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September 2015

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

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St Th	nomas'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)	11.00 a.m.	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
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9.45 a.m.
7.40 G.III.

Holy Communion (BCP 1662) Other services and Saints' Days as announced. Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for dates, details or exceptions.

<u>Parish Office:</u> 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 721 484.

<u>Deadlines:</u> Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to stthomasandstlukesmagazine@gmail.com

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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 evening. live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's/St Luke's. Parents and be Godparents should also 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

Funerals

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



Letter from the Curate



On my bookcase this summer, there have been 5 invitation cards – four for weddings and one for a baptism. All beautifully made – the artwork on one was a present from the groom's cousin – a published artist; on another, as you opened the card, two

pieces of string pulled themselves into a lovers knot; and on another the bunting at the top of the invitation spelled out the baby's name. All very personal – designed to bring a smile to your face, connect you with the occasion, and draw you closer to the joy and the celebration in prospect.

When we receive a personal invitation, especially to a celebration – we want to be able to say yes don't we – we begin to think about what we can move in our diaries so that we can accept! We feel special because we've been included, we feel

connected to those who've invited us.

Research done by the national church says that many more people would come to church – if only they were invited personally. There are lots of reasons why people stop coming to church, or never begin in the first place. There are lots of

things we can do to encourage them to give church a go, but it all begins with that personal invitation.

At its heart invitation is perhaps the oldest idea of all, it's what made shepherds leave their flocks, fishermen leave their nets, and tax collectors climb out of trees. Jesus – an irresistible inviter of people!

We have, beginning right now, a whole season of opportunities to invite someone to church - between Back to Church Sunday on Sept 27th, and our Christmas Services in December. Sometimes we're nervous about asking, sometimes the person we invite is nervous about saying yes – so it's great to have more than one opportunity to

All are

Velcome



Letter from the Curate

invite and be invited.

Here's the story of one family who responded to an invitation to come to St Thomas' on Back to Church Sunday last year:

After we had our daughter, we had discussed the importance of our faith. We both enjoyed Sunday school as part of our upbringing and felt we would like our little girl to have the same experience. Our friend and colleague knew this and therefore she kindly invited us to join her at St.Thomas'. This made us feel very welcome and gave us that push to walk through our church doors. We have been welcomed by all and even more so when our daughter has been shouting or should I say "singing". Feeling part of the church has led us towards our daughter's baptism, which we are all excited about. Thank you to you all for making us feel so welcome.

With this magazine, you should receive a card. I wonder who you will give yours to? The Bible tells us we only need faith as small as a mustard seed to see God do great things. I believe we only need courage as small as a mustard seed too – courage to turn to someone

we know and say 'would you like to come with me?' – we can all do that!



You are the key resource to grow our church – your willingness to offer a personal, friendly invitation – not just once, but over a whole season. If you come to our services already, why not invite someone along with you. If you receive home

communion from us, why not invite a neighbour along to your next home communion visit. If you don't currently come to church but enjoy reading our magazine, why not come to one of our services on Back to Church Sunday – you would be made very welcome.

God bless Helen





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - September 2015

Monday Morning Prayer. 9.00am

Tuesday Morning Prayer. 9:00am

Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) 10:00am - 12:00pm

Church open for prayer. 7.30-8.30pm

Wednesday Morning Prayer. 9.00am

Thursday Holy Communion. 9:45am

Princes Pantry. (St Luke's) 11:30am - 1:00pm Vestry hour. 6.30-7.30 pm

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 A Court, York Road, York Road South, Lily Place, Turnill Drive, Cloverdale Drive, Wellbrooke Close, Mitchell Street



Parish News



Parish Giving

I have given much detail of the benefits which accrue to our parish from our membership of this scheme in previous magazines. I would like to thank those people who have completed the direct debit instructions and whose contributions and were appropriate the gift aid element is already being received and gratefully applied by Sarah our Treasurer.

The scheme remains open for anyone to join at any time and I can only encourage you to help our finances by joining now. If you need any help or explanation please see me in complete confidence and I will explain and provide the necessary application forms should you be happy that it is God's will for you.

Malcolm

Ashton Festival

There are a number of spectacular events on during Ashton Festival including:

Saturday 12th September 7.30pm - Rainford Ladies Choir with guest artist, Tom Loughlin

Sunday 13th September 6.30pm - Songs of Praise

Saturday 19th September 7.30pm - Variety Concert with Young

Artists from around the area

Friday 25th September 7.30pm - Fashion Show by La Bella Figura.

Saturday 26th September 7.30pm - Old Hall Brass Band

Brian Merry Chair—Ashton Festival Committee





Diary Branch dates

Wednesday 9th September Service of Holy Communion Service and Enrolment in Church at 7.30pm.



I am delighted that we have two younger members of our congregation who wish to be enrolled, they are Claire Hayton and Kayleigh Speakman and I am sure that they will enjoy their membership of this worldwide organisation which does much to improve family life throughout the world.

Tuesday 22 September Indoors Members Service at Christ Church Ince at 7.30pm

Friday 2nd October Women's World Day of Prayer at Cave Brown Church at 1.30pm

An important time at Mary Sumner House as we now have a new Chief Executive replacing Reg Bailey who retired in July. She is Beverley Jullien and comes with great experience in such companies as Astra Zeneca and London South University. We wish her well as she takes up the reins so well held by Reg.



The August Magazine included a reminder to those who take Families First Magazine that the cost is due by 15th September. Please let Pauline or myself have them. For those members who don't subscribe can I once again encourage you to take this very interesting and informative magazine with issues coming out six times a year. Please let me know if you are interested or would like to look at an earlier edition, you won't regret it.

As always I would like to thank everyone who last month contributed in anyway to make our Light Lunch so successful whether it was in helping on the stalls and in the kitchen or making cakes. We raised the magnificent sum of £565.00. The hall was buzzing and the friendship and fellowship that we shared was wonderful. As always we had great support not only from the members but also from the parish as a whole thank you very much.

Literature Sales

The Mothers Union Enterprise catalogue with all the Christmas Cards, calendars, books etc is now available for you to peruse. Due to the support of the branches including of course our own branch the Liverpool Diocese has received over £1000.00 as a grant related to turnover. This does have a knock on effect by helping to keep subscriptions down. This is achieved by the sale of cards etc right through the year but in particular with good Christmas Sales. Maureen Cook our branch rep will be delighted to hear from you with your orders.

Going back to school

Prayer Ideas:

- Pray for those facing changes and new starts. Pray that they would know God's peace and nervousness would turn to excitement.
- Pray for a positive start to the year for good relationships with friends and teachers.
- Pray for energy and enthusiasm for all those starting a new year of learning and also for those looking after and teaching them.
 Pray for ease of transition from a time of

freedom back to a routine.

God of all times and places.

At the beginning of this new school year, thank you that you share in all we do. We ask that those who face difficult or anxious days

know your peace this week.

May those who expect happy and exciting days know your love this week.

And wherever we go and whatever we are doing may we know that you are with us.

Amen

Love and prayers

Barbara

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AVERAGE	238.32	63	3.77



"Finally, we're still waiting for someone from last week's Parent & Toddler Group to come and claim this lost property..."



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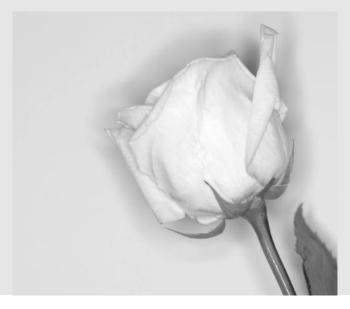
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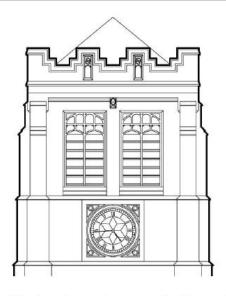


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FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING SEPTEMBER				
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL		
6TH SEPT	VACANT	Anniversary remembrance of a dear Mum and Dad, Elsie and Hugh Jervis from David, Elsie, Anne and their families		
13TH SEPT	In loving memory of Harry Finch (13th Sept) from his loving wife Jean and family	VACANT		
20TH SEPT	VAC ANT	Anniversary remembrance of Debra Davies (20th Sept). A dear Mum, daughter, sister and Auntie		
27TH SEPT	VACANT	VAC ANT		



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Anniversary remembrance of Gladys Burchall (11th August). A dear Mother and Grandmother from Doreen Rimmer and family

Birthday remembrance of James Marsh (7th Sept) a loving husband from Kathy

In memory of loved ones from Marion Bullen.

Thank you for wedding flowers for Jonty and Kat's wedding.

St Lukes' Flowers



FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR SEPTEMBER			
DATE			
6TH SEPT	VACANT		
13TH SEPT	Memories of Gordon Bailey from Mum and family		
20TH SEPT	Anniversary memories of a dear husband & dad Colin Graham(15th Sept) & a loving son & brother Stuart Andrew Graham(24th Sept) from Joan & Hazel		
27TH SEPT	Memories of Grandad from Linda & Michael Ladyman Memories of loved ones from Ken Lockett		



The Film Review With Rob Carson



Ant-Man (12A) Directed by Peyton Reed

Stars: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Corey Stoll, Evangeline Lilly, Michael Pena, Martin Donovan, and Anthony Mackie

In a Nutshell: Guardians of the Galaxy eh? If every there was a benchmark for Marvel movies, that was it... you can do something really out there and crazy and impossible to make work... and yet make it work because you're Marvel and somehow you can do anything. So can it happen again, I mean who's heard of Ant Man, it's a bit of a jump from Iron Man and Captain America isn't it? Oh and the original director, the wonderful Edgar Wright bailed after creative differences... oh dear surely? Well Marvel wills it and it happens, because whilst it isn't quite Guardians (but what is?) it sure is a blast from first second to last and another absolutely wonderful ride. As with all these things, it's in the casting of the leads where the gold begins and casting Paul Rudd and Michael Douglas is no exception, both as terrific as the mentored and the mentor respectively, Rudd particularly channelling his innate likeability into a role with extra stakes. Great support is had too, particularly by the wonderful Michael Pena stealing every scene plus Evangeline Lilly in a terrific foil for Rudd that is only going to expand with future movies. As with things like Honey I Shrunk the Kids, of course the shrinking effects are cool but looking how far we've come since 1989 of course it's pushed to the next level and is all sorts of cool... and of course, everything fits in wonderfully with the ever expanding Marvel Universe including cameos and sequel hints.... basically everything you want and more. Good things come in the smallest sizes sometimes.... Rating: 10/10

Inside Out (U) Directed by Pete Docter

Stars the Voices of: Amy Poehler, Phyllis Smith, Bill Hader, Mindy Kaling, Lewis Black, and Richard Kind

In a Nutshell: It's hard having a reputation so good sometimes, when you finally make the smallest slip it makes people gasp out very loud indeed. So it is with Pixar, long known as the best animation studio around with a flawless record of amazing movies, then along came Cars which I'll admit is fine (I even enjoyed the sequel) but doesn't hit all cylinders as flawlessly as all their other movies do, then films such as Brave and Monsters University were solid but not 100% and to some that is enough to suggest Pixar had



The Film Review With Rob Carson



lost it. Cue Inside Out, easily the most stunning movie of the year and a future classic that proves Pixar they always had it. The scale, the imagination, the wit, the emotion... never mind Pixar, if most movie studios and movies non stop were like this... we'd be in special days indeed, alas we're not always so lucky. As always there is a lovely voice cast with special props to Amy Poehler as the ever bright and cheery Joy leading the emotions in Riley's head, a concept that is so simple yet so layered and effective, it will change your outlook on your life and the way you lead your life forever in the most wonderful way. There is laughter to be had and fun situations but the main thing here is a raw emotion that is really something bittersweet and special... in essence this is a film about growing up, the end of childhood and in ways the death of innocence... such a deep and moving message for a family movie but one in the capable hands of Pixar, that is done 100% with the upmost attention, care, and beauty. It has everything and will veer you from laughing to sobbing hard and having the most uplifting experience... it's simply unmissable and simply a thing of absolute beauty.... Rating: 10/10

Also Seen:

Ted II (15) 8/10

Terminator Genisys (12A) 7/10

Also Out in September

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (12A) (Sep 4th)

Dope (15) (Sep 4th)

Ricki and the Flash (15) (Sep 4th)

No Escape (15) (Sep 4th)

The Transporter Refuelled (15) (Sep 4th)

Irrational Man (12A) (Sep 11th)

Legend (15) (Sep 11th)

The Maze Runner: Scorch Trials (12A) (Sep 11th)

The Visit (15) (Sep 11th)

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

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY ST THOMAS' FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 £455

If you want to discuss any issues around wills and legacies please ring the Parish Treasurer Sarah Riley on 01942 722747

Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance of

Thomas Stone (25th and 28th Sept), a loving husband and dad, From Elsie and Keith

Loving Birthday Remembrance of

My Dear Husband (Sept 14th) from Ever-loving Wife Rene and Family

David Alan Griffiths (17th Sept) from Mam, Dad and John

Eric Sandercock (26th Sept), much loved Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great-grandad from Jean and Family

In Loving Memory of

Thomas Tagg from Betty and Stan Shaw

Thomas Tagg from Clare, Phil and Matthew

My dear husband, **Albert Topping** from Mrs Emily Topping

Anniversary Remembrance of Debra Davies (Sept 23rd) A much loved Mum, Daughter, Sister and Aunty		
Craig and Nicola	Mum	
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Tracy, Ian Ethan and Jessica		

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Anniversary Remembrance of

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'Never mind how busy we are, there is nothing more important, nor more vital, than God's salvation. In the first few verses of Isaiah 26 God's salvation is described as being like a city. In those anarchic days, a city was the only place that people felt tolerably safe, with its strong walls and ramparts keeping enemies at bay. So, however threatened we may be feeling by whatever, or our own fears and weaknesses – think on God, our strength and our salvation!'

God's salvation, like a city Walls and ramparts strong; All that know His grace and pity Join the blessed throng! Let the city gates be open God has spoken – Come along!

God is like a rock eternal We can trust in Him He'll protect from Hell infernal If we come within! If our loving God we're seeking He'll be keeping Us from sin!





Trust in God! Trust Him forever!

Trust His wondrous name!

He has said He'll never, never

Leave us to our shame!

Hold on to your Saviour tightly

And His mighty

Name proclaim!

By Nigel Beeton



UNLUCKY NUMBERS

Some people think that the number 13 is unlucky but did you know that other countries and traditions have different 'unlucky' numbers?

The numbers 4 and 9 are considered unlucky for the Japanese. Why? Because the Japanese word for '4' sounds exactly like the word for 'death' and the word for '9' sounds like the word for 'suffering'. There are no rooms numbered 4 or 9 in many hospitals or hotels in Japan.

JOE: I'm so unlucky; my plastic fruit went mouldy.

JIM: I'm more unlucky than that – my stuffed bird flew away.

JACK: That's nothing. When I went ice-skating the rink caught fire!



REFERENCE

Answers: 1.150 2.40 3.3 4.2 5.969 6.7 7.127 8.5 9.14 10.276

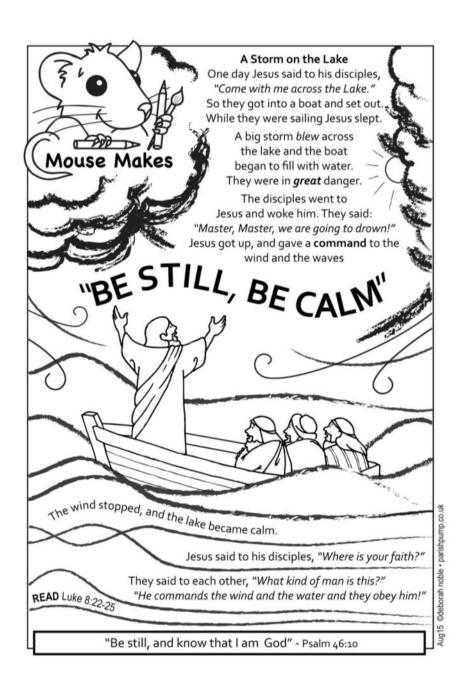
BIBLE NUMBERS?

The answer to each of these questions about the Bible, is a number.



- 1. How many psalms are there in the Book of Psalms?
- 2. How many days did Jesus spend in the wilderness (Matthew, chapter 4)?
- How many times did Peter deny Jesus (Luke, chapter 22)?
- How many daughters-in-law did Naomi have (Ruth, chapter 1)
- 5. How long did Methuselah live (Genesis, chapter 5)?
- 6. How many days did Joshua march around the walls of Jericho (Joshua, chapter 6)?
- How many provinces did Ahasuerus rule over (Esther, chapter 1)?
- How many sparrows were sold for 2 pennies (Luke, chapter 12)?
- After how many years did Paul go again to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus (Galatians, chapter 2)?
- 10. How many people were saved from the ship that Paul travelled on when it was shipwrecked on the island of Malta (Acts 27)?







The Registers

Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

10th July	Nora Esther Glaze	Westwood Nursing Home	83 yrs
16th July	lan McCall	Melford Drive	68 yrs
22nd July	Audrey Moore	Westfield Avenue	79 yrs
31st July	Mary Pemberton	Princess Road	78 yrs

Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



8th August	Jonathan Robert Cornthwaite & Kathryn Duckworth
15th August	James Andrew Lancashire & Rachel Grace Woods

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



26†h July	Lucy Artus	Wotton Drive
	Lucy Rose Backhouse	Greenfields Crescent
	Emma Lilly Scriven	Walford Road
9th Aug.	Cassian David Brown	Bryn Road
	Mollie Elizabeth Hughes	Bransdale Drive
	Blake George Spencer	Vulcan Park Way

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St Thomas' Choir Sunday - 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m. Paul Tushingham (711085)	Coffee Mornings at St Thomas' Tues - 10 a.m. Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion) Barbara Taylor (205136)
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