

St Thomas' and St Luke's Ashton-in-Makerfield Magazine

**AND NOW THESE
THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE AND
LOVE. BUT THE
GREATEST
OF THESE IS
LOVE.**

1 Corinthians 13:13

March 2020

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Church Services in St Thomas' and St Luke's

Sundays

St Thomas'

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 All Age Worship	9 ^{am} Morning Worship 10.45 Worship Together 18.30 Communion	9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 Worship Together	9 ^{am} Morning Worship 10.45 Communion 18.30 Evening Prayer
St Aidan's 18.30 Evening Prayer		St Aidan's 18.30 Communion	

5th Sunday in March

10.30 Hub Communion at St Peter's School, Bryn
18.30 Hub Communion at St Andrew's, Garswood

St Luke's at 11am

Family Worship	Communion	Family Worship	Family Worship
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Weekdays

Thursday 9.45am Holy Communion (BCP) in St Thomas'	Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for additional services details or exceptions.
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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 Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas' Church at 12.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11am on the 3rd Sunday. To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's or St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session.

Funerals

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

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the church office on: 01942 721484 or office@stthomasstluke.org.uk



Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

Mon	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
TT	Youth club for 11+ (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
TT	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	17.45-18.45
TT	JYC Extra (Church Hall)	18.45-19.15
Tue	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
	Church open for prayer	19.00-20.00
Wed TT	Messy Tots (Church Hall)	13.00-13.45
TT	Weenies (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
Thu	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

Warwick Avenue, Brooklands Avenue, Old Hall Drive, Aspenwood, Beechwood Avenue, Woodfield Crescent & Firwood Grove.

Year Verse

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Letter from Helen

It's March – a month full of activity. March 3rd is World Wildlife Day; March 5th - World Book Day; March 8th - International Women's Day; March 21st - World Poetry Day to name just a few. God's gifts of environment, culture and equality justly celebrated even if people don't realise their source. 20th March - Spring officially begins! Hooray! I wonder how many of these you were aware of? Do people outside of church know that March 1st is the first Sunday of Lent?

For many Lent is traditionally the time to give up something – giving up eggs led to the celebration of Pancake Day – to get rid of the eggs before the church fast began. Few now remember Shrove Tuesday as a Day to 'shrive' – to say sorry for your sins – the start of a time of preparation for Easter. Lent is not seen as very exciting, like Advent is, preparing for Christmas, but it's a very important part of the Church year - Easter day can only happen because of what happened first! And during Lent we think very much about Jesus' journey towards Jerusalem, how the people of Jesus' time failed to recognise Him as God's Son, and how we personally fail to live to God's high standards, so that Jesus had to fulfil God's plan to die for our forgiveness.

Fasting is a good thing – abstaining from something in order to discipline the mind, body and soul. That 'something' may be watching TV, playing games on your phone, social media etc. not just eating – whatever takes up a big space in your life - in order to make space for God's creativity. This year you may like to do Lent a bit differently. Not just giving something up, but consciously taking time to read your bible to learn from God's word and to pray – for our loved ones, our fellow church members across the Hub and those who are leading us world-wide to make this world a place of peace and justice. How about being more generous and more Christ-like with our time and energies. You could look at the website:

<https://40acts.org.uk/> It has 40 reflections and challenges to be more generous with our time and resources

On March 22nd we celebrate Mothering Sunday, or as the Card shops promote it, Mother's Day. We will be remembering those who have cared for us, as a Mother does, but we may also remember the tradition of the servant classes being allowed to have a day off to go home to their 'Mother Church', to worship at the church where they were Baptised, and set off in the journey of faith. At a time when we are being encouraged to think more widely about our 'church' it's a good time to think about and support those who initiated our faith, and those who help it to grow today. During Lent may we make time for God, support His Church, and share His love with all who don't know the reason for the season.

God bless you all in your Lenten journey

Helen Steele (St Aidan's)



News from our churches

With Malcolm

We were delighted to hear that the Rev Sue Fulford has been appointed as Assistant Leader in the South parish. I am sure that you would now like to know a little more about her. I have received this short pen portrait from Sue for which I am grateful. Don't forget that she will be licensed by the Bishop of Warrington at St Thomas Church on the 17 March.



Sue says:

I am so looking forward to joining you all in the South Hub and working alongside Jeremy and the team. Many of you will probably know me as I have been in and around Wigan for all of my life. I was ordained in 2004 and have been serving as a Self Supporting Minister at St Mark's Newtown and most recently in the Town Centre Hub. Before that I was a Reader at St Mark's.

News from our churches

With Malcolm

I am married to Mike who works for the NHS as a Community Learning Disability Nurse. We celebrate our 20th Wedding Anniversary in September. At the moment we live in Newtown with our cat Oscar.

I never imagined that I would leave St Marks but two years ago I felt that God was calling me to something new. After a period of waiting prayerfully it became clear that he was calling me to full time ministry. Late last year I took the opportunity to take early retirement from my job with Wigan Council to further explore this calling. After a lengthy period of discernment I was appointed as your Associate Hub Leader. It has probably been the worst kept secret in Wigan.

My licensing is on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30 p.m. at St Thomas'. I hope that you will be there. I am looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

Magazine

In the February edition I asked if anyone felt that they could help with a redesign of our magazine, to date I have not had a response, there's still time! However whilst talking about the magazine even in its present form we desperately need someone to take over as the editor. This involves some 3 to 5 hours time once a month and requires a familiarity with publisher. It is an opportunity to serve the Lord in this ministry. If required training can be given.

News from our churches

With Malcolm

Volunteers

I have commented on previous occasions how much we rely on the many volunteers who commit themselves to serving our Saviour here at St Thomas and St Luke's. There are so many areas of our church life which are dependent on those who offer themselves for service. The fact is that whilst we are more than grateful for our current volunteers we are always in need of more help. Whether it involves children and youth work, reading and helping in our services or being a member of the many teams working to provide refreshments, or just being there to welcome people. You also may have a talent or skill from which our church congregations can benefit. On this point I would like again to thank Jim Marsden, our own Jim will fix it, for repairing the latch on the Vestry door, repairing a broken table in the church hall and the hinge on the Warrington Road door.

Heath Road Graveyard

If you have had occasion to visit this graveyard recently you cannot fail to have noticed the number of grave plots which have had major problems with ground subsidence. Many of the graves in this graveyard are very old and are no longer maintained by the families. Quite probably there are many graves where there are no surviving family members to carry out the work. The upshot of this is that the graveyard now needs urgent work carrying out to fill the voids and render it safe for all visitors. This needs to be done before the growing season. We will have to buy many tons of top soil and then rely on your help with spade and wheelbarrow. We will be asking (perhaps pleading is more apt) for volunteers, if you can help please let me or Tony Cornthwaite know.

Malcolm



Mothers' Union

Diary:

Friday 6 March is Women's World Day of Prayer the Service this year will be held in St Thomas Church at 10.30am the speaker is Maurice Smith.

Saturday 7 March Hope Church Ashton Ladies Afternoon guest speaker Karen Soole

Saturday 14 March There is a slavery vigil at Liverpool Cathedral 1.00-3.00pm. If you wish to attend Liz Clarke (a Trustee) thinks that you can travel there on the train cheaper if there are two of you.

Wednesday 18 March in the Church Hall 7.30pm the speaker is Juliette Colletta who will speak about her experiences in youth work.

Mothering Sunday is on the 22 March and as usual the MU are having ethical gifts. Just add £1.00 to your choice and receive a Mary Sumner Rose designed card embedded with seeds. Follow the instructions and watch the wild flowers grow.

Wednesday 25 March Deanery Festival this will be held this year at St Andrews Church Springfield at 7.30pm, the speaker will be Caroline Collins our Diocesan President. I would like to encourage all who are able to attend this important occasion in our lives as members of the MU. Branch Banners will be presented. It is a wonderful deanery occasion and I would encourage you to attend. Please add your name to the list in church so that transport can be arranged.

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 £603.40 for Mothers Union projects.





Mothers' Union

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Betty Shaw (Wigan Road) passed away on the 21st January. When her health permitted Betty was a regular attender not only to our meetings but also Tuesday Morning coffee and Sunday Morning service. She was always keen to support our brunches etc with the offer to bake cakes. We pass on to her family at this sad time our love and prayers.

Dear God,

We thank you for mothers and carers everywhere,
and for all they do to help us to grow up well
We thank you that they love us and show us
how to learn to stand on our own two feet

We pray that mums will feel really special today;
that they will know how much we love them
and how much you love them too.

Most of all, we thank you, God,
that you are our heavenly parent
who loves us and helps us all to grow well
and make the very best of life.

Amen

Love and prayers

Barbara

A Musical Evening will take place on Friday, 1st. May at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, North Ashton with performances by Trinity Girls Brass Band, Frank Lowe (Organ) and children from Rectory School. Tickets £5 including refreshments available from April 1st from Frank Lowe 01942 728531.



THE POTTER GRAVESTONES

PART 3

In last months article I described the second gravestone - the grave of John & Elizabeth/Betty Potter(Smith), sons John Potter, Charles Potter, of Wigan, Hezekiah Tatlock Potter and daughter Mary Potter, of Wigan. Another son James Potter 1792 - 1824 is named on the third gravestone.

Inscribed on a third gravestone "Here lies the body of James Potter, who departed this life Southampton 28th May 1824, aged 32, were(sic) he went for the benefit of his health". James Potter was a grocer and corn & flour dealer and owned a grocers shop on Market Place, Wigan. James suffered from consumption(TB) and was sent away to Southampton to breath the cleaner air. He died at Southampton 1824 aged 32. After James' death his brother Charles took over the occupancy of the shop.

A fourth gravestone bearing the inscription of "Margaret wife of Thomas Potter died 21st July 1822, aged 34" and sons Thomas & John Potter refers to Thomas Potter 1790 - 1825, another son of John & Betty/Elizabeth Potter(Smith), and husband of Margaret Potter.

Thomas Potter married Margaret Birchall at St. Aidans, Billinge, in 1829. Thomas was landlord at the "White Lion" Inn, Hallgate, Wigan(the area of todays Wigan bus station). Thomas & Margaret had 3 children but all died young, John 1817 - 1848 of Hallgate, died of apoplexy/stroke; Thomas 1819 - 1848 of Park Lane, Ashton, died of decline; and Henry 1821 - 1821. In 1822 Thomas' wife Margaret Potter died of apoplexy aged 34 and was buried at St. Thomas', Ashton. In 1823 Thomas' 2nd marriage at Whitegates, near Northwich, Cheshire, was to Hannah Nicholson, of Cheshire. In 1824 their daughter Elizabeth was born. The following year Thomas Potter died of consumption(TB) aged 34 and was buried with his first wife Margaret at St. Thomas', Ashton. Thomas bequeathed all his property to his children and to Hannah, his wife, all the household goods, furniture and brewing vessels. Hannah Potter continued as landlady of the "White Lion" Inn, Hallgate, Wigan.

In 1841 Thomas and Margeret Potter's(Birchall) sons John and

Thomas were living with their uncle Hezekiah Tatlock Potter, corn & flour dealer, on Market Place, Wigan. In 1848 John and Thomas Potter died and were buried with their parents at St. Thomas', Ashton.

The fifth gravestone bearing the inscription "1830 John and Isabella Potter. Their two breadths" refers to John Potter, born 1782, son of Henry & Esther Potter(Boon) who married in 1767. Henry was a brother of John Potter whose first marriage was to Elizabeth Atherton in 1764 (see Part 2 article), and second marriage was to Isobel Merricks in 1772 (see Part 1 article). John Potter, born 1782, son of Henry and Esther Potter(Boon), was a cousin of William Potter who married Ann Littler in 1801 and John Potter who married Elizabeth/Betty Smith in 1789 (see Parts 1 & 2). In 1802 at All Saints, Wigan, John Potter (son of Henry & Esther Potter/Boon), of Abram, miner, married Isobel/Isabella Hayes, of Abram. John & Isabella lived at Golborne and had 7 children, Mary 1803; Margaret 1806; Ann 1809; Amelia 1811; John 1815; Henry 1818 and James 1824. In 1830 Isabella wife of John Potter, of Golborne, died aged 47 of liver disease and was buried at St. Thomas', Ashton. In 1831 at All Saints, Wigan, John Potter's 2nd marriage was to Martha Rosthorn/Rostron. They now lived in Hindley where in 1833 their son Jesse was born. 1834 Martha Potter(Rosthorn) died aged 40 of consumption(TB) and was buried at All Saints, Hindley. 1837 John Potter, aged 55, coal merchant of Hindley Green died of consumption and was buried with his first wife Isabella Potter(Hayes) at St. Thomas', Ashton. John bequeathed money to all his 8 children with £120 extra to his youngest son Jesse for his maintenance and education until the age of 21 and he appointed John Ackers, of Hindley, coal banksman(a worker at the top of the pit shaft supervising the loading of coal and the raising and lowering of the cage), as his guardian.

David A. Fearnley.

I would like to include an apology to anyone who had difficulty with the small type print of the second instalment of the Potter Gravestones. If you would like to read a larger print copy just let me know.

Malcolm

Robert Carson's Film Report



Movie Reviews

1917 (15)

Directed by Sam Mendes

Stars: George McKay, Dean Charles-Chapman, Mark Strong, Andrew Scott, Benedict Cumberbatch, Colin Firth, Richard Madden, Daniel Mays, Jamie Parker, and Adrian Scarborough

In a Nutshell: Awards season does seem to favor a movie taken in one take, doesn't it? Or at least, given the impression of being taken in one long take. After Birdman swept them back in 2015, now director Sam Mendes takes the idea and takes it to war with this incredible and outstanding work of cinematic gold. Heart in your mouth tense throughout and anchored by an incredible performance from George McKay, this war drama is an intense ride throughout that pulses with tension and beauty... from terrifically built and supremely nerve shredding action sequences to beautiful character interactions and heartfelt moments of real human heart. Bolstered by a terrific supporting cast of terrific dependable faces such as Firth, Madden, Scott and Cumberbatch not to mention the always fabulous Mark Strong. After a while, it becomes so involving and so exciting that the whole one-take just becomes commonplace and you're swept up in the radiant excitement. I haven't been this tense since A Quiet Place and even that's a tough call to choose. Whether the Oscars rewards this with the top prizes remains to be seen, but it's an absolutely dazzling piece of cinema that deserves to be seen on the biggest screen you can find. If it does win the big prize then it's a very well-deserved victory for a utterly terrific and tense piece of cinema that really shows you what great storytelling and great direction can do for an audience. Do yourself a solid and make sure you catch it.

Rating: 9/10

The Personal History of David Copperfield (PG)

Directed by Armando Iannucci

Stars: Dev Patel, Tilda Swinton, Hugh Laurie, Peter Capaldi, Ben Whishaw, Paul Whitehouse, Aneurin Barnard, Daisy May Cooper, Gwendoline Christie, Benedict Wong, Darren Boyd, Morfydd Clark, and Jairaj Varsani

In a Nutshell: I can confess from moment one of this review of not being overly familiar with the source material on which this movie is based... so I can

catch myself before I saw such things as ‘Well, only director Armando Iannucci can truly be the best match for such classic material’. I mean, I’m sure he is... In the Loop is one of the truly funniest movies I’ve ever seen and his work with Thick of It, Veep and Death of Stalin amongst others is wit and satire at it’s finest so matching him up with a Dickens’ screwball comedy (which I presume the novel is) and one of his first forays into something for all the family (which the previously mentioned certainly are not) is a pretty neat move. A great start point is a sublime piece of color blind casting, Dev Patel is easily one of the most talented and charming young leads in the business at the moment and the second you realize he is going to lead you through this and be the emotional anchor then you know it’s already a winner (unless it’s The Last Airbender, but oh well) and he’s backed up by a sublime cast full of great faces doing terrific work with special mention to a terrific Hugh Laurie and a delightfully batty Tilda Swinton (when is she anything else?) plus a superbly creepy Ben Whishaw (a mile away from Paddington). Telling a story that packs in so much drama and comedy and heartbreak and hops from location to location, Iannucci really knows how to tell a great and engaging story with visual flair. A utter treat from start to finish, funny and sweet and utterly heartwarming... if this doesn’t immediately capture your heart then I do worry about your condition. Just sublime.

Rating: 8/10

Also Seen:

Bombshell (15) 8/10

Bad Boys for Life (15) 7/10

The Lighthouse (15) 9/10

Parasite (15) 9/10

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (PG) 8/10

Judy (PG) 8/10

Also Out in March

Fantasy Island (15) March 6th Military Wives (12A) March 6th Onward (PG) March 6th

Bloodshot (15) March 13th Finding the Way Back (15) March 13th

Misbehavior (12A) March 13th My Spy (12A) March 13th A Quiet

Place Part II (15) March 19th

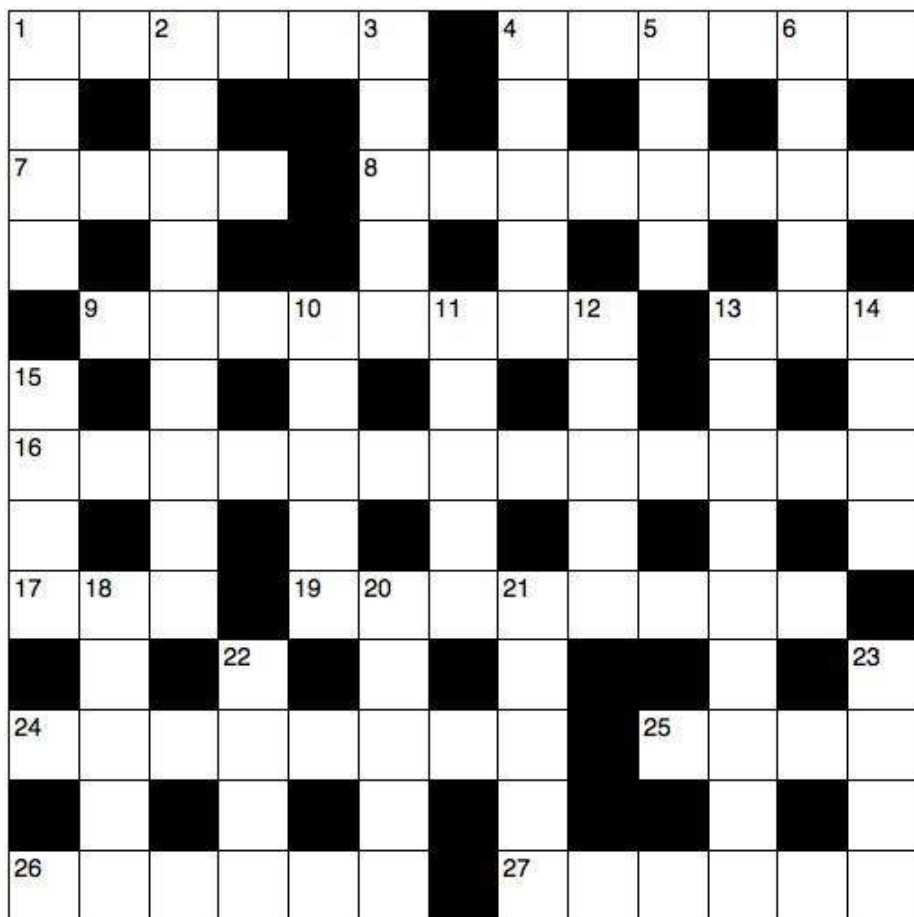
Trolls: World Tour (PG) March 20th Mulan (PG) March 27th

Peter Rabbit: The Runaway (PG) March 27th

In April’s Issue:

Reviews of Birds of Prey and Sonic the Hedgehog

Crossword



Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)

- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus'
(Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this
(Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gadarene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel
(2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar
(4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place
(Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell
(Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge
(Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing
(Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping —
heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's
request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that
you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22 Does (anag.) (4)
- 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this
(Genesis 41:19) (4)

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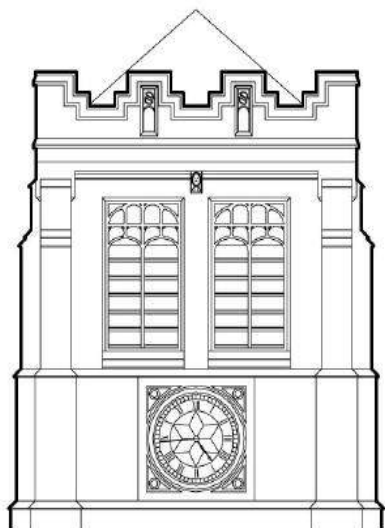
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St Luke's Flowers

Flowers in church this month	
Sun 5th	Vacant
Sun 12th	Vacant
Sun 19th	Vacant
Sun 26th	Vacant

Crossword

Answers

ACROSS:

1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN:

1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus told a story to help his disciples
to be ready for the end of time. 'A
rich man was about to go on a journey...'

He gave his servants money
to look after, depending on
what they could do.

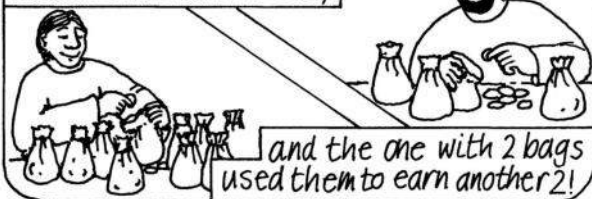


He gave 5 bags of coins to the
first, 2 to the second, and 1 to the third.

As soon as he had gone,
the first two servants
started to work.



The one with 5 bags of coins
used them to earn 5 more,



and the one with 2 bags
used them to earn another 2!

The third servant dug a
hole and buried his bag.



When
the master
came back,
he called
his
servants
to him...



The first two showed him they
had doubled his money, and he
was very happy with them.



You are a hard man
who expects us to work. I
was afraid so I just hid it.

If you knew what I
expected, why didn't
you do it?



Get out of here!





St Thomas' Donations & Remembrance

Please place your donation in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please hand in at church or post to the vicarage. Please make any cheques payable to **St Thomas' PCC**. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

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With thanks to those who have donated this month to
Asylum Seeker , Churchyard Maintenance, Africa Fund,
General Funds

**All donations received by 20th March will be
printed in the April Magazine.**

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

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

Unless otherwise stated donations will go into the General

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



Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance of Loved Ones
From
Margaret

Anniversary Remembrance of John Fearnley (21st Feb 2011)
Much loved husband, Dad, Grandad
From
Madge & Family
(Donation to Church Hall Fund)

First Anniversary Remembrance of John Usher (14th March)
A dearly loved husband of Beryl
Sadly missed
by his four daughters
and all grandchildren and great grandchildren

Anniversary Remembrance of Ursula Parkinson (19th March)
From
Harold & Family

Donations for Heating in Church
Madge Twist

Donation from Margaret Herd

Donation to General Fund In memory of Mavis and Wilf
and with thanks to St Thomas'
from Ian

Donation to the Heating Fund in memory of my parents
Reginald & Phyllis Barnett
From Sandra Ferry



St Thomas' Flowers

There are no flowers in church during Lent

Flower Guild Donations

Treasured memories of Sheila Lester (12th March)
a much loved friend and Auntie

Anniversary remembrance of Austin Bullen (11th March)
A loving husband, Dad, Grandad & Father-in-Law

From

Jean Karen, & Keith, Jaki & Simon, Toni & Ben

Sadly missed

(Donation also to Warrington Road Graveyard)

The importance of Prayer

- ▣ Prayer is treasured by God
- ▣ Prayer brings **intimacy** between you and God through communication
- ▣ God wants us to pray
- ▣ God brings **change** through prayer
- ▣ Prayers show God's power
- ▣ Prayer is important to God
- ▣ Jesus is our example and teaches us to pray- Mt 6:9-13

Exodus 15:26 "For I the Lord am your healer"

Time with God

Some time for you and God

On Sat 14th March from 9.30 to 12noon there is an opportunity to draw alongside God for a few hours at St Luke's Orrell (WN5 7AT).

Flyers for this event are at back of St Thomas and St Luke's.

If you would like to know more about this morning, please contact Carol Foster by text 07758205632, phone 01942 410910 or email prayer@churchwigan.org.

Carol is also the parish prayer co-ordinator and so if you want to know more about the power of prayer or would like a group from our churches to pray for you or someone you care about, please get in touch with her. You will need their permission.



The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

13th Jan	Gwynneth Jeans	Walford Road	72
17th Jan	Betty Lyon	Garswood Road	82
23rd Jan	Emily Lyon	Victoria Street	85
28th Jan	Catherine Hill	Daleside Avenue	65
30th Jan	Harold Mather	Heath Road	81
31st Jan	Betty Shaw	Wigan Road	88
3rd Feb	Alice Keir	St Oswalds Road	92
6th Feb	Peter Pond	Hereford Close	57
7th Feb	Keith Garswood	Glebe Avenue	70
13th Feb	Paul Langtree	Woodedge	57
17th Feb	Lily Hayton	Haigh Road	96
18th Feb	Margaret Kenrick	Bolton Road	84

Church Organisations in St Thomas' and St Luke's

<p><u>Boys Brigade</u> Captain Company Section (Tues 7.30-9pm) Gareth Hamlett 07903866501 Anchor Boys (Tues 5:45-7pm) Olwen Wright 389595 Junior Section (Tues 6:45-8pm) Kat Cornthwaite 07517486188</p>	<p><u>Girl Guides</u> Rainbows (Tues 5:30pm) Danielle Wood 07841 649475 3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies (Thu) 3rd Ashton Guides/Rangers (Tues 7:15pm) Rachel Starkie 718350</p>
<p><u>Children's Sunday Clubs St Thomas'</u> Bubbles (Pre-School) Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6) Bell Tower (Y7-Y11) Jan Cornthwaite 721626</p>	<p><u>Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'</u> Tues 10am-12pm Barbara Taylor 205136</p>
	<p><u>Flower Guild</u> Meta Laites 723679</p>
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<p><u>Fairtrade Stall</u> 3rd Sun 11.45am Anne Wooff 724207</p>	<p><u>Fur Clemt Stubshaw</u> Mon 12-1pm at St Luke's Jennifer Harrison 718618</p>
<p><u>Litter Pick 3rd Sat 10am - noon</u> Chris Wooff 724207</p>	<p><u>Bowling Club</u> Henry Hunter 712709</p>

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