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Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

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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Important Parish Information

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.



Letter from the Vicar

Physical things flourish in light; think about how a plant moves towards the source of light when it is in the sunshine on a windowsill. Without light, physical things cannot flourish; think about a large canopy of a forest that is so dense that it shuts out the light below and the forest floor can bear little plant life.



Light is a means of growth and of strength in our own physical bodies. Our bodies are made to create vitamin D from the sunlight that reaches our skin. We need vitamin D to help our bodies to absorb calcium and phosphate from our diet, both are important for healthy bones, teeth and muscles.



The brightness of a light that is turned on in darkness is more than a contrast, it is overwhelming. No darkness can dispel light - from a bright shining torch to a flickering candle, light overcomes darkness.

In the second of the seven 'I AM' sayings we read in John's gospel, Jesus says 'I am the Light of the world.'

As we think about the physical impact of light in the examples above, when Jesus claims that he is the one source of spiritual light, then we have ready illustrations of what he means.

For us to flourish spiritually, our head, our mind, our heart, our very being needs to be turned towards the source of spiritual light; our lives should not be so shaded from the light that we have no ability or energy to flourish; our spiritual health and vitality is fed and developed by exposure to the Light of the world.





Letter from the Vicar

The aim and intention of God is that each one of us is conformed (or transformed!) into the likeness of his Son - that is our Christian faith journey. Prayer, Scripture, worship, fellowship, service, sharing our faith, simply time with God, are the keys.

We will then shine as lights in the world. A world, so often in darkness, can know the way to flourish, to emerge from the dark, to be healed and itself transformed, when the people of God who have seen the light, shine Christ's light into the needs of our communities.

A bright torch or even a flickering candle will dispel darkness and offer the light of hope, of the Light of the world.



Jeremy Thomas

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Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - November 2016

<u>Tuesday</u>	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
	Vestry hour.	6.30-7.30pm

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 **Rigby Street, Adamson Street, Bardale Grove, RL Hughes School, Westfield Avenue, Briar Close, Solway Close**

TANGO

TANGO at St. Marks Church,
Haydock support and resource families within the Haydock/Ashton area by providing food; clothing; furniture and household items.



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Parish News



**A date for your diary.
Saturday 12th November
2016.**



This is the date of our annual Christmas Fayre where we will have the usual stalls: Tombola, Raffle, cake stall, childrens' stall etc.

Any donations for any of these stalls will be gratefully received. (Cakes to be brought on the morning of the Fayre please.) Please give any donations to any of the Officers or helpers.



Thanking you in anticipation.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

As always we will be hosting a party for our senior citizens. This Christmas the party will be on Friday 13 January in the Church Hall.

The success of this event depends on the support which we receive across the whole congregation whether it involves preparing and serving the food, providing transport or entertaining our guests after the meal. It is getting more difficult year on year to find volunteers to help with the entertainment.

The shortage of suitable 'acts' means more reliance on my terrible jokes. I am therefore pleading with you all to think about how you might resolve this problem. Singing, dancing making us laugh whatever you feel able to do please let me know in plenty of time to put together a great programme. **Malcolm**



CHRISTMAS SPARKLE

**Flower Demonstration by Frank of
Springfield Flowers. Wednesday 30th
November**



Mothers Union

DIARY:

Wednesday 16th November Church Hall 7.30pm.

Speaker David Fearnley on Lord Gerard's Regiment of Soldiers recruited by Lord Gerard in 1848 and known as Lancashire Hussars. As this is a talk about local history and in particularly regarding the Gerard family it is not necessary to be a member of the Mothers' Union as the meeting will be open to both men and women.



Subs are now due for the current year please pass them on to Pauline our treasurer or any member of the Committee.

Advance Notice



Friday 20th January. Where did that year go? Believe it or not it is already time when I need to tell you about the Mothers Union and Friends Christmas Meal at Bryn Masonic Hall. If you would like to join us on this very enjoyable evening, which is, as always, open to all ladies of the Parish

and their friends, we would love to see you. If you wish to come please sign the list at the back of Church and I will let you have a menu so that you can make your choice. I will need the choice of menu at the latest by the 8th January 2017 along with the cost of the meal which is £19.00.

Lily Eales sadly passed away in September. She had been a member of the Mothers' Union for many years but with failing health had become an indoor member. She was a resident of Ashwood Nursing Home where she did receive home communion from the team. With the assistance of Margaret Makinson she was on occasions able to visit Tuesday Coffee and had been a member of our House Group. She will be missed and we pass on our sympathy to her family and friends.

Thinking about our Christmas meal gives me the opportunity to remind you that we shortly need to be considering the Christmas gifts that we make to the young people living at Coops Foyer. I will mention this again in our December magazine.





Mothers Union

A new life...



A new life stands on my doorstep
ready to enter my life's journey.

Something in me welcomes this visitor:
the hope of bountiful blessings,
the joy of a new beginning,
the freshness of unclaimed surprises.

Something in me rebuffs this new visitor:
the swiftness of the coming,

the boldness of the entrance,
the challenge of so many new ways of doing things

Something in me fears this visitor:
the unnamed events of future days,
the wisdom needed to walk love well,
the demands of giving up and growing away.

A new challenge stands on my doorstep:
with fragile caution I move
to open the door for its entrance.
My heart leaps with surprise,
joy jumps in my eyes,
for there, beside this brand new opening
stands my God with outstretched hand!
He smiles and gently asks of me
'Can we walk this new phase together?'



And I, so overwhelmed with goodness can barely
whisper my reply:
"Welcome in."

Joyce Rupp

***Love and prayers
Barbara***



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Harvest Service

All pupils attended a special Harvest Festival service on Friday 30th September. Three coaches were booked to transport our younger pupils, while our Year 6 children walked with the support of Mrs Fairclough (teacher), Mrs Bowden (teaching assistant) and some very kind parent helpers.



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The Year 6 class excitedly set off for the ten-minute walk, thankfully avoiding two rain showers. Upon arrival, the church was full of family, friends and guests waiting to see and hear our wonderful children. Reverend Jeremy Thomas and Mrs Jones gave us a very special welcome.



Lots of excellent songs, special bible readings and beautiful poems were all part of our unique Harvest Festival service. A special mention and a big thank you is for our school's Ethos Team (Thomas Oakes, Sophie Naylor, Rowan Smith and Sophie Hunt) who all led in some very meaningful prayers and gave considerable help on this occasion.

Thank you to all the children for a wonderful service and to everyone who attended. We hope you enjoyed it! Thank you all for your generous donations of food and money. This year's food donations are going to Ashton Churches Together Food Bank.

Monthly Student Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for all the food we eat. At harvest time let us all remember and pray for all the farmers who grow crops. Help them not to get too tired.



Thank you God for land, rain and the sunshine that you have given us. As we sing in church, let us remember people in other countries and hope they also get the food that they need.



Please bless all of the farmers who have worked so hard in sunshine and rain. Let all the crops grow day-by-day so that everyone including animals will always have enough.

Thank you God and bless our farmers,

Amen

Daniel Brennan (Year 6)

Bible Verse: Psalm 104:24

Lord you have made many things.
With your wisdom you made them all.
The Earth is full of your riches.



**Have a blessed Autumn,
Elaine Mateus**



Messy Harvest: Thursday 29th September

We were blessed with 93 children attending this Messy Church, including 4 from Reception class. The Harvest theme was based around John 15:5 and was held in St Thomas's school.

Jesus said, 'I am the vine, and you are the branches'

Messy stations

We decorated a beautiful collage of grapes to show the vine and the bible verse. It's proudly displayed at the back of St Thomas's church, if you'd like a look.

Grape treading is a messy task which changes grapes into juice and wine. This used to be done by treading on them using just bare feet. We used our fingers instead to paint grapes.



The Lego challenge was a popular station particularly with the boys, who loved the building a farm.

We thank God that we have such a variety of foods grown locally.



The food station is always popular. We made wheatsheaf biscuits, creating a wheatsheaf from icing and placing on top of a digestive biscuit. Not many biscuits were taken home, as they were eaten straight away!

We made bookmarks, containing the verse above. The children all carefully decorated them to create beautiful bookmarks.

Vines can only grow grapes if they are supported. We made vine branch bracelets to remind ourselves that we are stronger when we are close to others. Fellowship is an important part of Christianity for all of us.

We were encouraged to come and chat to Jesus, not just to learn about him. We then wrote our prayers on the vine.

We normally eat our food but today we painted them using shaped sponges. See if you can work out the fruit and veg in the photo below.



Celebration meal:

For celebration meal, we had pasta Bolognese with grated cheese which was delicious. For desert we were treated to chocolate covered ice creams.

Next time

The next Messy Church is in St Thomas' Church (not hall), and our theme is all about prayer.

Thank you to all who helped in any way for this Messy church. We were originally short of helpers but thanks to all who volunteered to help, we were able to run all Messy stations.

If you would like to help, please speak to Sue. We aim to have 2 helpers on each table so don't worry about being on your own!

Clare Hayton



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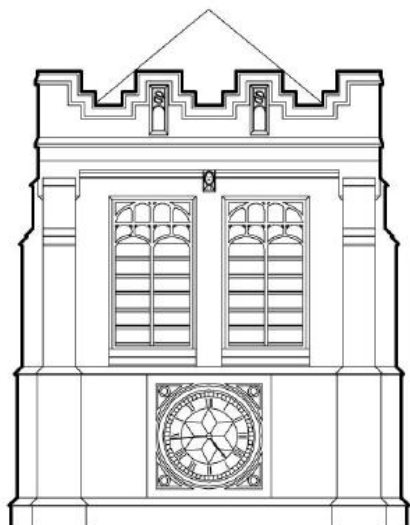
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20TH NOV	In memory of loved ones from Jean and Les Johnson and family	Anniversary remembrance of , Susan Cherrington (23rd Nov) a dear wife, Mum, daughter, sister and Auntie
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20TH NOV	Family memories From Joyce Whittle
27TH NOV	VACANT



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To commemorate this milestone, along with 8th Wigan Company (St Peter's, Hindley) who are celebrating 100 years as a company, there will be a Parade and Service on Sunday 20th November.

The parade will assemble at St Peter's School (opposite Wigan Hospice) at 1.30pm for a short parade to the Church and a service. The Battalion Committee extend a warm invitation to all current members of the Battalion. Also to any old boys, KB/QB holders and ex Officers who will also parade with us.

Please come along and join us to celebrate these wonderful achievements.

St Thomas' & St Luke's Giving Information

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver

2 Corinthians 9:7

As Christians, we believe that everything we have is from God, and we offer back to him our time, our skills and money.

Regular Planned Giving

Regular, planned giving into the General Fund allows St Thomas and St Luke's to cover our greatest expense: our parish share and the ongoing costs to run and maintain our church buildings.

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Fund Name	Fund description
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Fit for the Future – Audio and Visual system	Raising funds to replace the sound and visual system in St Thomas'
General	To pay our parish share and ongoing costs to run and maintain our church buildings
Fit for the Future – Heating	Raising funds to replace the boiler system in St Thomas's and have a warm and inviting church building for all
Building and Maintenance	General building fund
Church Hall	For maintenance of St Thomas' Church Hall
Garden of Rest	For maintenance of Garden of Rest
Grave Yard Maintenance	For maintenance of Warrington Road graveyard
Heath Road Grave yard	For maintenance of Heath Road graveyard
Asylum Seeker Fund	Raising funds to help support our local asylum seekers
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Lily Eales from Joan and Cyril

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From Elsie and Family

A Dear Brother **Allan Deluce** ((Nov 23rd) from Jean

Peter Raymond (8th Nov) from Margaret and Family

Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of

Elizabeth Alice Winstanley (7th and 19th Nov) and **William Winstanley**
(18th and 19th Nov) from Nancy and George

Anniversary Remembrance of Susan Cherrington (23 Nov)

- a dear wife, mum, daughter, sister & auntie

Brian, Samuel & Matthew	Mum
Karen, Jimmy, Laura, Andrew, Gary, Leah, Mason & Alyssa	Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica
Craig & Nicola	Wendy, Adrian, Michael & Bethany



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Kubo and the Two Strings (PG) Directed by Travis Knight

Stars the Voices of: Art Parkinson, Charlize Theron, Matthew McCounaghey, Ralph Fiennes, Rooney Mara, George Takei, Brenda Vaccaro, and Cary Hiroyuki Tagawa

In a Nutshell: The art of animation is an interesting thing, because there are so many forms it can have... whether it's the simple hand drawn love of Aladdin or Anastasia, the CGI wonder of Toy Story and Nemo or even the crazy stop motion of Mr Fox or the Giant Peach... it is amazing and covers so much ground. Despite all the great classics in 2D and CGI though, the most fascinating sub section has always been stop motion... from Wallace and Gromit through to Nightmare before Christmas, it's endlessly fascinating and intricate and just plain amazing. One studio that has really plumbed through the amazing depths the format offers is LAIKA, whose previous three efforts: The Boxtrolls, Paranorman and Coraline are all stone cold classics and masterpieces. This their latest, the tale of a young man called Kubo and his rather startling and tense adventures as he dodges the ghosts of his past almost literally.... is simply everything you've come to expect and cherish from the company. From startling and beautiful animation style and design, everything just looks sumptuous and amazing and a sight to behold... the voice cast is top notch with everyone imbuing the characters with the strength and character they need... the themes and plot are super strong and super heartwarming, towing the line between something family friendly and beautiful and the sinister other side of deadly and exciting, these films always have a ton of heart in between the dark subject matter and this is no exception with a super strong story about the bonds of family and the bond between a boy and his mother no matter what happens. All this elements combine to make another animated masterclass that could be their most accomplished effort to date, if maybe not for me anyway my favourite... which may always be Coraline... but that's such a high watermark anyway. This is simply put, unmissable cinema both beautiful and daring... one for the whole family with a note of caution... be swept away in this beautiful world and you won't regret it! **Rating: 9/10**



The Girl with all the Gifts (15) Directed by Colm McCarthy

Stars: Sennia Nanua, Paddy Considine, Gemma Arterton, Glenn Close, Anamaria Marinca, Dominique Tipper, Anthony Welsh, and Fisayo Akinade

In a Nutshell: It's got to be hard to try and breathe fresh life into a genre that's so



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overdone at this point (Goal of the Dead anyone?) that any freshness would be a miracle. Fortunately, that's exactly what this does with maximum amazement, taking the zombie genre and giving it a fresh coat of paint and really making something terrifying yet profound and moving at the same time. A lot of this is down to the stellar cast who really on their A-Game here with Close, Arterton and Considine all just magnificent in different ways whether it's Close's villain but not really of the piece, the scientist trying to develop a cure at whatever cost, you have Paddy's rough and tough and sinister but actually not that bad soldier and then Arterton's sweetheart at the centre of the action... a tender soul who flirts with ideas that she shouldn't because she feels sympathy for young Melanie, the real star of the show and a bravura young performance from newcomer Nanua. The ideas and themes contained here are tough and interesting but never at the loss of some real tension and scares also and the idea of the zombies themselves remaining so still for a good period of the action means that tension is high and anyone could go wrong so quickly. With a stunning score, stunning vistas and visuals... a stellar cast and some real high ideas... this is just a masterpiece and a masterclass in moviemaking... combining different elements to really make something unique and intelligent... who say zombies were dead? **Rating: 10/10**

Also Seen

The Magnificent Seven (12A) 8/10

Bridget Jones's Baby (15) 9/10

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (12A) 9/10



Also Out in November

A Streetcat Named Bob (PG) (Nov 3rd)

The Light Between Oceans (12A) (Nov 4th)

American Pastoral (15) (Nov 11th)

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (12A) (Nov 18th)

Almost Christmas (PG) (Nov 25th)

Paterson (15) (Nov 25th)

The Accountant (15) (Nov 4th)

Nocturnal Animals (15) (Nov 4th)

Allied (15) (Nov 25th)

Bad Santa II (15) (Nov 25th)

A United Kingdom (12A) (Nov 25th)



St MARTIN DE PORRES

Martin was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, the son of a former slave. He grew up in poverty and was taken in by a religious order as a servant boy. The monks looked down on Martin because he was mixed-race but in time his behaviour led to the Dominican Order stopping their racial limits on admission and he was made a full brother. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor, starting an orphanage and a children's hospital.

During his lifetime he was seen in other places. An African slave said Martin came to comfort him and many others. When the same man later saw him in Peru, he was very happy to meet him again and asked Martin if he had had a good voyage; but Martin had never left Lima.

In pictures, Martin de Porres is shown as a young man with a broom, since he thought all work sacred, no matter how lowly. He is also shown with a dog, cat and mouse, all eating in peace from the one dish.

DOG, CAT & MOUSE

St Martin de Porres is often shown with mice because, according to one story, the monastery had problems with rodents and decided to put traps out. Martin was so upset that he spoke to the mice and agreed that if they would leave the monastery, he would feed them at the back door of the kitchen. From that day forward, no mouse was seen in the monastery.

Which of these animals do you think are actually mentioned by name in the Bible?

1. Cat
2. Horse
3. Dog
4. Mouse
5. Lamb
6. Frog
7. Monkey
8. Lion
9. Donkey
10. Ox



Answers at the bottom of the page.

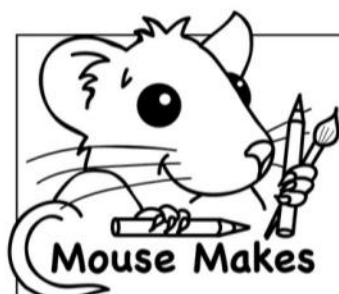
How does a group of dolphins make a decision?

Flipper coin.

How do sheep sign their letters?

'Ewes sincerely.'

Answer: all are in the Bible except numbers 1 and 7, the cat and the monkey.



Jesus is coming, ADVENT is here!



Advent is the time we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, who is God's Son and our Saviour. In Advent we remember

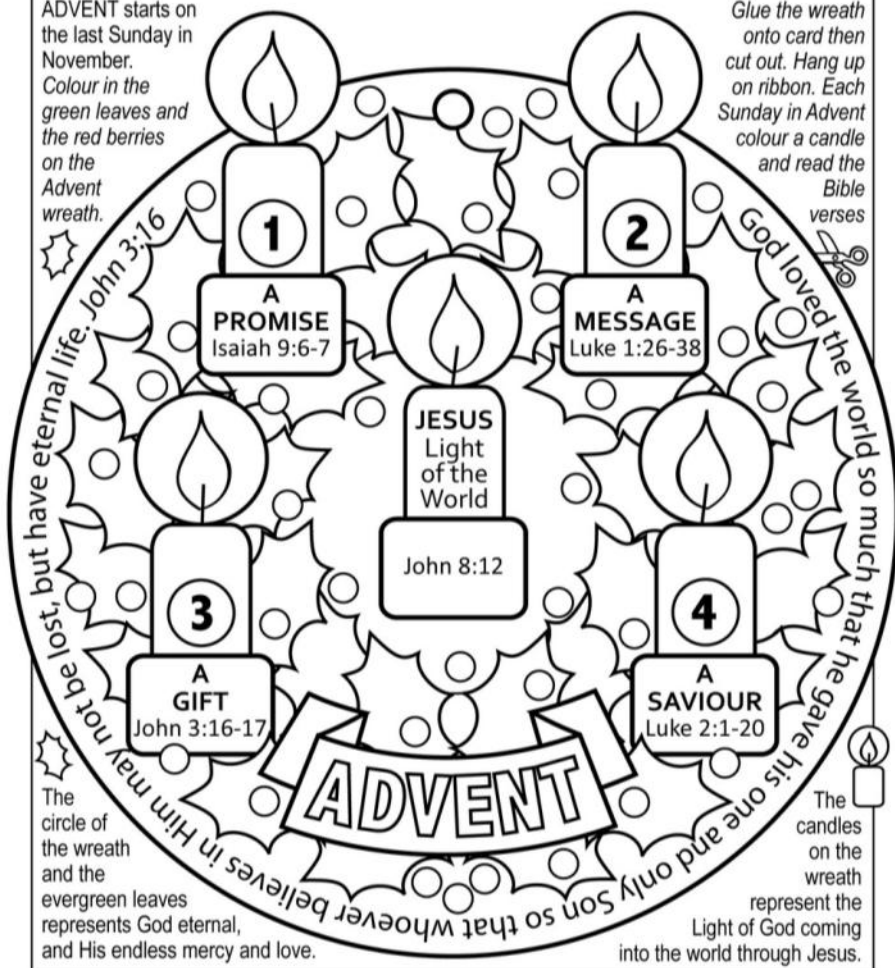


God's promise to the world,
God's message to Mary,
God's gift to us and
God's promise come true in Jesus.



ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November. Colour in the green leaves and the red berries on the Advent wreath.

Glue the wreath onto card then cut out. Hang up on ribbon. Each Sunday in Advent colour a candle and read the Bible verses

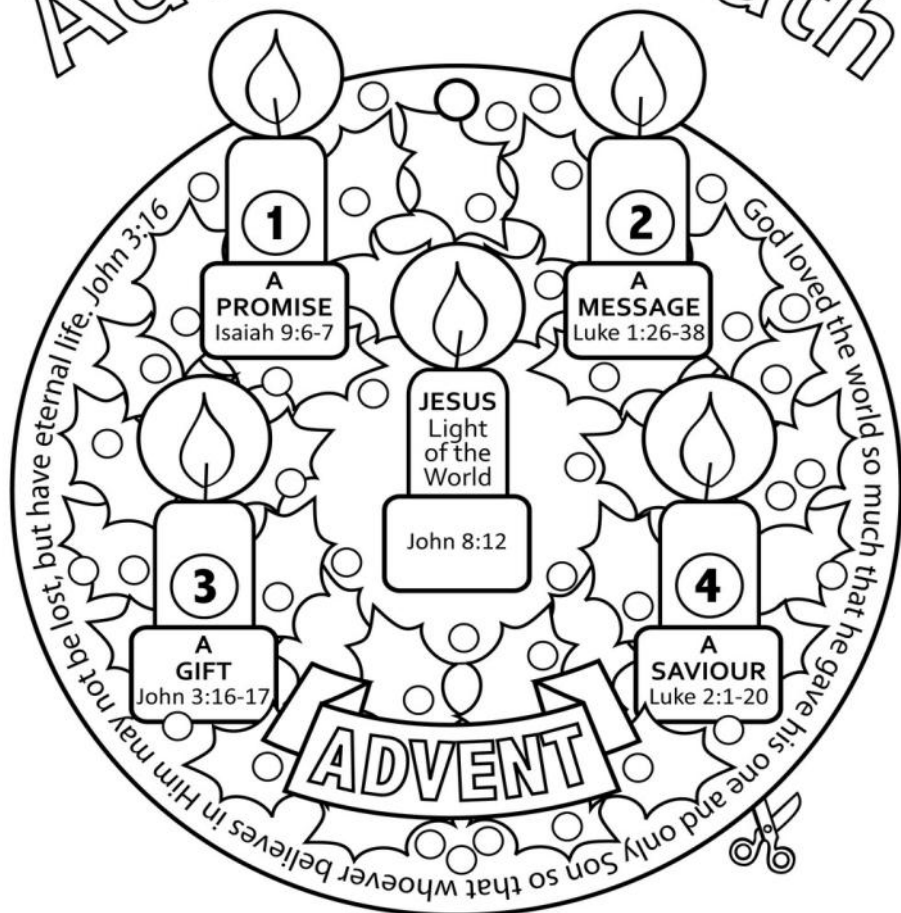


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Advent Wreath



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Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

8th Sept	George Ashcroft	Tatton Drive	64
16th Sept	Alan Robinson	Ashton View Care Home	83
21st Sept	Vera Turnock	Chestnut Grove	90
23rd Sept	Margaret Barber	Severn Rod	97
4th Oct	Alan Simpson	Bransford Grove	73
4th Oct	Maxwell Turner	Elaine Close	73
10th Oct	Lily Eales	Greenfields Crescent	83
11th Oct	Thomas Griffiths	Bolton Road	91
12th Oct	Lesley Wright	Woodland Drive	80
18th Oct	John Fairhurst	Grove Street	90
18th Oct	Dennis Davies	Belvedere Road	88
24th Oct	Annie Bailey	Bolton Road	89
26th Oct	Joan Parry	Westfield Avenue	91
27th Oct	Kenneth Hughes	Windsor Road	77
28th Oct	Johanna Kap	Birch Grove	76



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Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"

17th Sept	David Barry Phelps & Beverley Catherine Lyon
17th Sept	Paul Thomas Davies & Lisa Molyneux
24th Sept	Thomas Philip Smith & Kathryn Forster
1st Oct	Lee Anthony Hall & Bethany Jane Prescott
22nd Oct	Andrew Philip Kenyon & Rebecca Jones

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



16th Sept	Klara Jean Carolan	John Street, Golborne
25th Sept	George Thomas Liston	Edward Drive
9th Oct	Gemma Marie Turton	Duke Street
	Kyle Robert Smith	
	Casey Ann Smith	
	Ryan James Cronin	
	Lexi Louise Turton	
	Maisie Michelle Cronin	
	Leyla Leanne Turton	
23rd Oct	Sophia Madison Anders	Melmerby Close
	Zachary William Morris	Greenfields Crescent

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Boys Brigade

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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.)

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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.

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Tues - 10 a.m.

Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)

Barbara Taylor (205136)

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