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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.

Magazine Deadlines

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

	April	May	June
Deadline for material	16 March	20 April	18 May
Publication date	26 March	30 April	28 May

**A reflection on The Lord's Prayer
(Matthew 6:1-18)**

Our Father in heaven, please help us.
We, your children, learn slowly.

So often we say nothing when your name is mis-used.
Often our lives do not reflect your ways,
Mostly we do what we want on earth,
And this can make heaven unimaginable.

We expect so much more than we actually need each day.

Sometimes we think we don't need forgiveness,
Sometimes we think we are unforgivable,
And we forget that other people make these same errors of thinking.

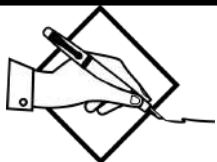
When it comes to temptation, we find our own ways,

We are confused about what is and is not evil,
We are confused about deliverance,
We are confused...

And here is the wonder, the grace and the mystery,
That you know us completely,
Our failings, our secrets,

And still love us forever and ever,
Amen.





A Letter from Carole

At this time of the year we think of spring time. For some this means spring cleaning – everything is turned upside down in order to have a good clean and polish.

I remember when my sister and I were young – my mother gave us the job of cleaning the brassware. We had a lot of brassware that my dad had brought home from China (unfortunately) and we had to polish with brasso and cloths. Our hands and wherever we touched were black by the time we finished and we needed a clean but the brass shone!



Spring cleaning also went on in biblical times, in John 2:13-19 it tells us that Jesus spring cleaned his Father's house by throwing out all the things that should not be there. He drove out the men selling cattle and other livestock and overturned the tables of the money lenders and told them “how dare you turn my Father's house into a market place” and so he thoroughly cleansed it for him.



What about us, could we do with a good spring clean? What rubbish are we carrying around with us, old hurts, worries and guilt, maybe we should give ourselves a good polish and like the clock be ready to spring into spring time, all shiny and new, all the old cares gone and ready for inspection by our Father.

Carole Pye

Parish News

A concert will take place at Holy Trinity church on Friday 10th March 2023 given by Wigan Ukulele Band.

Tickets £7 including refreshments.

Tickets available from
Frank Lowe 01942 728531
or from any Committee member.



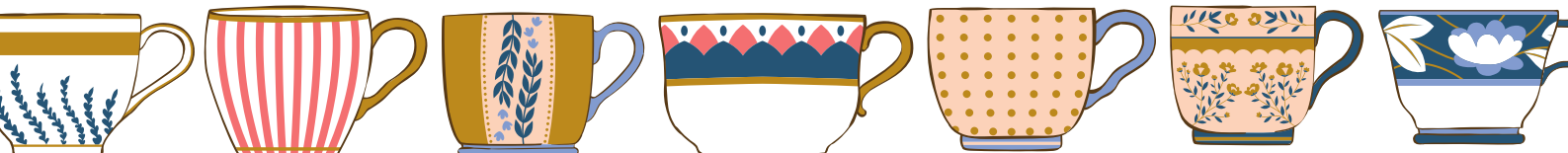
Please come along for a lively evening.

St. Andrew's are holding an Afternoon Tea
in the Mission Hall – Garswood Road

Saturday 18th March at 2.00pm



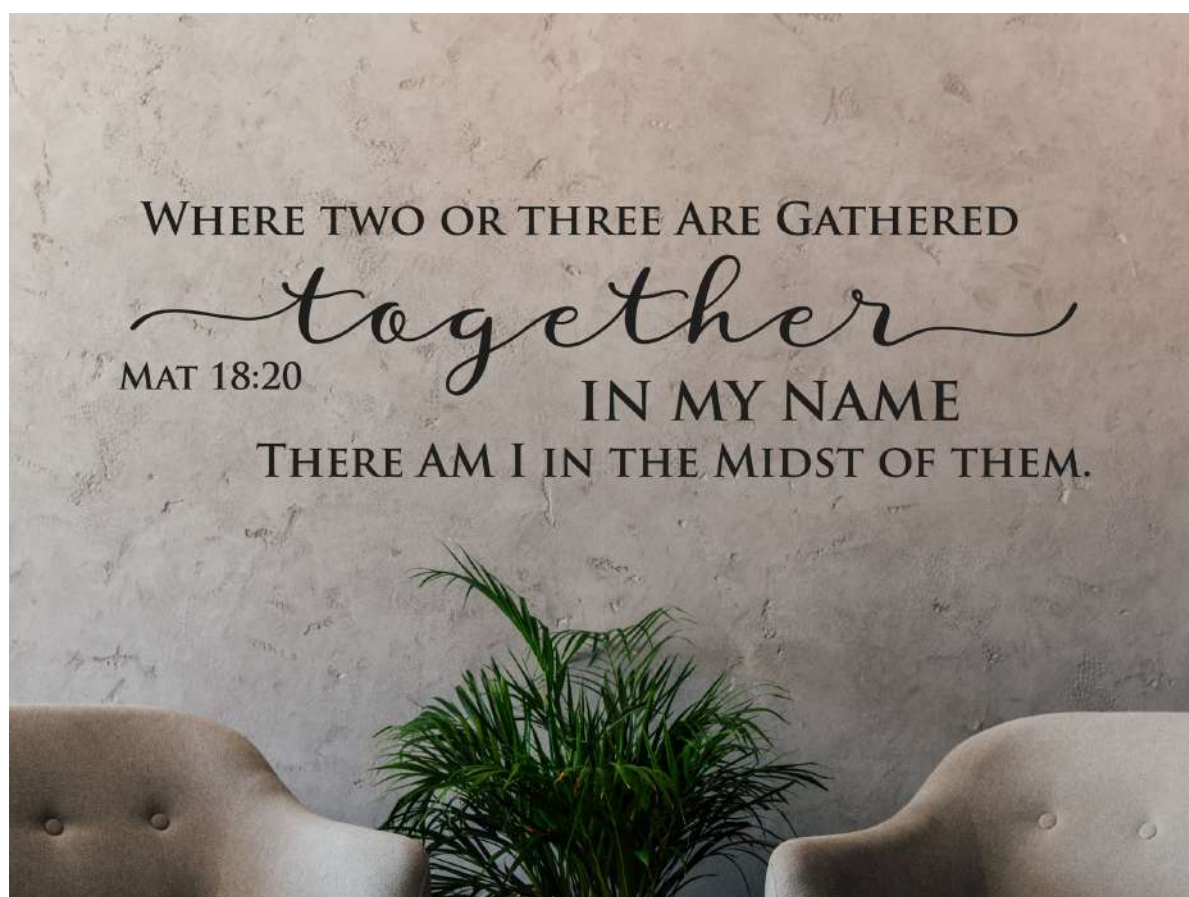
Tickets are £8 available from Committee Members.



Services in March

Wednesday 1st	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 2nd	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
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Wednesday 8th	10.00am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 9th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 12th	9.00am: Holy Communion 9.30am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Sta's4all 10.30am: Morning Prayer 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
Wednesday 15th	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 16th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Sunday 19th	9.00am: Morning Worship 9.30am: Café Church 10.00am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Café Church 10.30am: Morning Worship 10.45am: Holy Communion 11.00am: Family Worship 6.30pm: Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'
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Stay trimmed and balanced

‘Do not let this Book ...depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night,... be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be ...successful.’ Joshua 1:8

Any flying instructor will tell you that aeroplanes need to be ‘trimmed’ or ‘balanced in flight’ on a regular basis. After flying through storms and hitting air pockets, they get knocked out of line. That’s true of our path through life. The bad storms of sickness, redundancy, divorce and disappointment, can knock us off our balance, too.

In other words, our attitude needs to be constantly checked and adjusted. Have you checked yours lately? What are you encountering at the moment that is putting pressure on you to veer off course? So long as we live, we will always need to look to God, to stay ‘trimmed and balanced’. Lent is an excellent time to do this.



The best way to stay balanced is to read God’s Word. It gives us a true map of the world around us, and it shows us where we are on that map. Here’s an idea you can try for Lent: every week, for the next few weeks, choose a Bible verse and write it down on a small card. Carry it with you wherever you go and memorise it. In one year, you’ll know 52 new scriptures, and more importantly, your attitudes will be more naturally in line with God’s Word, your faith will be strengthened, and your life will be moving in the right direction.

The Bible passage for 2023 is:

God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2 Corinthians 9:8

March Holy Days

4th March: Casimir, godly king of Poland

Casimir is a good patron saint for anyone whose father drives them crazy. For Casimir did not let an unhappy background stop him from becoming the person he wanted to be. Yet Casimir's father, the King of Poland back in 1458, was no picnic as a dad.

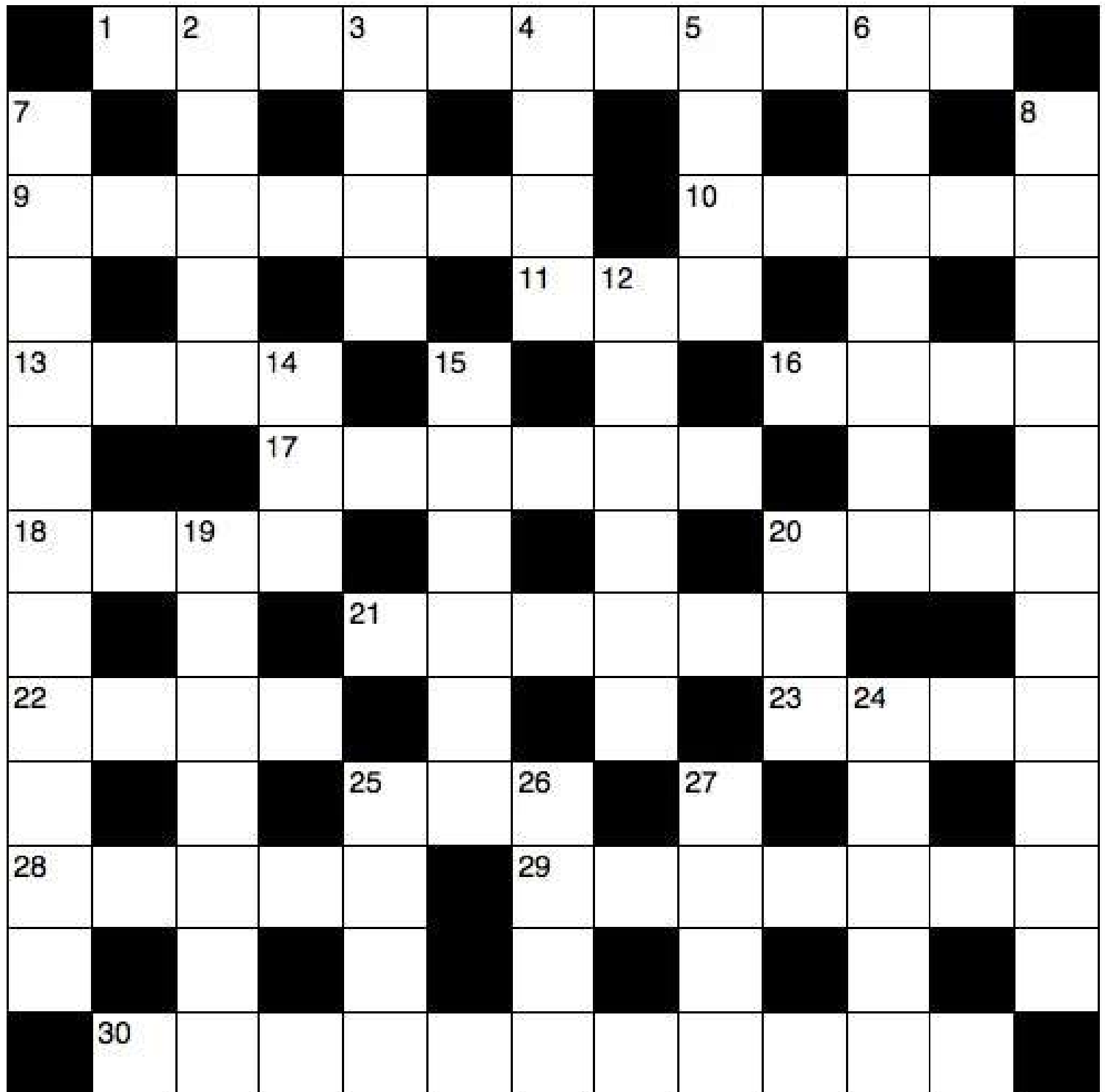
For if you think your teens were difficult, consider this: when Casimir was only 13, in 1471, his father decided to send him to war. He put him in charge of a large army, aimed at fighting on the Hungarian border.

At 13, this was hardly easy, but worse was to come. Casimir's father had not bothered to pay the troops. Very soon young Casimir faced a crisis: his soldiers, quite reasonably, were reluctant to fight Hungarians when they were not even being fed. The troops deserted, and Casimir had a difficult time surviving the journey home.

Then his father, far from welcoming his son's safe return, put all the blame of the lost army on Casimir. He banished his son to the castle of Dobzki. But instead of being crushed by this, Casimir used the time to think, and he grew up fast. Next time his father summoned him, he was met by a determined young man who had seized control of his own life. Casimir flatly refused to fight again against any Christian country, and he refused to marry a daughter of Emperor Frederick III. Casimir had decided he would prefer a life of celibacy, devotion to God, and austerity, and he stuck to his decision.

When Casimir became king in 1481, he ruled over much of Poland for three years. In stark contrast to his father, he was loved for his justice, prudence and firmness. He died in 1484 of tuberculosis, at the age of only 26, and was buried at Vilna. But his good deeds lived after him, and he was canonised by Leo X in 1521.

Crossword



Answers on page 15

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)

Remembering Sir Christopher Wren

It was 300 years ago, on 8th March 1723, that English architect Sir Christopher Wren died at the age of 90. Best known for designing St Paul's Cathedral, he was also a ground-breaking anatomist, astronomer and physicist.

A founder of the Royal Society, Wren served as its president from 1680 to 1682 and was highly regarded by such eminent scientists as Isaac Newton and Blaise Pascal. But it is as an architect that he is best known: beside St Paul's, regarded as his masterpiece and completed in 1710, he directed the rebuilding of 52 churches after the Great Fire of London in 1666 – though he did not work alone, heading a team of creative minds that included Nicholas Hawksmoor.

Born at East Knoyle in Wiltshire, Wren was the only surviving son of Christopher Wren the Elder, who became Dean of Windsor. He was a sickly child but lived a long life, despite his family being affected by the Civil Wars that broke out in 1642. He married twice, but both his wives died very early – one of smallpox and the other of tuberculosis. Although Wren lived 90 years, he was married for only nine of them, but had four children.

Two factors may have contributed to Wren's success as an architect: one was basic – his decision to move into that field because of the dearth of architects in the mid-17th century; the other was more dramatic – the Great Fire of London, which necessitated so much rebuilding in the city and gave him the opportunity to shine.

Robert Hooke, the scientist and architect who was a friend of Wren, said: "Since the time of Archimedes there scarce ever met in one man in so great perfection such a mechanical hand and so philosophical a mind."



Save the Date - National Day of Reflection & Great Daffodil Appeal 2023

For the third year running, Marie Curie will lead the National Day of Reflection on Thursday 23rd March.

It is a day for everyone to remember loved ones who have died, and to support people who are grieving. There will be a minute's silence at noon, a nationwide network of Walls of Reflection, and a series of grief-themed online events.

Taking place on the third anniversary that the UK went into lockdown, the National Day of Reflection raises awareness of the impact of grief on our lives and of the need for better support. Millions of people across the UK – adults as well as children – are grieving now and need support, whether in the workplace, at home, in schools or across communities.

The National Day of Reflection also ties in with the charity's flagship annual fundraising appeal in March – the Great Daffodil Appeal – with people donating and wearing one of their iconic daffodil pin badges. Every year thousands of supporters from across the UK come together to raise money to support the charity's nurses, doctors, and hospice staff so they can continue to provide expert care to people at end of life, and their families.

More details at: www.mariecurie.org.uk/dayofreflection

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.



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March Services

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Sunday 5th	9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Worship Together 6.30pm: Holy Communion	11.00am Family Worship
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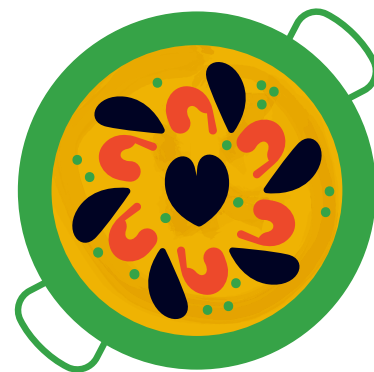
Help with Audio Visual Support

We urgently need more people to run the sound and video systems during our 9am and 10:45am Sunday services in St Thomas'. We currently have too few volunteers and are almost at the point where we can't continue as we are. The system is not as scary as it looks and new volunteers will be properly trained and supported. If you think you can help, then please contact Chris Wooff on 01942 724207.

News from our churches

There is social life in the old church yet as was demonstrated in February when our very energetic social team got together for a tapas evening, which I think was a first for St Thomas, served in church.

I want to thank Jan and Helen for putting the idea together and providing a social event which was booked up and enjoyed by all who were fortunate to have tickets. Thanks also go to those who helped on the night and those who attended enabling church funds to be swelled.



Whilst on the subject of thanks my appreciation on behalf of the parish goes to John Mitchell who, singlehandedly not only cleaned out the entire length of guttering around the church hall but also manage to repair the leaks. Well done and thank you John!

I know that I am often asking for volunteers, not always successfully, but I would like to thank Karen Cunliffe for offering to take over from Clare Hayton in looking after our gift aid claims. This is a really vital job in our treasury department.



Our central heating system does require a volunteer. It is an easy task; we need a person to visit the boiler system in the cellar say once a month to check the boiler pressure and when necessary turn on a little tap to increase the pressure to its correct operating level. Just a 5 minute task but one which needs to be remembered. This isn't happening at the moment as I found on a recent visit to check to be greeted with flashing lights. Please see me if you are willing to take this on.



Thank you to all who donated to the Christian Aid appeal for relief in Turkey and Syria. The donations are still being counted and shall be sent off to Christian Aid shortly.

During the pandemic, the national restrictions meant we unfortunately had to suspend our Remembrance Services which usually took place every six months.

Within these services we invite the families who have recently lost a loved one and had a funeral at church, to join together in an act of remembrance.

We are now arranging to resume these services, starting with inviting the families from funerals at the end of 2019. We will continue to invite families to these services, in chronological order of the funerals, to present day over the coming weeks.

Thank you to the many people who have worked to ensure these services can go ahead and are continuing to get the invitations out to the many people on the list.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with a member of the leadership team.



Mothers' Union

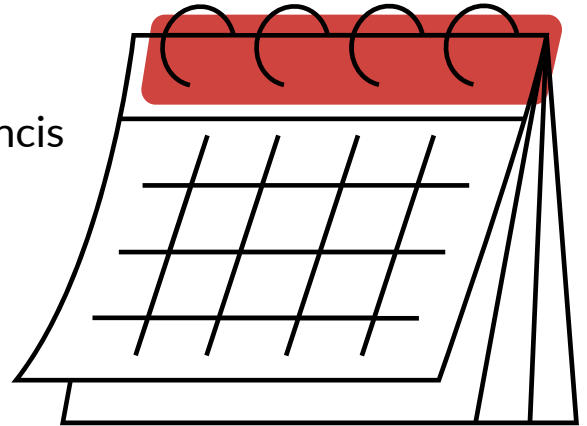


Diary dates

3rd March: Womens' World day of Prayer at the Salvation Army church at 11.00am.

14th March: Indoor members service at St Francis Kitt Green at 2.00pm.

15th March: we are delighted to welcome authoress Linda Sawley to our meeting this evening at 7.30pm in the church hall. Linda will tell us about growing old graciously.



19th March: is Mothering Sunday as always, I look forward to seeing our members at the services.

It has been a few traumatic days for me as I was unwell on the day of our AGM and in a week in which the branch was active with brunch on the following Saturday. I am extremely grateful to Pat our secretary who ran the AGM. Also to Bobbie who did the prayers and Val the reading.

The attendance was somewhat disappointing with only 13 members present at this important meeting. It was embarrassing for me that I was not well enough to attend as I was to announce my intention to retire as branch leader in the summer. I have held the position for about 25 years and as I reach a very special birthday later this year I feel that it is time to give way to someone else who is younger and able to move the branch forward with perhaps new ideas. Also, I am having great problems with my eyes having developed glaucoma.

I would like to thank the officers who have served during my time as Branch Leader both as our secretary and treasurer and the many committee members who have assisted in making my time in office so memorable.

There have been many highlights over those 25 years which include my 9 years as a diocesan trustee, but I especially remember the visit in 2008 of Bishop James for our special communion service as we were joined by all the branches in the Wigan Deanery to celebrate the centenary of our branch.

Now is the time for serious discussion do we want the branch to continue in which case someone needs to step forward to take responsibility.

The business of the meeting was satisfactorily concluded with the presentation of the secretary's report, the treasurer's report and that of the branch leader. Thank you to Jeremy who kindly chaired the meeting.

I have been moved by the offers of help not only at the AGM but also with the brunch arrangements, constant assurances that I shouldn't worry all is in hand. I thank everyone who stepped up to help.

Any worries on my part proved unfounded it was a very enjoyable occasion with much shared fellowship. The great amount of effort that went into the event was rewarded and a very satisfying outcome with £557 being raised.

Loving Lord,
Who has created us all in your image,
Open our eyes to see your face
In those of our sisters and brothers.
Transform our hearts and minds
That we may respect and value each other
As beloved children of God.
Amen

***Love and Prayers
Barbara x***

Our resident historian and friend David Fearnley was telling me that over the years he has provided me with some 50 articles for our magazine. I am most grateful to David and set out below his latest article.

1875 A WATER SUPPLY FOR ASHTON (Part 1)

In 1875 there was no legal requirement to supply any building in Ashton, or in any other town in England, with clean drinking water or any sewage disposal. There was no piped water and the inhabitants of Ashton had to collect water from wherever they could – brooks, wells, springs, ponds, even field drainage ditches. 1840 maps of Ashton are covered with communal and private wells. It was often the task of the children to work long hours each day collecting water and carrying it home. People were often out at 3 or 4am collecting water in the fields. Many of these water sources were stagnant or polluted which often caused outbreaks of typhoid or cholera resulting in high mortality in the district.

There was no efficient disposal of sewage and in Ashton most of the sewage was tipped into the Down Brook which ran through the Steam Engine and the centre of the town. The brook was highly polluted and it was also a source of water supply.

In 1872 a typhoid outbreak resulted in high mortality and a government inspector arriving in Ashton to report that the wells from which the water supply was obtained were polluted with sewage and that the inhabitants should stop pouring sewage and drains water into the local brook. Also to stop spreading the contents of privies/toilets over cultivated land from the drainage of which drinking water was obtained.

Sewage was collected at night by cart and taken to sewage farms, such as “Sewage Farm” on Golborne Road, (the last farm on the right c300 yards before the junction with Edge Green Lane, leading to the “Harrow Inn”), to be spread on the fields to improve the soil. Later the sewage works were built in the fields behind “Sewage Farm”.

By The Public Health Act 1875 all councils were to provide supplies of clean drinking water, proper drainage and sewerage disposal. The Ashton Local

Board/council in 1875 discussed how to implement the 1875 Act as regards supplies of clean water. Ashton was not included in any area of water supply. The town consisted of a long line of houses with one good main street, (Gerard Street; Bryn Street had just been built in 1869), and some very short roads on both sides. There were also several hamlets in the area. 85% of the land belonged to Sir Robert Gerard of Garswood Hall. 1861 the population of Ashton was 6,566; in 1871 – 7,462; 1875 – 8,000. The proposal was to supply water for 9,000. Sir Robert Gerard was strongly in favour of the scheme. The population was employed mainly in coal mining, and lock and hinge making industries which all required water.

Potential supplies of drinking water were considered from surface water. The Jack Brook which rises in the Jennett Hey Clough/ravine at Bryn was formerly of good quality but the colliery waste that flowed into it, from the Ashton Pits at Bryn, had made it unfit. The Jack Brook, Ashtonian's will recall, ran between the playing fields of the former Old Road grammar school and the Central school (it is now piped), flowed under Wigan Road, through the park in front of The Strand and across George V playing fields in Queens Road to merge with the Down Brook under Ashton.

The Down Brook was greatly discoloured by water from Stone's colliery (after 1947 named Park colliery), Liverpool Road, giving the stream a milky appearance but not affecting the quality as yet. The Down Brook rises on the higher land between Leyland Green Road and Windy Arbour, flows behind Holy Trinity rectory, under Downall Green Road, under Low Bank Road, through the Skitters Wood, Steam Engine, Ashton and along the side of Princess Road. It was proposed to obtain water supply by building 2 reservoirs in the hilly area near Leyland Green, a reservoir, now Down Brook Pond, at the junction of Winstanley Road and Leyland Green Road and at the existing Downall Green Dam to create a reservoir between Rectory Road and Downall Green Road and a reservoir at the end of Princess Road in front of the "Millstone Inn". All except the latter two remain today.

Water from wells was considered – in Ashton water was obtained from 3 main wells – the Steam Engine Well, the Town Green Well and the Wambs. The Wambs was a marshy area with 4 or 5 natural springs situated in the area now occupied by the Jubilee Park/flower park in Wigan Road. The Wambs provided an excellent supply of soft water and the best in the district for domestic purposes. However, supply was limited and could not be increased without lowering the quality of the water. The Wambs supplied 17,280 gallons per day.

***To be continued.
David A. Fearnley***

Donations Information

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.

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- Church Hall
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- Food Ministry
- Garden of Rest
- General
- Grave Maintenance
- Heath Road Graveyard
- Heating
- Fit for the Future

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Donations & Remembrance



In memory of **Sandra Green**
from her husband Ken, daughter Catherine, Richard,
Millie and Libby
a much loved and missed wife, mother and grandma

Donations with thanks for Home Communion

Donations to the General, Heating, Pantry Building,
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The Registers



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

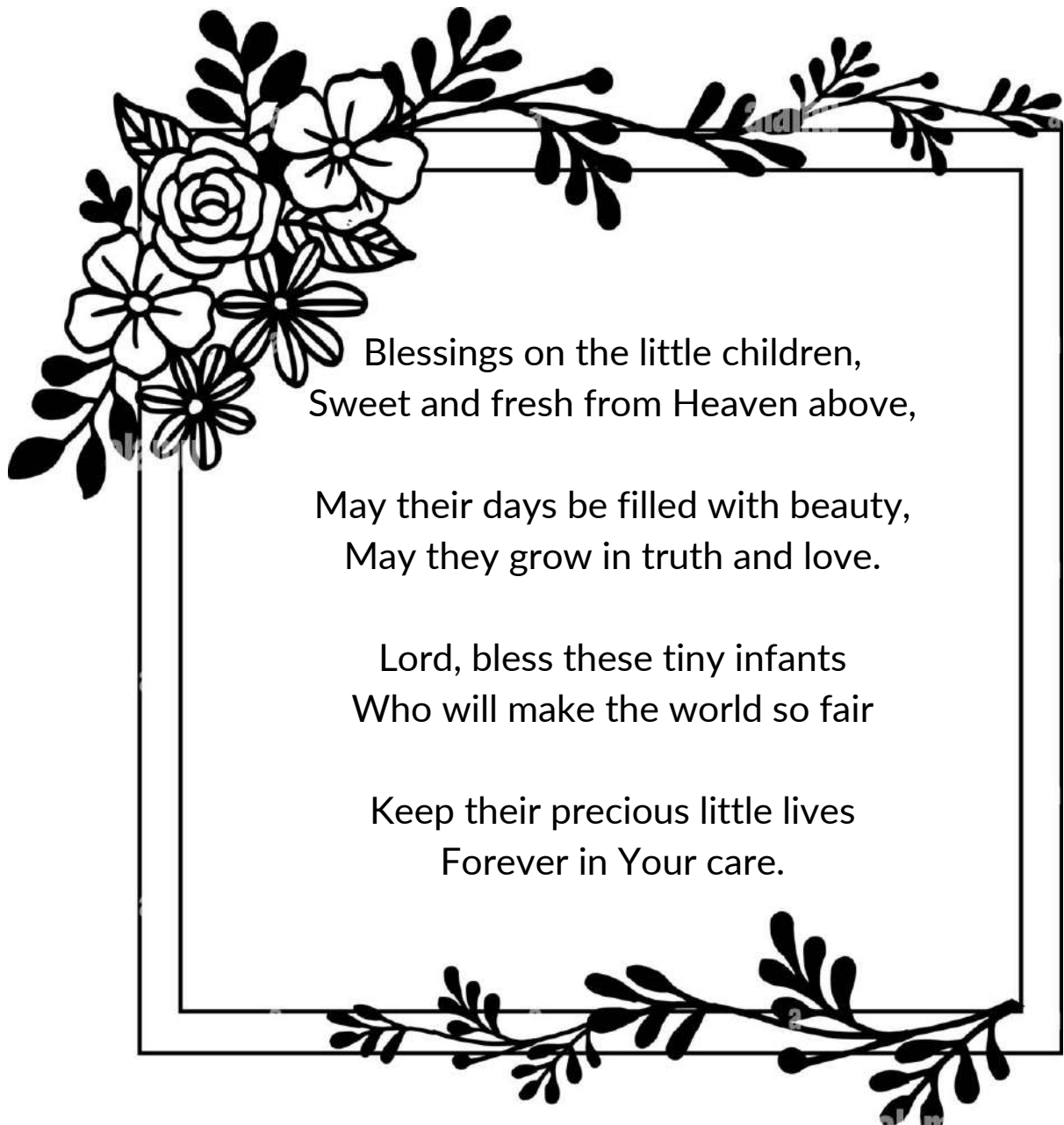
1st February	June Mavis Clarkson	78
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23rd February	Marion Pilling	93

Bless those who mourn, eternal God,
with the comfort of your love
that they may face each new day with hope
and the certainty that nothing can destroy
the good that has been given.
May their memories become joyful,
their days enriched with friendship,
and their lives encircled by your love.

Amen

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

5th February	Charlie William Betts
12th February	Tommy Stephen Donovan
26th February	Franklin Ralf Whyment
26th February	Florence Irene Yates
26th February	Rosie Margaret Lane



Blessings on the little children,
Sweet and fresh from Heaven above,

May their days be filled with beauty,
May they grow in truth and love.

Lord, bless these tiny infants
Who will make the world so fair

Keep their precious little lives
Forever in Your care.

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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
205136

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

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