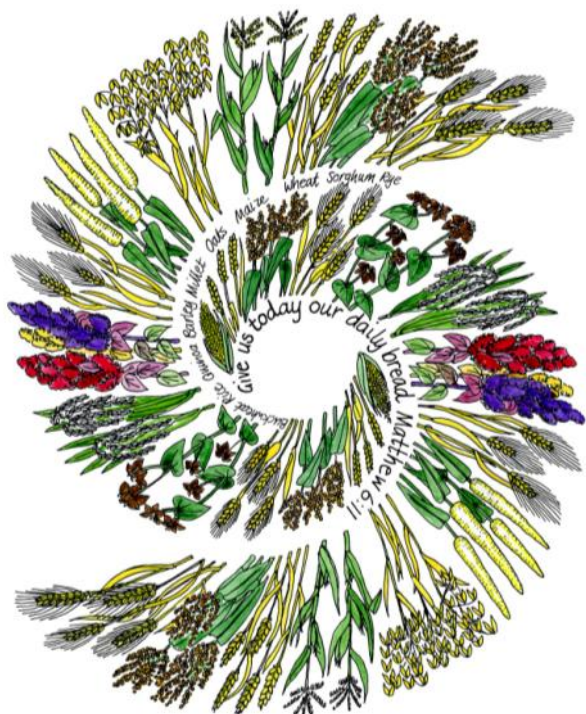


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# Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

## 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

Children love stories and we never grow tired of them. One of our grandchildren, William told me that when Granny gave him some milk, "I tasted it and my mouth said no, no, no. But then I tasted some apple juice and my mouth said yes, yes, yes!"



He could have said simply that he didn't like the milk, he liked the apple juice. But that wouldn't have communicated half as much about his experience. His was a story that let me know in his own words so many things, that I could almost taste with him the sweetness of the apple juice after tasting less than fresh milk.



Stories are key to our encounter with other people. In many ways our life stories bind us together, as our anecdotes, experiences, feelings, emotions, humour and much more become shared experiences. Stories don't need to embellish, they just need to retell, and to communicate with others in a way that is more than just description. Many of the most compelling stories are those of encounter and journey with others - our life stories engaged and entwined into community stories.

Jesus told stories to illustrate his message, he tells the good news in ways that interests and challenges his hearers. Our 'Journeys of Faith' sermon series





## Letter from the Vicar

over the summer introduced us once more to the faith stories of men and women of the Old Testament, together with the people that journeyed with them. Scripture helps us to know and to learn through familiar stories.



We all have our own life stories to tell, and Christians all have faith stories to share. When we wonder *how* to share our faith with others, wonder what is the secret, or the technique, that works?

The answer is through our own stories: the 'before faith', 'finding out about faith', 'decision to come to faith' and 'the difference faith has made' stories that we have. This September we start a new sermon series on sharing our faith, where hopefully we can become a little more confident in telling our own faith stories.

In a transformed church and community these faith conversations will become the norm. Why not begin now by sharing with someone that you trust? Listen to their stories and tell them your own. You will be surprised how uplifting and encouraging the hearing and telling will be. You will also be ready to when the opportunity arises again.



**Jeremy Thomas**



## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - September 2016**

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Coffee Morning. (Church Hall)	10:00am- 12:00pm
	Church open for prayer.	7.30-8.30pm
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Holy Communion.	9:45am
	Princes Pantry. (St Luke's)	10:00am— 12:00pm
	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 **Old Road (Odd numbers)**

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# Parish News



## A grateful thanks

Many of you will know that I have been blessed to **Thank You!** host two lovely girls from Belarus for a few weeks in July/August. One was called Lerya and the other one Kseinya but known as Shoosa. We all had a great time helped to a very large extent by the welcome and hospitality given us by the people of St Thomas and St Luke's.



We had some lovely meals provided for us and the girls enjoyed being entertained by other children. They also liked the dogs which they met. We had visitors and received gifts both of money and clothes which the girls really appreciated.

I have taken to the pages of this magazine to express my thanks to everyone who helped in anyway to make this so memorable both for myself and the girls.

***Bobbie Masnyk***





# Mothers Union

## DIARY:

**Wednesday 21st September** Service of Holy Communion Service and Enrolment in Church at 7.30pm.

**Wednesday 28th September** Indoors Members Service at St Mark's Church Newtown 7.30pm



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 £466.90 which goes to MU projects at home and overseas. It was great to hear the chatter in the hall which was buzzing with the friendship and fellowship that we shared. As always we had great support not only from the members but also from the parish as a whole and our other regular friends who do support all our events, thank you very much.



## Advance Notice

**Friday 7th October** Women's World day of Prayer in church at 1.30pm

On Thursday 11 August Evelyn Forster one of our oldest members died aged 97 years. She had been a member of the MU 54 years and never missed a meeting until recent years when she had to move into Garswood House. She will be sadly missed by all. On behalf of our members I would like to pass on our sympathy to Pat, Pam and Jean and their families.

## 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 all the branches, including our own, the money received by Liverpool Diocese as a grant related to turnover will 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



# Mothers Union

particular with good Christmas Sales. Maureen Cook our branch rep will be delighted to hear from you with your orders.

## **Holy Cross Day: The Prayer of the Chalice**

Father, to you I raise my whole being,  
A vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord,  
this my emptiness, and so fill me with

yourself -- your light, love, and life--

that these your precious gifts may

radiate through me, and overflow

the chalice of my heart into

the hearts of all with

whom I come into



contact this day,

revealing to

them the beauty

of your joy and

wholeness,

and the

serenity

of your peace,

which nothing can destroy.

*Frances Nuttal, Oxford diocese, England*

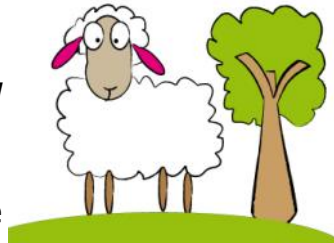


***Love and prayers Barbara***

## **'I didn't know I was lost!'**

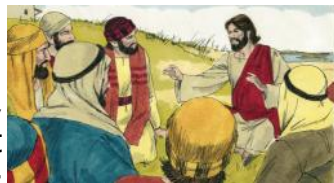
***"Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep" (Luke 15:6)***

Some readers may remember the media report one August, of a young secretary who went missing for some days, through a con-trick perpetrated by a deceiving businessman.



Eventually she was found, in a somewhat confused state, at Basingstoke railway station. Evidently she had been completely unaware of the TV news – and of the public concern. In her own words, at the resulting press conference, she confessed, "I didn't know I was lost until I was found!"

In this famous fifteenth chapter of Luke, Jesus' parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost prodigal son, was basically making a single point – the steadfast determination of the eternal Father to do everything possible to find and recover every stray individual – even if they were taken by surprise at His seeking love.



Years ago I was leading a hospital ward service one Sunday morning, with a little team around me. It was still politically okay to do so in those days! All I could see of one patient was a newspaper, firmly held up – and a thin spiral of cigarette smoke that drifted up from behind the paper. Yes, back then it was still permitted to smoke in a hospital ward!

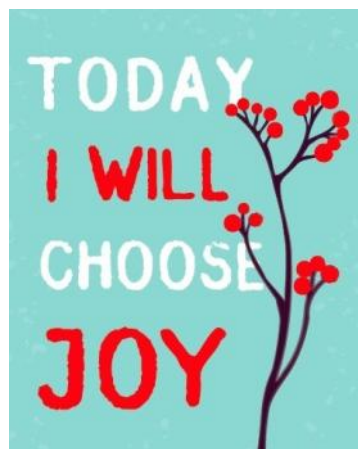
Two days later I went visiting in the same ward, bed to bed. And there was the patient – a woman in her early thirties.

"So *you're* the one who was speaking on Sunday morning!" she exclaimed. "I never looked in your direction once; I was determined to hide behind my paper and my cigarette. But I was listening all the time. And every word you said was for *me*. I want now to follow what you were talking about. How do I get started?"

This is the wonder of God's ways with us. Jesus Christ is the Shepherd; out on the hills looking, working, seeking for that one sheep that is missing from the safety of God's fold. And when, by the message of His sacrificial love, that single 'lost' one is reclaimed, the angels are aglow with joy. *Jesus said so.*

What happened to the other patients that Sunday morning? Who can tell? But Heaven itself was lit up that day over just one.

**Richard Bewes**





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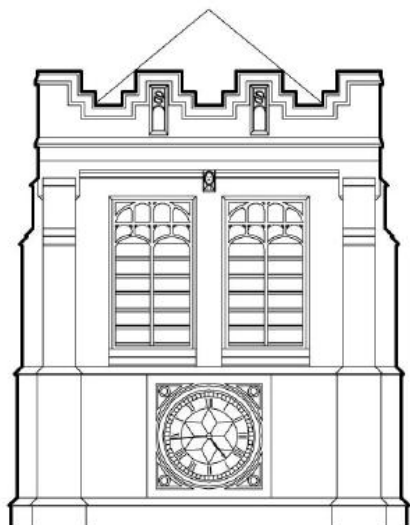
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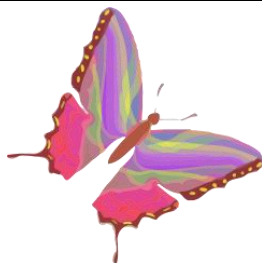
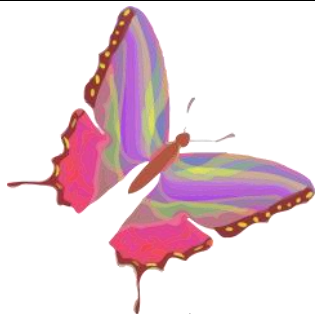


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Royal Preston Hospital's Critical Care Unit  
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## Birthday remembrance of

**Gordon Bailey**

A loving son and brother from Annie and family

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A dear Dad and Grandad from Hannah, Kofi and Zahra

**Alan Cross**

A much missed cousin from Annie Bailey

## Anniversary remembrance of

A dear husband **Colin Graham** (15th Sept)

And

A loving son **Stuart Andrew Graham** (24th Sept)

From Joan Graham



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# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



### **The BFG (PG) Directed by Steven Spielberg**

**Stars:** Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton, Rebecca Hall, Rafe Spall, Bill Hader, and Jermaine Clement

**In a Nutshell:** It's a marriage made in heaven... the directorial mastery of Steven Spielberg matched to the whimsical and magical authored works of Roald Dahl... and that's exactly what this magical and deliciously delightful movie turns out to be. Anchored by two absolutely barnstorming and brilliant performances by the leads.... Rylance in particular completely inhabits and nails the character of the BFG to an absolute tee and definitely deserves that awards recognition that I hope we will achieve so soon after his first win... a captivating and marvellous performance that shines right through the motion capture work and truly dazzles. While Barnhill is just perfect as Sophie... wide eyed and innocent yet still world weary and with her wits about her... its a beautiful portrayal of the character and really anchors the action in a sense of wonder and danger simultaneously. The support cast are fabulous fun and really add to the sense of fun, especially a delightful Wilton as the Queen in the most fun of the sequences here. The sets and the scope and the effects are just a gaggle to behold.... the giants mo-capped by various fun faces are sinister yet humorous yet still chilling and a real threat and menace in the story while all the sequences in Giant Country are astonishing, lending what is ostensibly a typical country backdrop the air of something else entirely more magical and mysterious.... this magical and wonderful movie simply nails every challenge it faces, from the visual to the mental and the acting. It's a true delight, especially if you're a huge fan of either Dahl, Spielberg or simply the story... but still bound to astonish and captivate any newcomers to the party too. You'd be a squiggly jiggy raff to miss it. **Rating: 10/10**



### **Finding Dory (U) Directed by Andrew Stanton and Angus MacLane**

**Stars the Voices of:** Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks, Ed O'Neill, Hayden Rolence, Ty Burrell, Kaitlin Olson, Diane Keaton, Eugene Levy, Idris Elba, Dominic West, and Bob Petersen

**In a Nutshell:** When this project was first announced, it was hard not to be a slight bit sceptical... the idea of another Finding Nemo style film is great and it's about Dory... but from the title alone, it suddenly seemed a little bit unoriginal... like Sequel-cliches by numbers. But while I will say it's not quite 100% on the strength of the original... this is a complete joy from start to finish, full of fantastic new characters and old favourites, plenty of laughs and plenty of tears. On the vocal front, Ellen is terrific once more as Dory... balancing the simple chuckles of her



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absent-mindedness with some real pathos too so she doesn't become just a one-dimensional joke, whilst Ed O'Neill steals half the movie as the grouchy octopus Hank, plus Idris Elba and Dominic West are priceless as two lazy sea lions who are very protective of their rock, that and a whole bunch of other lovely voices too. The animation and the style as ever is faultless, simply beautiful and gorgeous. The way the story is slightly repetitive of the original works because it does it with many twists and turns in the styling of the story to make something so lovely and beautiful. Sure it never quite reaches the classic heights of Nemo, but it's a gorgeous, funny and lovely story all the same. You'll love its simple story, you'll laugh a whole lot and cry on occasion because it's really sweet and sad too... and overall, you'll just have a totally awesome time and everyone will be happy at the end. Everyone of all ages is going to love it. **Rating: 9/10**

### Also Seen:

**The Legend of Tarzan (12A) 9/10**

**Ghostbusters (12A) 7/10**

**Ice Age: Collision Course (U) 6/10**

**Star Trek Beyond (12A) 9/10**

**Jason Bourne (12A) 8/10**



### Also Out in September

**Cafe Society (12A) (September 2<sup>nd</sup>) Sausage Party (15) (September 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Captain Fantastic (12A) (September 9<sup>th</sup>) Don't Breathe (15) (September 9<sup>th</sup>)**

**Free State of Jones (15) (September 9<sup>th</sup>) Kubo and the Two Strings (PG)**

**(September 9<sup>th</sup>)**

**Bridget Jones's Baby (tba) (September 16<sup>th</sup>) The Infiltrator (tba) (September 16<sup>th</sup>)**

**The Girl with all the Gifts (15) (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) Imperium (tba) (September 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

**The Magnificent Seven (12A) (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) Deepwater Horizon (tba) (September 30<sup>th</sup>)**

**The Founder (tba) (September 30<sup>th</sup>) Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (tba) (September 30<sup>th</sup>)**

**War on Everyone (15) (September 30<sup>th</sup>)**



## LET DOWN BY HIS FRIENDS

In the Bible there are many accounts of Jesus healing people. You can read about one in Mark's Gospel, chapter 2, verses 3 - 12. I like this one because it is about friends.

The four men made a tremendous effort to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. When they reached the house where Jesus was it was surrounded by lots of people; they could have given up and gone home. But they didn't. What did they do?

At that time houses had flat roofs and a stairway outside the house that led up to the roof. The four men broke through the roof and lowered their friend down on his bed. Imagine all the faces looking up and wondering what was going on as the dust, earth and lumps of wood fell down! Then the Bible says "When Jesus saw their faith..."

The all important change came from faith - not from the faith of the man but from the faith of his friends. One man's life changed forever because of four good friends and one Best Friend, Jesus.

## OVER & UNDER?

The answers to all of these are either OVER or UNDER...

1. When a car passes another vehicle.
2. In London, they call it the Tube.
3. A thick winter garment you wear outside.
4. Dungarees, or worn to do a dirty job.
5. One way to throw a ball.
6. Another name for a funeral director.
7. When someone falls off a boat.
8. Knickers, vests etc.



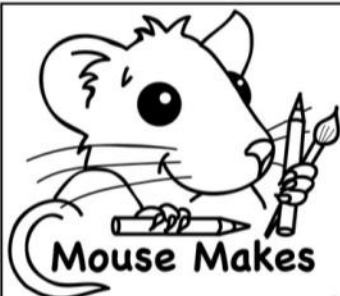
(Answers at the bottom of the page)



On a school trip to France, the teachers were reminding the children about behaving properly. 'And,' said the headmaster, 'what do you do if one of the children falls overboard?' 'Shout for help, sir,' said one boy. 'Good. And what do you do if one of the teachers falls overboard?' 'Which one, sir?'



Answers: 1. overtaking 2. Underground  
3. overcoat 4. overalls 5. underarm 6.  
undertaker 7. overboard  
8. underclothes



Thank you  
God for...




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See how many words can you  
make using the letters from  
**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Lord God, you made the world;  
You made the land we live on,  
the air we breathe,  
the water we drink,  
the food we eat.



**Thank you Lord for the harvest.**



Lord God, you give us all that  
we need each day to live.



**Thank you Lord for the harvest.**

Lord God, help us to share all that you give us.

**Thank you Lord for the harvest.**



*"May the peoples praise you, O God,  
may all the peoples praise you.*

*The land has yielded it's harvest and  
God, our God, has blessed us."*

Psalm 67:6



What foods can you think of to finish this acrostic?

H .....

F .....

A .....

E .....

Raspberries..

S .....

V .....

T .....

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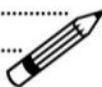
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Vegetables...

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# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

8th July	Joanne Eatock	Firwood Grove	53yrs
15th July	Mary Shaw	Tatton Drive	97yrs
8th Aug.	Alan Storey	Crescent Avenue	74yrs
11th Aug.	Alexander Whittingham	Fardale Grove	84yrs

## Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



13th Aug.	Jonathan Taylor Preston & Bryony Michelle Brand
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## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



17th July	Ethan William Hodgkinson	Edward Drive
14th Aug.	Lydia Rose Jones	Bolton Road
	Mollie Linda Taylor	Pretoria Road

# Church Organisations in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in Makerfield

## Boys Brigade

**Captain:** Gareth Hamlett (07903866501)

**Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 5.45 p.m.)**

Olwen Wright (389595)

**Junior Section (Tuesday 6.45 p.m.)**

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.)**

Rachel Starkie (718350)

**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.**

Paul Tushingham (711085)

## Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'

**Tues - 10 a.m.**

**Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)**

Barbara Taylor (205136)

## Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.

**Bubbles (Pre-School)**

**Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6)**

**Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)**

Sue Thomas (727275)

sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk

## St Luke's Over Sixties

**Monday – 2.00 p.m.**

**Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club**

## Wednesday Weenies

**Wed – 1.00 p.m.:** Jan Cornthwaite

(721626)

## St. Luke's Donation Secretary

Mike Pye (517318)

## Youth Work

Sue Thomas (727275)

## St. Luke's Treasurer

John Boon

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)

**Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall**

Ceri Mansell (727417)

## The PCC Secretary

Dorothy Burgess (701542)

dottib1@yahoo.co.uk

## St Thomas' Mothers' Union

**3rd Wed: 7.30 p.m.:** Barbara Taylor (205136)

## Flower Guild

Meta Laites (723679)

## Bowling Club

Henry Hunter (712709)

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