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Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held around the Parish throughout the month. To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at one of the worship communities within the Parish. Godparents should have been baptised and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

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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

If you would like further information or to book a funeral, wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the

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	December	January	February
Deadline for material	25 November	16 December	27 January
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A Verse for All Saints

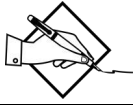


He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?

*Maurice Frost (ed.),
Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and
Modern (London: Clowes, 1962),
no. 274, verses 1,3,6.*



A Letter from Sue



On November 2nd more than 30 leading financial institutions, representing over 6.4 trillion pounds in assets under management, including the Church Commissioners for England, committed to tackle agricultural commodity-driven deforestation as part of the COP26 talks. This is part of the broader efforts to drive the global shift towards sustainable production and nature-based solutions.

Ending deforestation and implementing natural climate solutions could help halt and reverse biodiversity loss, and support human rights and food security.

With most deforestation driven by unsustainable production practices for palm oil, soy, cattle products and pulp and paper, resulting in more carbon emissions annually than the EU, action on these commodities is particularly urgent, which is the focus of the commitment made.

Bess Joffe, Head of Responsible Investment, Church Commissioners for England, said: “We are proud to join other leading global financial institutions to support the systemic shift needed to end tropical deforestation. It is crucial to responsibly steward these forests, which play a significant role in protecting the planet, to address biodiversity and climate change.”

When God created our world, we are told in Genesis that he saw that it was good. However, when we look around today and hear of the rising number of ‘natural’ disasters, we can see evidence of the damage that we are doing to his creation. Yet, God charged us with stewarding the world.

Please join with others in many nations praying that the promises made at COP26 will result in more initiatives to limit temperature rises and climate change and help us to see the changes we can make to our lifestyle to support climate justice.



Do not worry about anything; instead, **pray** about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6—7





Get to know...

Name: Joan Roberts

Roles & responsibilities: I worship at St Aidan's where I am Assistant Treasurer and a member of the PCC. In addition, I am part of a team of people who read and prepare the intercessions during services. I am also on the Pastoral Care Team, Baptism Team, and Open the Book Team.

Favourite hymn: I have lots of favourites but my all-time favourite is 'Amazing Grace'. I think the words so represent what our Lord promises to us all. 'The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures'. The whole hymn has such meaning.



Favourite bible verse: My favourite bible reading is Mark 4: 35–41, Jesus Calms the Storm. Such powerful words Jesus used to his disciples: 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith'. It gives me strength to put my trust in our Lord.

Favourite church memory: My favourite memories are of Billinge Walking Days. The whole of Billinge used to turn out to watch us walk and people came from afar too. The road was shut and we all wanted to walk under the banner or hold the ribbon. We wore white dresses and had lots of sixpences given to us for walking. The family tea afterwards was another highlight of the day when all your grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins got together. People still talk about Billinge Walking Days now, they were such memorable and happy times.

How and when did I become a Christian: I attended St Aidan's Infant and Junior School, Sunday School and Church. I was baptised at St Luke's, Orrell and confirmed at St Aidan's so I was always brought up a Christian. My support in all this was my Grandma Rigby (my mum's mum) and my mum. My grandma was a staunch churchgoer and during summer she took me everywhere to watch all the walking days; they were such lovely days out. My mum took me to church every Sunday morning. I tell everyone though I only became a real Christian after attending my first Alpha course a few years ago when I knew Jesus was not just in my head but in my heart.

Favourite sport: I am not a follower of any particular sports but love going to the gym which I do three times a week. I love Zumba, Aqua aerobics and swimming.

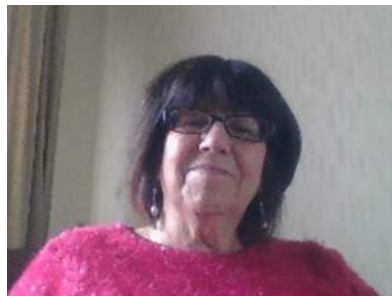
Interesting fact: I love to travel and meet people. I have been to India, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Vietnam, China, Thailand, Borneo, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Bali, just to mention a few!

Get to know...



Name: Carol Foster

Role & responsibilities: I'm involved in coordinating prayer for Church Wigan. I send out daily prayer emails to people in the House of Prayer and, when the need arises, also to the prayer team for South Hub. I also organise some prayer events with others.



Favourite worship song: There are so many to choose from but "Knowing you Jesus" by Graham Kendrick is a particular favourite. Also "Sovereign over us" by Aaron Keyes

Favourite bible verse: Again, there are so many but Psalm 46 is wonderful "God is our refuge and strength.... ending with Be still and know that I am God."

Favourite church memory: When I was fully immersed and baptised in water during my 20's when I lived in Birmingham. Wow, that was so amazing.

How and when did I become a Christian: I was born in Hindley and my mum sent my sisters and I to a small congregational church called Bridgecroft. It was in this church that I began to know Jesus and I know God's hand was upon me. I was the only member of my family who continued going to church when I turned 15. It was actually at teacher training College in Birmingham that I made a real commitment and it was so special. I've never looked back. During my 20s I worked at a place called the Jesus Centre in Birmingham city centre. There we had some great teaching and worship and I learned more about the third person of the Trinity and was baptised/ filled with the Holy Spirit. Another step in my Christian journey.

Interesting fact: Some secondary teens gave me a nickname during my first teaching post – 'Mighty Midget'... I took it as a compliment!



Parish News



Coffee, Cake and Chat

Would you like a hot cup of tea or coffee served with a tasty cake?

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(socially distanced of course!)

Would you like to do some special shopping or treat yourself from a
variety of stalls?

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Wordsearch



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November Holy Days

6th November: William Temple - Archbishop of Canterbury

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister. At the same time, William Temple was Archbishop of Canterbury. While Churchill led the country against Germany, Temple encouraged the British people to trust the Lord for their deliverance and strength. Like Churchill, Temple was a great leader, a gifted orator and a prolific writer. He was also a theologian and social activist.

Temple was born on 15th October 1881 in Exeter, Devon. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, from 1900 to 1904. He loved the music of Bach; the poetry of Browning and Shelley, and Shakespeare. He was an avid reader and possessed a near-photographic memory.

He became president of the Oxford Union and after graduation, was a lecturer in philosophy at Queen's College, Oxford. He was a member of the debating society and was a skilled and balanced debater. Following his ordination in 1909, and priesting in 1910, Temple was headmaster of Repton School for four years. He married Frances Anson in 1916. They were childless.

From 1921-29 Temple was Bishop of Manchester. During this time he was seen as a pioneer of the Ecumenical Movement and gradually became a national figure. In 1926 he urged the British government to seek a negotiated agreement to the General Strike.

Temple excelled as a moderator; a teacher and a preacher and his appointment as Archbishop of York (1929-40) was a popular one. His influence also led to the formation of the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. During the 2nd World War he jointly founded the Council of Christians and Jews to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice in Britain.

As Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) Temple became an outspoken advocate of social reform and became involved in the campaign against unemployment, poverty and poor housing. He believed in the rights of all people, whether rich or

poor, and was a leading force for social justice. He was grounded in the problems of the working man and in his book *Christianity and Social Order* (1942) he shared his vision for all to have access to healthcare, education and decent housing. His radical thinking and activism played a foundational role in the formation of the British Welfare State.

Temple died aged 63 at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent on 26th October 1944. He was the first Primate of All England to be cremated and his ashes were buried in the cloister garden of Canterbury Cathedral. He is the last Archbishop of Canterbury to have died while in office.

10th November: Justus – leading the Church in troubled times

Does this sound familiar? An Archbishop of Canterbury tries to bring unity and calm to a Church split down the middle over seemingly irreconcilable differences, and all the while to promote the Gospel to the wider non-Christian society, in the face of widespread ignorance and even hostility towards Christianity.

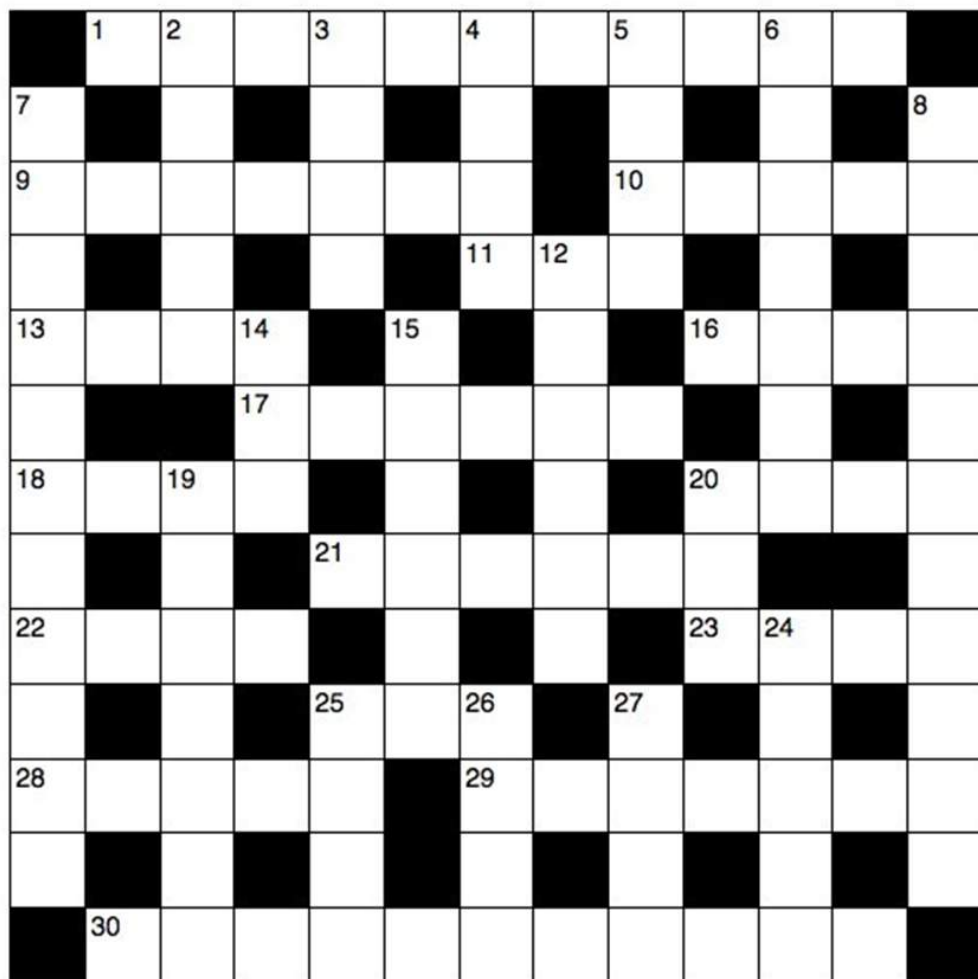
This isn't Justin Welby, though. It was Justus, a 7th century archbishop of Canterbury. Like Justin Welby, he had a passion for mission – he began as one of the Roman missionaries sent in 601 by Pope Gregory the Great – to reinforce Augustine. Once in England, he was quickly put to work – becoming the first ever Bishop of Rochester, in 604. It was then that he joined with other church leaders to urge the Irish and British (Celtic) Christians to repair the great church divide of the time – to conform their customs to those of Rome. (They were largely ignored.)

In 616 things got worse. There was a pagan reaction in Kent and Essex, and without any support from the pagan King Edbald, Justus and Mellitus knew it was time to get out – quick. They escaped to France, and the whole English mission seemed in peril. Then – an unexpected breakthrough occurred – the king was converted. So back came Justus, to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 624. Pope Boniface V had faith in his ability and courage – he bestowed on him both the pallium and the power to consecrate bishops in England.

When Justus died in 627, he was buried at St Augustine's monastery. Then, in the 11th century, Justus was moved to a site in Canterbury Cathedral, behind the high altar.



Crossword



Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)

Answers on page 18

- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across



Lest We Forget

'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in war, especially as we remember those who died in Afghanistan. But why do we remember?

'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3). Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria fell due to the aggression of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of *peace* is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. *'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.'* (Micah 4:5). Let's ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'



Care for Creation



This month sees the eagerly anticipated COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. As Christians, we need to hold together two key insights, if we are to engage with the challenge of climate change:

The world is not ours:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! If we understand this, we will rediscover the responsibility of our calling to care for God's world: *'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.'* (Genesis 2:15). This challenges our consumer mindset, that says the resources of the earth are both limitless and exist for our pleasure. As well as caring for the planet, we also need to care for its people, for it's the poorest who will suffer the most from climate change. According to the World Bank, 100 million could fall into poverty by 2030. We cannot properly address the climate crisis until we re-learn our place in God's world!

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one in whom: *'all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.'* (Colossians 1:16). We can look forward to the climax of history when God will restore the broken world and make everything new. We are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth, as we share in this hope. We are called to love God and neighbour, and care for the planet by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

However great the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage in it with faith and not with fatalism!



We so enjoyed the fireworks display,
can we do it again at New Year?

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Charioteers. 9, Immoral. 10, Cairo. 11, SAE. 13, Inns. 16, Firm. 17, Accuse. 18, East. 20, Ogam. 21, Judith. 22, Seba. 23, Msgr. 25, Den. 28, Inane. 29, Entreat. 30, Chrysopraxe.

DOWN: 2, Human. 3, Rare. 4, Oils. 5, Ecce. 6, Raising. 7, Citizenship. 8, Commemorate. 12, Assail. 14, Sat. 15, Scouse. 19, Sabbath. 20, Ohm. 24, Seeds. 25, Deny. 26, Nero. 27, Star.



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News from our churches



Church Reorder

In this edition of the magazine last November, I set out in detail the procedure which had to be followed before the work planned for the reorder of our church building could be commenced along with details of the proposed work. We are now some three or four months since the completion of the work and are now able to see the real benefit of what has been achieved. We have had services, weddings, funerals and a wonderful day when St Thomas school came down to church, infants in the morning and juniors in the afternoon. A varied programme of activities had been organised by Jan Cornthwaite who was well supported by a number of our church members. Prayers were written, self-portraits drawn and stained glass windows constructed. The children were divided into smaller groups and another team of helpers gave conducted tours of the building the highlight of which seemed to be the ringing of the church bell. I was privileged to be there on the day and take in the wonderful atmosphere created and the buzz of lots of children enjoying the experience. Much thanks goes to Jan for her hard work, her volunteers and of course the children for creating such a wonderful and memorable time.

Magazine Material

The new Hub magazine with St Thomas and St Luke's news is now into its third edition and our thanks must go to Jess Bradley for this a new lease of life. I have said before that we can't leave everything to Jess, we do need material from across our congregation. The Mothers Union finds this a convenient means of communicating information to members and there is no reason why other church organisation should not have a regular article both of interest to members but also so that the congregation can know what is happening right across our church life.

Harvest Festival

This year we were able to hold our annual Harvest Festival after the pandemic caused last year's to be cancelled. I would like to thank all those

who kindly donated much appreciated gifts. I particularly want to thank our day school. They were unable to attend church for the annual Harvest Service but have been able to celebrate the harvest in school and have blessed the ACT food Bank with donations of food items. We do thank the parents for their generosity.

Opportunities to help your church

In the October edition of the magazine I set out the areas in our church life where we are short of volunteers to carry our work which is essential for our community to properly function. I must admit to my considerable disappointment when my article only succeeded in soliciting two volunteers who have kindly offered to control the new under floor heating in church. I am sure that there must be others, if thought is given, can feel the call to assist. I am setting out again what we desperately need: -

- A small team to manage the distribution of the St Thomas and St Luke's edition of the church magazine.
- Volunteers to take on magazine delivery routes.
- Volunteers to organise our support of the Leprosy Mission basically it involves looking after the envelopes collected in church during leprosy week and possibly a fund raising coffee morning or similar.
- Volunteers to organise our support of Christian Aid week.
- Volunteers to assist the wardens and deputies with the administration of church services .
- We need to appoint a new foundation governor to the governing body of St Thomas School. I perhaps should emphasise our school.
- We urgently need a person with media skills to make the facilities which our church can now offer as widely known as possible.

This is a brief outline of the jobs more fully listed last month. I will be more than delighted to give further information to anyone interested and feeling a call to help.

Remembrance Sunday

We are expecting that many people will wish to show their respect in the usual manner by attending this service on the 14 November. We are still having to observe some Covid restrictions in the building and are therefore limited to actual attendance inside of 250 people. Many of these places will need to be reserved for the members British Legion and the organisations taking part in the parade. Any seats remaining will be on a first come first served basis. However, the local council have arranged for the whole service to be broadcast outside church for the benefit of those unable to get a place inside.

New Chairs

We are still open for, and indeed in receipt of, donations for our chair appeal. I apologise to those whose donations I have failed to acknowledge. Hopefully I can rectify this by acknowledging the following:

Mansell, Linda and Kirsty High

James and Barbara Cotton

Mary Owen

Meta and Ken Laites

Barbara Thomas

Ruby

Helen Stuart

Paula Gillespie

Janet and Peter Cornthwaite

The combined efforts of the donations have raised a magnificent total to date of £7,000.00

The Sign

For as long as I can remember our parish magazine contained an insert under the title The Sign. A while ago we canvassed our readers and it was decided that we should only distribute The Sign to those who indicated that they would like to continue in receipt. Sadly, we have now been informed that the life of The Sign will come to an end after the December issue due to an economic decision based on the amount of money it is losing.



St Thomas' School's visit to Church

As the October half term approached, an army of excited children with their teachers came on a long-awaited visit to church. Because of lockdown it had been almost 2 years since our school community had been able to visit church. In the meantime, our church building has undergone a re order making it a very different space.

KS1, (the infants), arrived at 9:15 on the Friday morning. They were warmly greeted by Malcolm before doing a series of workshops. They made prayer books, drew pictures of themselves on jigsaw pieces to help them understand that we are all part of one family - the family of God. Finally, they did a tour of the church looking for evidence of the old church interior as well as exploring the new. The morning session finished with a time of worship with Kelvin and Timmy (the dog puppet), chatting to the assembled youngsters.

In the afternoon KS2, (juniors) arrived to do similar workshops and familiarise themselves with the surroundings. The children were extremely well behaved. They had fun, learned together and laughed together. And every child rang the bell!!!

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can have services in church and be allowed to invite parents and children to worship together. But, thanks to Judith Jones and her enthusiasm, a day off curriculum exploring faith and we pray finding Jesus was a wonderful way to celebrate our schools first post COVID visit to church.

It was a day to relish and be remembered.

Jan Cornthwaite



Mothers' Union



Diary: Wednesday 17th November meeting in the church hall at 7.30pm when our speaker is Rev Kelvin Bolton

I am setting out the gist of the letter which we received from Coops Foyer acknowledging the groceries donated to them following the Harvest Festival:

Dear St Thomas' of Ashton in Makerfield

I wanted to write to thank you for your kind donation we recently received, it is very much appreciated.

All the young people who move in to Coops Foyer are young adults who are experiencing financial hardship and may have suffered or been under threat of homelessness. Part of my role here at Coops Foyer is to ensure that each young person is able to manage their property and tenancy – which is quite often a challenge for them.

The items you donated will among other things enable me to provide a 'starter pack' to new residents which will include various cleaning items, toiletries and household items which are a great start in ensuring that the young people are able to maintain their flats.

If you have any future meetings that it would be appropriate for either staff members or residents from Coops Foyer to give a small presentation/update at, please do not hesitate to invite us.

Regards

Alison Leonard

Operations manager

Coops Foyer

We do hope to continue our support of these young people at Coops Foyer with Christmas gifts. Can I ask you to have this in mind as we begin our Christmas preparations.

A good companion talks or listens,
sensing which to do and when.
Giving counsel when requested
or a warning now and then.

Saying 'yes' or 'no' when needed,
never varnishing the facts,
and then standing by supporting
with unstinting kindly acts.
Even when you're low or grumpy,
sore-headed as a bear
or too depressed to bother,
feeling nobody can care.

It is then a good companion
is a blessing and support,
who will ally to assist you
when your confidence is short.

Loneliness will be our burden
if we kindness disdain.
Lives together intertwining
have so much to give and gain.
So our lives are worth the living
when we find such treasured friends.
Good companions are worth seeking
all the way 'til journey ends.

We are once again grateful to David Fearnley as he concludes his nostalgic walk round Ashton of yesteryear with part 3

A NOSTALGIC WALK AROUND ASHTON IN MAKERFIELD PART 3

Skitters Wood – an old wooden bridge across the Skitters stream in the early 1950's preceded the present concrete bridge. A large pond in Skitters Wood, frequented by ducks and swans, was filled in c1962.

Wigan Road – down Queens Road the George V playing fields with slide, swings, roundabouts and rocking- horse. The large pond in the Queens Road Park (before my time) and the water fountain that never worked. The wooden pavilion in the flower park on the other side of Wigan Road; Dr. Levine opposite the war memorial and Dr. Burnett next to "Star" pub after Gorner's garage.

Bryn Road – Jameson's grocers on the corner with Bolton Road, after Pimblett's Farm (now Barton's) a long slag heap of coal spoil, then the gates of the disused Long Lane colliery, then Gaskells lorry yard, old wartime lorries transporting mainly shale from coal tips. On the opposite side of the road council refuse lorries driving into the fields to deposit their loads before the building of Mucklow's estate. At the junction of Bryn Road and Nicol Road was the "Drum & Monkey" pub, on Bryn Road across from the pub was a Coop. Further along was the Infectious Diseases Hospital and Garswood Hall colliery. In Nicol Road a long line of terraced houses on the left side all the way from the pub until the sharp right angle turn in the road with the deep waters of the flash or Nicol Mere opposite. Gorner's garage at the junction of Nicol Road and Wigan Road with Rose Farm owned by David/"Davi" Lowe on the opposite corner.

Liverpool Road – next to the "Kings Arms" the Catholic High School, White's toffee shop next to the present Catholic Club, a row of terraced houses between the Catholic Club and Townfields which included 2 pubs the "Oddfellows Arms" and "The Queens Head" (Top House). St. Oswald's primary school, opposite, a gate entrance to Garswood New Hall; the old

wooden scout hut, opposite, the Old Hall Drive entrance to Garswood Hall and wooden lodge house; Dr. Spencer's house; the Ashton Pit pumping station on present day Woodedge, and the original Liverpool Road curving in front of Worthington's/Home Farm can still be seen. Hartley's saw mill; Fishwick's frozen storage; Jack Case's vehicle yard at Ashton Cross; Dock Lane House on the site of the present military vehicle yard behind which was Stones'/Park Colliery. On the left of the public footpath leading from Liverpool Road – Gibbons Lane was a large railway siding yard with dozens of wagons filled with coal and steam trains hauling the wagons across Gibbons Lane, where there was a railway level crossing with gates near Picton's (now Buildbase) builders' yard, to join the Wigan – Liverpool line. A large pit reservoir occupied the present site of the Mabey's yard at the corner of Strange Road and Gibbons Lane.

Warrington Road – Sammy Reeves bike shop and taxis where Park Motors shop is today; St. Thomas' vicarage; Makerfield Café at the junction of Vicarage Road and Warrington Road well used after weddings and funerals. The stone pillars and iron gates, across from York Road, was the entrance to the Gerard's former residence Garswood Hall. Behind the gates the dereliction of the former estate including a tall water tower and remains of the former prisoner of war camp. At the present Newlyn Drive was Crompton's football field. Remember the turnstile giving entrance to the ground? For many years the football ground was used for the service at the end of St. Thomas' Walking Day. Opposite the entrance to Haydock Park Racecourse was the Ashton in Makerfield railway station.

Heath Road – the Scala cinema; "Kearsley & Gee" builders yard; Cookson's Farm, Ashton Heath, near the present Lincoln Drive; the railway footbridge near the racecourse and the sewage works in the fields towards Edge Green. The weaving shed/Makerfield Mill at the top of Windsor Road.

David A. Fearnley



Require a part time **Driver / Bearer** to join our team.

The duties include:

- ♦ Care of hearse and limousines.
- ♦ Ensuring that the vehicles are washed, polished and the interior of the vehicles (including the cills and the matts) are hoovered.
- ♦ The vehicles will also need to be washed after every funeral to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- ♦ Be responsible for company property.
- ♦ Excellent time keeping and attendance at work are essential.

Uniform will be provided after a satisfactory probationary period.

Please contact Claire Whittaker on **01942 271824** or email **clare.alanjonesfunerals@gmail.com**

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.

Donations: Please place any donations in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please post this through the Vicarage door. Please make cheques payable to St Thomas' PCC. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

Gift Aid: If you are a UK tax payer and would like church to be able to claim back 25p for every £1 you donate, please complete a Gift Aid form or state on your envelope that you are a UK tax payer, would like the donation to be Gift Aided and include your full name and address.

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

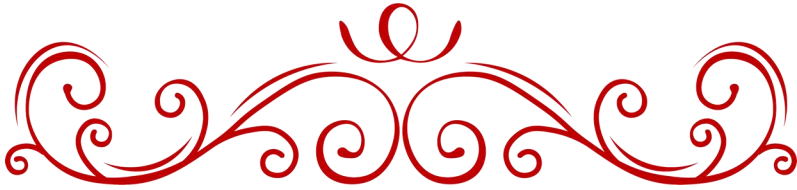
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| • Africa Fund | • Garden of Rest |
| • Asylum Seek | • General |
| • Audio Visual | • Grave Maintenance |
| • Church Hall | • Heath Road Graveyard |
| • Buildings and Maintenance | • Heating |
| • Food Ministry | • Fit for the Future |

Unless otherwise stated, donations will go into the General fund.



Donations & Remembrance



St Thomas'

In memory of **Peggy Knocker**, a dear friend
From Doreen Lea (Flowers)

In loving memory of **Peter Raymond** (anniversary 8th November)
From Margaret and family

With thanks for 60 years of marriage
Janet and Peter Cornthwaite

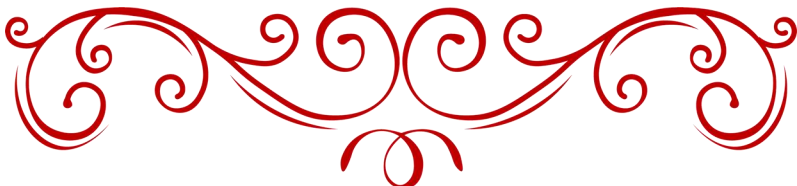
Donations from a Posh 'n' Plonk evening and plant sales
from Ashtonians AFC

Also donations to Africa, Building, General, Heating Funds and the Pantry

St Luke's

Birthday remembrance of **Doris Knowles** (18th Oct) from the Knowles family

In memory of a dear friend **Doris Knowles** from Sheila Baxter





The Registers



Holy Matrimony 'All the days of their lives'

1 October	Martin Dumican
	Tracey Turton

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

4 October	Jayde Taylor
10 October	James William Scriven
10 October	William Phair Jason Jennion
24 October	Lucy Elizabeth Dewhurst
24 October	Kennedy Greyson Bowden—Davies
31 October	Hadi Hedari
31 October	Avid Soufi
31 October	Salim Rashidi
31 October	Mohsen Khoznod



The Registers



Funerals 'May they rest in peace'

7 October	Linda Sommers	69	St Gabriel Close
11 October	Jeanette Miles	62	Elm Avenue
14 October	Vera Parkinson	85	York Road South
21 October	Margaret Ann Rimmer	63	Nicol Road
21 October	Philip Stanley Corless	79	Woodland Drive
21 October	Shelia Gillett	83	Grange Road
25 October	Christopher David Houghton	58	Wellbeck Road
28 October	Margaret Herd	86	Princess Road

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.

St Thomas' and St Luke's Organisations

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 730pm at St Thomas'

Barbara Taylor
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Fairtrade Stall

3rd Sun 11.45am at St Thomas'

Anne Wooff
724207

Asylum Seeker Support

3rd Sun 11.45am at St Thomas'

Anne & Chris Wooff
724207

Fur Clemt Stubshaw

Mon 12pm—1pm at St Luke's

Jennifer Harrison
718618

Litter Pick

3rd Sat 10am—12pm from Church Hall car park

Chris Wooff
724207

Flower Guild

Meta Laites
723679

Bowling Club

Henry Hunter
712709

Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

Sun evenings in Church Hall

Ceri Mansell 727417

For more information, please visit our website at stthomasstluke.org.uk

Ashton Pantry Sue Thomas 07877704645

Tuesday & Saturday 11am – 12pm

Thursday & Sunday 3pm – 4pm

Youth Clubs

GYM (ages 11+): Mon 3.45pm—5pm

Friday Nights: 7pm—8pm

JYC: (for Y3—Y6) Mon 5.45pm—6.45pm

11—18 year olds : Sun 7pm—8pm

Children's Sunday Clubs at St Thomas' Karen Cunliffe 07721770305

Bubbles: Pre school

Splash: Reception—Y2

Xstream: Y3—Y6

Bell Tower: Y7—Y11

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Rainbows: Tues 5.30pm

Brownies: Thurs 6.30pm

Guides: Tues 7.15pm

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