eyes and he prays out of a book in Hebrew.





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

Y6 also had Flic and Sam from St Thomas's Church come to visit them to perform a Eucharist service and teach them why it is important for Christians to have communion.

This term we also created a big frieze which tells the whole of The Bible in pictures.

Each class made a picture each and we displayed them in frames on the wall: 4 from the Old Testament and 4 from the New.

They show GOD, CREATION, THE FALL, PEOPLE OF GOD, INCARNATION, THE GOSPELS, SALVATION & KINGDOM OF GOD!

What a lot of learning we have done!



# **Legacies**

**Legacies – During National Will week 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March, why not consider leaving a gift that will make a lasting difference**

At St Thomas and St Luke, we rely on the generosity of our congregations and communities. On behalf of the churches I thank you most warmly for your regular giving and donations.

But you may be one of the many people in our congregation who have not yet made a will or thought about leaving a gift in your will to the church as a lasting gift in your memory.

It is important for everyone in our church family, old and young, to make a Will, and review it regularly. Whatever age we are, an up to date will means we are prepared both practically and spiritually. We can provide for those we love and protect them from any legal worries over our estate. Making a will is simple, inexpensive and important and we strongly advise you seek legal advice when writing or amending a will.

But what better time to consider this than during National Wills week 11-15<sup>th</sup> March when many local solicitors offer reduced cost wills and related services often throughout the whole month of March.



Can I invite you also to consider leaving a gift to St Thomas or St Luke's in *your* will? We know from experience that such gifts make a lasting difference, caring for our beautiful buildings, supporting our mission and activities and making new things possible. That would be *your* legacy.

If you would like any further information about leaving a legacy, you can request a free information pack at [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk) or simply call the Church Legacy information line on 0844 870875.

Alternatively, if you or would like to discuss wills and legacies in confidence then please feel free to contact Sarah Riley (Treasurer) or Malcolm Taylor in strict confidence and they will be happy to provide you with further information.

*Sarah*

### The Leprosy Mission

A very big thank you to all those who supported the recent World Leprosy Day – Heal Nepal both with envelopes donations and in the Church Hall following the 10.45am service.

The total raised so far is £233 which has been forwarded to Headquarters. This amount, plus any late donations made before the end of April, will be doubled by a Government grant which makes all our efforts very worthwhile.

A special thank you also goes to our helpers, Viv, Isobel and Anne – we couldn't have done without you.

Yours gratefully,

***Barbara and Margaret***



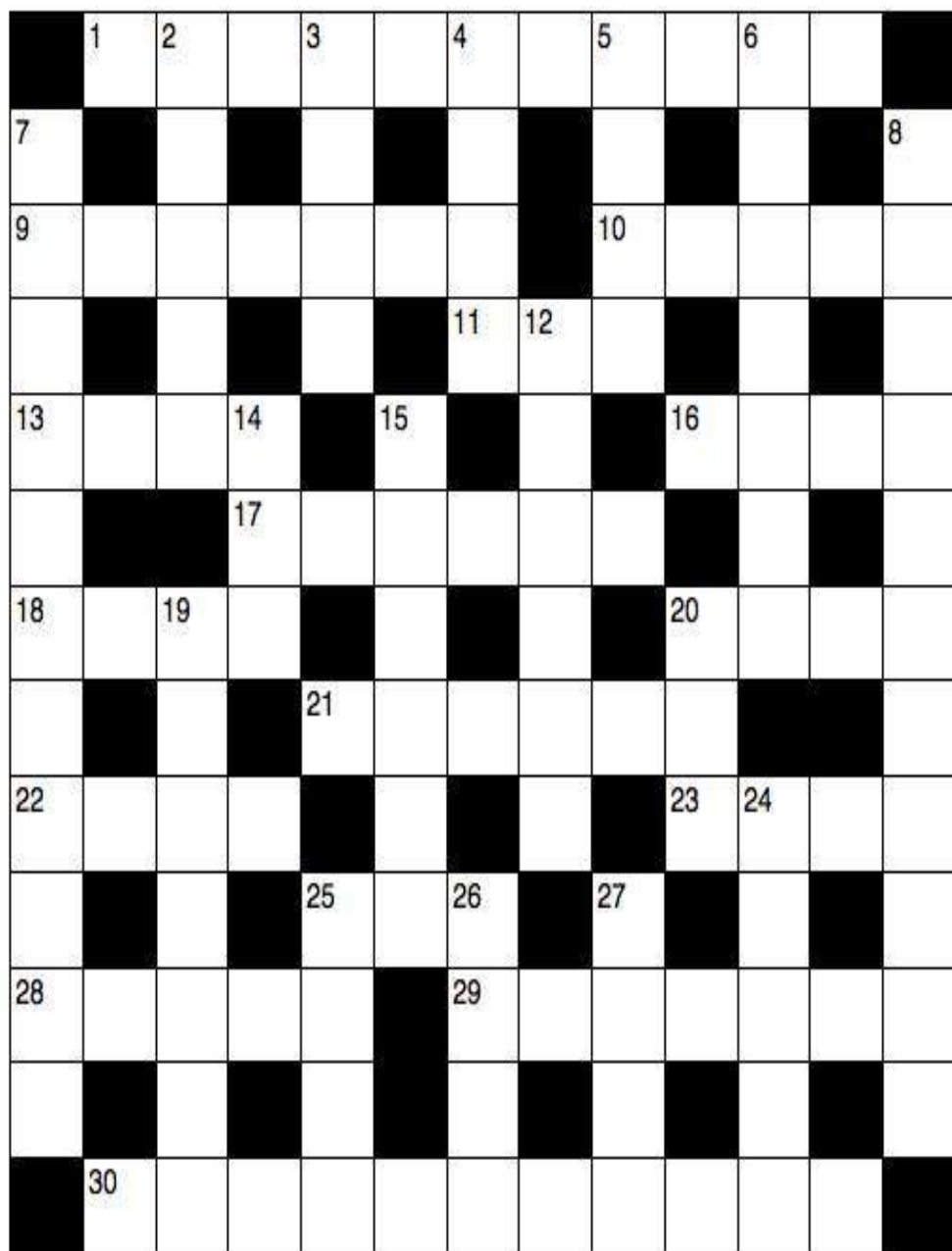
# Crossword

## Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

## Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



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## Word Search

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## **Sudoku puzzle**

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# The Film Review

With Rob Carson



## Robert Carson's Film Report- March 2019

### Movie Reviews

#### **Glass (15)**

**Directed by M. Night Shyamalan**

**Stars:** Bruce Willis, James McAvoy, Samuel L Jackson, Sarah Paulson, Spencer Treat Clark, Anya Taylor Joy, Charlayne Woodard, Luke Kirby, and Adam David Thompson

**In a Nutshell:** There are those films in life that you always thought deserved a sequel oh so highly but you told yourself it probably wouldn't because life isn't always fair in that way.... Then what should happen but the possibility arises. That was the feeling at the end of 2017's Split when Bruce Willis had a one second cameo to tease that more of Unbreakable could be on the way. Combining the worlds and characters of both Split and Unbreakable, Glass is a very unique and maybe flawed movie that really does something special nonetheless and is a treat for those like me who have been pumped for two whole years now. Naturally, the performances are all solid with Bruce on a better form than he's had for a while and Sam Jackson at his most deliciously Sam Jackson reprising one of his best roles, but James McAvoy is simply something else. It begs the question why these films are left out of awards recognition, because it's the biggest tour de force there is as he flawlessly portrays 24 different people seamlessly, it's something else entirely and somehow betters his stellar turn in Split. As with a M Night film, there are many twists and turns unleashed and revealed as the story reached its end, and I believe a huge factor in loving it, hating it or being severely 'ah well' is how you take the nature of these developments and what it does with them.... I worried about the direction but think this film keeps turning expectations around, it teases something then goes another way. The original Unbreakable arrived not long after the first X-Men movie and a year before Spider-Man, now in this Marvel obsessed world it's certainly time for a film that explores these tropes and their grounding in real life... the timing couldn't be better. Whilst certainly not perfect, this is an intriguing and very terrific climax to a very unique story.

**Rating: 8/10**



# The Film Review

With Rob Carson



## **Stan and Ollie (PG)**

**Directed by Jon S. Baird**

**Stars:** Steve Coogan, John C. Reilly, Shirley Henderson, Nina Arianda, Danny Huston, Rufus Jones, Cynthia Clark, Stephanie Hyam, and Richard Cant

**In a Nutshell:** It's always the tricky thing, playing real life icons in a movie or a real-life icon. Many have done it and won acclaim and awards, but it's always a daunting thing... whether its Joaquin as Cash, Foxx as Charles, Malek as Mercury, Downey as Chaplin, or Dicaprio as Hughes, it's a big task to take on; can you do justice to them and tell their story effectively. Well in the same vein as Chaplin, here comes another of those and it's just a true gem of a picture as they'd say, and I can say 100% that both actors are astounding and do justice to these characters and then some. It certainly helps that both actors are masters of the comedic arts already, so can go some way to capturing that comedic mastery of both Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy whilst both are also terrific performers with proven record so they can also nail the emotional side and really delivery outstanding performances... but whilst both Reilly and Coogan are just perfect, the two ladies in their life are equally outstanding and steal the show several times, Arianda in particularly stealing whole chunks of the movie. Alongside this barrage of terrific performances that really capture the heart of the story is simply a beautiful amazing story of two total legends, really capturing the sweetness and the humour and the tragedy behind how it all came crashing down and then back up again. Really whirling you back to a golden age, this is a sweet, funny and heartwarming tale that tells a beautiful and sweet story so well. It will capture your heart and make you smile.

**Rating: 9/10**

Also Seen:

**Welcome to Marwen (12A) 8/10**

**Green Book (12A) 9/10**

**Escape Room (15) 7/10**

**Mary Queen of Scots (15) 8/10**

**Vice (15) 8/10**

**The Favourite (15) 8/10**

## Monthly Prayer



### **Prayer for help and healing**

Father,  
You are always loving, always generous and  
kind to your children.

Please have mercy on us as a nation at this  
time of turmoil and division.

Help us to be tolerant and understanding of those who have  
different, sincerely-held opinions.  
And guide our leaders so that your will be done in our country  
and in our relationships with each other and with Europe and  
the rest of the world.

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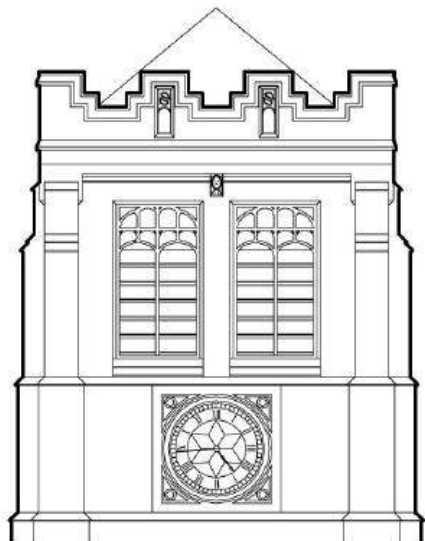
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# St Luke's Flowers

## Flowers in church this month

3rd March	Vacant
10th March	Lent
17th March	Lent
24th March	Lent
31st March	Lent

In memory of Brenda Percival from Margaret Cook

### Verse for the Year

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God' great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32-33

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solution**

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**Sudoku  
solution**

2	5	3	6	7	8	9	1	4
9	4	6	5	2	1	8	7	3
8	7	1	9	4	3	6	2	5
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3	8	4	2	9	5	7	6	1
7	9	2	1	6	4	3	5	8
4	3	8	7	5	2	1	9	6
5	2	9	8	1	6	4	3	7
6	1	7	4	3	9	5	8	2



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**All donations must be received by 13th March to be printed in the April Magazine.**

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Birthday memories 15<sup>th</sup> February of my dearly loved and greatly missed mum Emily Stott. Your loving son Ian.



Treasured memories of Sheila Lester, a much loved friend and auntie (12th March) from Joan, Dennis & family

Wedding anniversary remembrance (18th March) and birthday remembrance (20th March) of Joyce Gibson. Love always from Eric

In loving memory of Austin Bullen on our diamond wedding anniversary (28th March) from ever loving wife Jean

Anniversary remembrance of Clara Shaw (5th March) a dear mum & grandma from Barbara, Malcolm & family

Birthday & anniversary remembrance of David Bowen. A dearly loved husband, dad, grandad, great grandad and father in law from Isabel & family

Anniversary remembrance of Austin Bullen 11th March. A dearly loved husband, dad, grandad & father in law from Jean, Karen & Keith, Jaki & Simon & Toni & Ben

In loving memory of Elizabeth Alice Winstanley (25th March) a dear mother and mother in law from Nancy & George

Birthday memories of James Scriven (March 23rd) a loving brother & uncle from Freda & family

Anniversary remembrance of Ursula Parkinson (19th March) from Harold & family

Birthday & anniversary remembrance (15th March & 19th July) of my lovely mum Ena Jones from daughter Rene & family

In birthday remembrance of Gilbert Evans (11th March), Doris Evans (22nd March) and Walter Evans (30th April) from Val and Roy Evans



# St Thomas' Flowers

## Ladies on duty

Mar 2nd	No Flowers Lent
↓	No Flowers Lent
↓	No Flowers Lent
Apr 13th	No Flowers Lent

## March birth flower



**Daffodil.** The **daffodil** is the March birth flower. They are one of spring's most recognizable flowers, known for their bright yellow and white petals. Their flowers are formed by a central cup shaped corona (the part of the flower that holds the stamens), that is surrounded by six large petals.



# St Thomas' Flowers

Flowers in church this month		
	Altar	Lady Chapel
Feb 24th	In memory of Raymond Bullough. A dearly loved dad and grandad from Avis & family	In memory of Harriet and Herbert Pilling. Dearly loved parents and grandparents from Avis and family

## Flower Guild donations

### In memory of Gladys Jolley



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 A good neighbour from Gwenette Hamilton  
 A dear friend from Meta & Ken, Madge Twist, Jean & Les Johnson, Betty Shaw, Doug and Janet Wildman



# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

25th Jan	Emily	Stott	94
6th Feb	Brenda	Percival	87
13th Feb	Ronald	Cunliffe	75
15th Feb	Norman	Farrimond	76
18th Feb	Norma	Daniels	69
19th Feb	Walter	Hazeldon	77
20th Feb	Hazel	Sheedy	85
21st Feb	Christine	McGregor	67

## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



10th Feb	Priya Summer Meadows	Weavermill Park
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# Church Organisations in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in Makerfield

<p><b><u>Boys Brigade</u></b>  Captain Gareth Hamlett 07903866501  Anchor Boys (Tues 5:45pm)  Olwen Wright 389595  Junior Section (Tues 6:45pm)  Kat Duckworth 07517486188  Company Section (Tues 7:30pm)  Contact Gareth Hamlett</p>	<p><b><u>Girl Guides</u></b>  Rainbows (Tues 5:30pm)  Anne Wooff 724207  3rd &amp; 4th Ashton Brownies (Wed)  3rd Ashton Guides/Rangers  (Tues 7:15pm)  Rachel Starkie 718350</p>
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<p><b><u>Asylum Seeker Support</u></b>  Anne &amp; Chris Wooff 724207</p>	<p><b><u>Messy Tots</u></b>  Wed 10:00 - 11:30 at St Luke's  Sue Thomas 07877 704645</p>

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