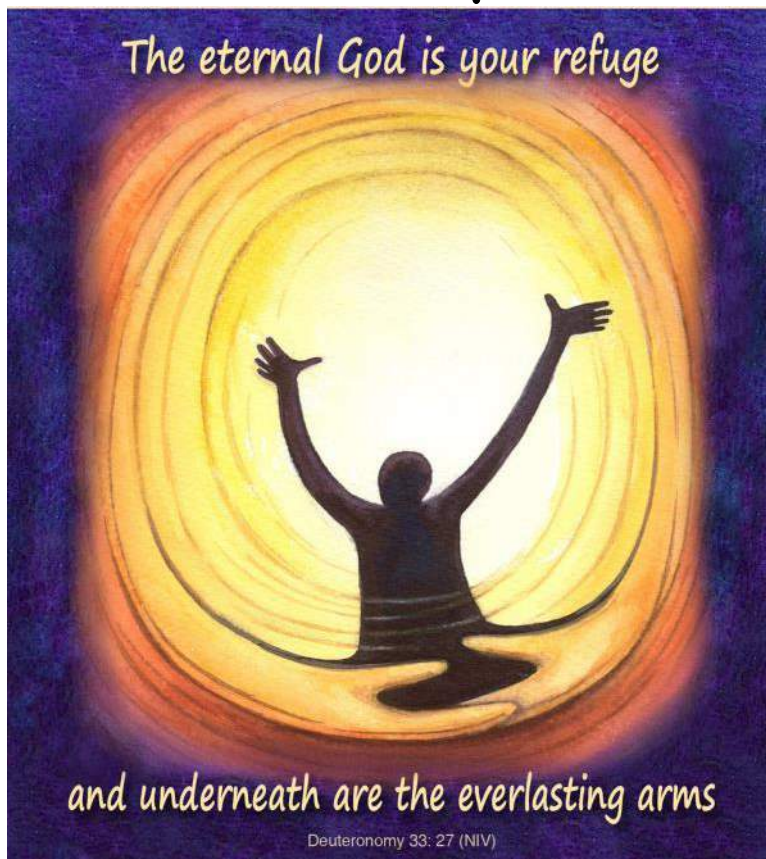


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Church Services in St Thomas' Parish, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas'

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 All age worship	9 ^{am} Morning Worship 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Communion	9 ^{am} Morning Worship 10.45 Family Worship 18.30 Youth service	9 ^{am} Communion 10.45 Communion 18.30 Evening Prayer
St Aidan's 18.30 Evening Prayer		St Aidan's 18.30 Communion	

5th Sunday in September

10.30 Communion at St Thomas'

18.30 Communion at St Aidan's

St Luke's

11 ^{am} Family Worship	11 ^{am} Communion	11 ^{am} Family Worship	11 ^{am} Family Worship
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Weekdays

Thursday 9.45am
Holy Communion
(BCP 1662)
In St Thomas'

Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for additional services details or exceptions, particularly around Christmas time.

Deadlines: Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor and email material to magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk
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office@stthomasstluke.org.uk

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Booking Baptisms and Weddings

We are now encouraging everyone who would like to book a baptism or wedding to come to the family service at either St Thomas (10.45am) or St Luke's (11am) and bookings will be taken afterwards.

Important Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas' Church at 12.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11am on the 3rd Sunday.

To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's or St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session.

Funerals

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

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the church office on:

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Daily / Weekly Events in our Churches

Mon	Prayer for world & community (St Luke's)	11.30-12.00
	Fur Clemt Café (St Luke's)	12.00-13.00
TT	Youth club for 11+ (Church Hall)	15.00-16.45
TT	Junior Youth Club (Church Hall)	17.45-18.45
TT	JYC Extra (Church Hall)	18.45-19.15
Tue	Coffee Morning (Church Hall)	10:00-12:00
	Church open for prayer	19.00-20.00
Wed	TT Messy Tots (St Luke's)	09:30-11:00
	TT Weenies (Church Hall)	13.00-14.30
Thu	Holy Communion	09:45-10.30

TT—term time only

These are the usual events in our church, please see the notices for details of youth events and 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: Heath Road (from Windsor Road), Ashton Heath, Heath Street, Mill Street and Druid Street.

TANGO

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



If you have any items of furniture that you no longer want TANGO will collect Free Of Charge from your home.



Letter from: Flíc

A Cathedral in Time

Some blackbirds seem to have made a home in our back garden, which means I have The Beatles' song 'Blackbird' in my head on a regular basis! But as I watched them one morning whilst struggling to rest on one of our rest days, I was also reminded of when Jesus said: ***"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"*** Luke 6.25-34

Many of us have been away or had some time to relax over the summer, and now that September with its autumnal air is upon us, there is the temptation (for me at least!) to leave the restfulness of the holiday behind as we rush into a new academic year. But let's not forget that the first holy thing in all creation was a not a place or people, but a day.

In his wonderful book, 'The Sabbath', Abraham Heschel says that God made everything in creation and called it *good*, but when God rested on the seventh day, God called it *holy*. Rest is not just for the summer holidays, but is a wonderful "cathedral in time", a precious and holy gift from God into which we are invited into every single week of our lives.

Sabbath reminds us of two things:

- *We are part of God's divine creation.* On the seventh day, God did nothing. As people made in God's image, we too should rest.
- *We are free!* When God's people are commanded to observe the Sabbath in Deuteronomy, they are reminded of their liberation - of how God brought them out of slavery into freedom.

When we keep the Sabbath, (which involves occasionally saying 'no' – believe me, I know it's difficult!) we gain this rest and freedom not just for ourselves, but also for our children, our communities, and our planet.

Because when we rest, we give permission for those around us to rest too. In the Bible, the Sabbath is about justice for those who are enslaved, it's about rest for the tired land, it's about resisting a culture that tells us that each year's produce must be bigger than the last, and it's also the great equaliser of human beings. As Barbara Brown Taylor says, "when two sets of grandparents are at the lake with their grandchildren feeding ducks, it is hard to tell the rich ones from the poor ones".

So as the busy season begins, let's take a lesson from the birds of the sky and remember to keep entering into that magnificent 'cathedral in time', where we re-discover ourselves as stamped with the image of the divine; creatures of both rest and freedom.

Flíc

Information from: Hub Clergy

Schedule of services in South Wigan Parish

As we move towards establishing the South Wigan Parish, and after consultation with all worshipping communities, we are now able to attach our schedule of services for the coming months. We will keep this under continuous review.

This schedule offers a number of opportunities within a 3.5 mile distance:

- the opportunity to receive Holy Communion every Sunday morning and during every week;
- the opportunity to worship in six worshipping communities and some magnificent church buildings.
- the opportunity for continuing Sunday evening worship, which is now rare in most parts of England;
- the opportunity, on fifth Sundays, to gather together morning and evening in contemporary and traditional styles as one worshipping community, to encourage one another and enhance our worship of God.

New missional opportunities may emerge: how about a revived choir for Evensong or building on our monthly Youth worship?

All of this requires a bit of good will and flexibility on all our parts. With the smaller number of ordained clergy new lay members are stepping-out of their comfort and confidence zones to lead worship themselves which they are doing very ably; and you – our hugely valued members of existing and new worship communities - are occasionally having to re-schedule a bit, offer and receive lifts from friends, and perhaps re-consider the ‘why’ of worship more than the ‘where’.

In our re-shaped parish in our cluster of towns we have six churches within nine square miles: We are convinced that within the resources and capacity available to us, and within us, we can offer regular, frequent, varied and authentic worship.

Hub Clergy

Church Events

Spring Harvest Local: **St Thomas' Church, 19th September, 7.30pm.**

Book Tickets at: <https://www.ecevents.uk/sh-local-unleashed/ashton-in-makerfield/Site/Register> or via the website on the flyer below:

The flyer features a purple and orange color scheme. At the top left is the 'ec essential christian presents' logo. The main title 'SPRING HARVEST LOCAL' is in large, white, hand-drawn letters. Below it, text describes the event as a gathering for heartfelt worship, teaching, and prayer. Three speakers are listed: Martin Young, Rachel Gardner, and Lou Fellingham. The date and location are clearly stated. Ticket prices are listed as £8 for adults and £6 for concessions. A website link is provided for booking. The background of the flyer shows hands raised in worship.

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On **Saturday 19th October at 7pm** there will be an evening of worship songs - old and new.

This will be held in St Thomas' Church and led by our own Worship Band. In honour of our location, instead of coffee and cake, the refreshments will be pies (including vegetarian).

Please put the date in your diary and add your name the list at the back of Church.

Don't hesitate to speak to one of the band or email our ticket line on

churchevents19@gmail.com

for further details.

Come and join us for an evening of Worship, Word and....Pie!





Parish News



With Malcolm

Keswick Convention

Once again July and August saw this years event held as always over three weeks. A number of us from St Thomas have been privileged to attend for one week for the past few years and there we were again. Sadly down on our usual numbers with Mike and Gillian Greenwood in France at Spring Harvest and David and Maureen unable to attend due to David's illness. They were missed. I cannot overstate my commendation of this event to all. The venue in the Lake District town of Keswick is in itself without comparison, the teaching is of a very high standard with very distinguished Christian preachers giving their time to open up the scriptures for some 12000 attendees over the three weeks there is a wonderful pervading ethos of Christianity. The worship leaders are excellent. We were there for our usual week two and were privileged each morning to be taken through a bible study on the Song of Songs a book which I must admit has not previously had my attention. It was lead by Rev Vaughan Roberts the Rector of St Ebbe's Church in Oxford who was exceptional as he opened up the poetry of the book. The Evening celebration was a challenging look at 1 Peter with a number of different preachers.

There are of course a number of other talks and seminars taking place throughout the Convention with a special programme for children. You can view all these on YouTube, by the Keswick Convention website or Clayton .TV.

We regulars have already booked for next year and will all be back eager to learn more of God's grace and the love of our resurrected Saviour Jesus Christ revealed through the Gospel.

Come and join us even if only for a day.

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Parish News



With Malcolm

Your Parish needs you!

I have pointed out in the past how our church thrives on the work of its many volunteers. I expressed my disappointment in the August edition that our search for someone to take over the maintenance of the two small gardens at the Heath Road entrance had not been successful. I am now more that delighted to thank Viv and John Howarth for agreeing to take on the job and getting on with it.

There are of course a myriad of other tasks awaiting with there is always more to be done. Some examples of the areas where help would be welcomed are the provision of lifts to our services, keeping the grounds around the church and hall clean and tidy. In particular we do urgently need someone to do monthly tests on our fire alarm and to ensure the defibrillators are functioning. No special expertise is required just a desire to help.

Malcolm





Mothers' Union

Diary:

Wednesday 18th September: Service of Holy Communion Service and in Church at 7.30pm. This is an Enrolment Service for Joyce Cox and Janet Robb. Please do try to attend this service.

Wednesday 25th September: Indoors Members Service at St Luke's Church, Orrell, Wigan 7.30pm. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to go.

Advance Notice

Friday 4th October: Women's World Day of Prayer at Canon's Hall, St Oswald's 10.30am

Thursday 17th October - there is to be a quiet day at Bishop's Lodge - names to be in by the middle of September.

A great big thank you is due to everyone who helped in anyway at our Light Lunch on the 11th August. A special thanks to our cashier Michael Pye who again kindly stepped in to collect the money. We raised the magnificent sum of £434.40 some of which will go to our own country and also to the Summer of Hope for families and communities and help us to 'Follow in Mary Sumner's footsteps'. As always there was the usual buzz of friendship and fellowship and 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.

Literature Sales

I know that it is still summer but it is at this time that I remind you that our Literature Representative Maureen Cook is already busy with the sale of the Christmas Cards, calendars, books etc as detailed in the catalogue. I would urge you to contact her in plenty time to place your orders. Please remember that the money received by Liverpool Diocese related to turnover has 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.



Mothers' Union

I am sure that you will all remember fondly Celia Cunliffe who was a devoted member of our branch until she could no longer cope on her own and went to live in a nursing home in Rugby to be near to her daughter and family. Sadly Celia passed away on the 26th July. We pass on our sympathy to the family at this sad time.

Whilst she was not a member of the MU I would like to mention that Margery Maddrell who was the mother of Sue Gillam and a lady that the Home Communion team used to visit, also died in July. I do feel moved to say through the medium of the magazine that it was a real pleasure to visit Margery with communion over the past few years. Again we pass on our sympathy to her family and friends at this difficult time.

***The Earth is the Lord's and every thing in it, the world, and all who live in it.
Psalm 24.1***

The beauty of our world is many and varied: the ruggedness of the mountains, the peace of quiet lakes and rivers; the crashing waves of the oceans, mighty dry deserts and vast polar regions; flowers of every type and colour, trees for food and beauty.

We pray that we may all play our part in conserving and preserving, safeguarding and protecting, all the wonders that you gave us. Amen
Daphne Burton, Diocese of Chichester, Province of Canterbury

Love and prayers,
Barbara





The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Spider-Man: Far from Home (12A)

Directed by Jon Watts

Stars: Tom Holland, Zendaya, Jake Gyllenhaal, Jacob Batalon, Jon Favreau, Marisa Tomei, Angourie Rice, Samuel L. Jackson, Cobie Smoulders, Tony Revolori, Remy Hill, J.B Smoove, and Martin Starr

In a Nutshell: Gosh how many Spider-Man movies have there been now? When I think back on my long life, I measure it in Spider-Man movies; and the scary thought is that the very first Tobey Maguire Spidey flick was released in the very special summer of 2002, when I was 16 and left high school and I saw it five times. So, this character and his many adventures means a lot to me. We now come to the second instalment of the most successful iteration of this character since the first one, and with all due respect to Tobey because I grew up with those movies; Tom Holland is probably the best Peter and Spidey so far. This one takes the form of a summer vacation gone wrong and draws upon Vacation and Eurotrip before turning into so radically crazy that I can't even begin to mention it without spoilers looming. The rug pulls and twists are always too hard to guess given the comic book history, but it still does a beautiful job of keeping you guessing if they'll go that way or not right until it does happen. The cast are all having so much fun, Tom is great as always and always adding new layers to his portrayal and the characters growth as a hero which is paramount here. Zendaya is just so perfectly deadpan and sarcastic whilst genuinely being a great romantic foil for Peter/ Tom and what she has done with the character is just really really great. Jake gets to throw to both sides of his on-screen persona and is as dependable as he ever was, both stoic and a bit dark. Everyone gets a chance to shine, especially the welcome addition of the excellent JB Smoove as a high school chaperone who steals every moment he appears and of course, the wonderful Jon Favreau as Happy Hogan who is always just brilliant and the scenes with him and Marisa Tomei as May are just perfect. Without delving into the many mysteries entangled here, this is a fast, funny and thrilling adventure that continues the fine traditions of great Spidey adventures and takes the series to very interesting areas going into the next instalment and comic book fans will be giddy throughout right to the end of the credits....

Go web go!

Rating: 9/10



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



The Lion King (PG)

Directed by Jon Favreau

Stars the Voices of: Donald Glover, Beyonce Knowles-Carter, Chiwetel Ejiofor, James Earl Jones, John Oliver, Billy Eichner, Seth Rogen, Alfre Woodard, John Kani, JD McCrary, Florence Kasumba, Keegan-Michael Key and Eric Andre

In a Nutshell: Will there be a point in time when it really isn't necessary to continually remake every big property and name again and again? I'm guessing the idea of the money is too big a factor... so I guess the question can be, is it really worth it? Well, yes and no. There is no disputing the fact that it's wholly unnecessary to make this movie, to do a really snazzy job with the ground-breaking new effects that you can accomplish and lay them over an already amazing story. But I guess since it's been done, I can say that it's a pretty good effort and lays with Beauty and the Beast and Jungle Book in taking a classic story and tweaking it and adding some extra layers and bits and pieces on to expand the running time and deepen the characters and story and funnily enough it really does work on a lot of levels. My biggest gripe is the songs, most are solid and some are a big shame but they could never live up so what can you do anyway? Major kudos though to getting Elton and Tim involved again and having a really catchy Elton track on the credits. The effects, as expected are mind blowing... the realism and scope is incredible, though I would argue that without a human element to ground it you are always aware that this is a CG landscape no matter how stunning it seems. The voice cast are all solid, especially with special mention to Billy and Seth who are awesome as Timon and Pumbaa and their version of Hakuna Matata somehow manages to even better than the other one. So again, whilst this revisit never needed to happen? While it does then it's actually worth a look and actually not all that bad.... See for yourself and take your rightful place as a viewer of this movie.

Rating: 8/10

Also Seen: **The Current War (12A) 6/10, Stuber (15) 7/10, Fast and Furious: Hobbs and Shaw (12A) 8/10**

Released in September:

It: Chapter Two (15) (Sep 6 th)	Downtown Abbey (PG) (Sep 13 th)	Hustlers (15) (Sep 13 th)
Ad Astra (12A) (Sep 18 th)	Rambo: Last Blood (18) (Sep 20 th)	The Farewell (15) (Sep 20 th)
The Kitchen (15) (Sep 20 th)	Hotel Mumbai (15) (Sep 27 th)	Ready or Not (15) (Sep 27 th)
The Goldfinch (15) (Sep 27 th)	The Hunt (15) (Sep 27 th)	Woman in the Window (15) (Sep 27 th)

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:1-7, 11-16, 25-35

Once the Israelites had moved into their
promised land, they obeyed God, but not for
long, so God let other countries invade.

The Midianites invaded every
year, and stole all the food
the Israelites had grown.

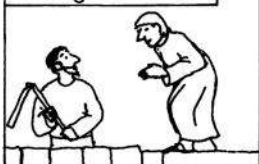


The Israelites had to
hide in the hills.



After 7 years,
the Israelites called
out to God for help.

Gideon was secretly
threshing wheat when
an angel arrived.



The Lord is helping you,
mighty warrior.

I don't
mean to be rude, but it
doesn't look like He is.



God said

I will give you the
power.



But my clan
is the weakest in our tribe and
I'm the weakest in my family.

I'll be helping you. Start by pulling
down the altar built for Baal and
build one for Me.



Gideon did as he was told (but he
waited and did it at night).



In the morning, people
came to complain to
Gideon's father



If Baal is upset, he
can take his own
revenge, can't he?



Gideon sent out messages
to call men to fight the
Midianites..



and 32000 came.

Ashton Festival

events in St Thomas' Church

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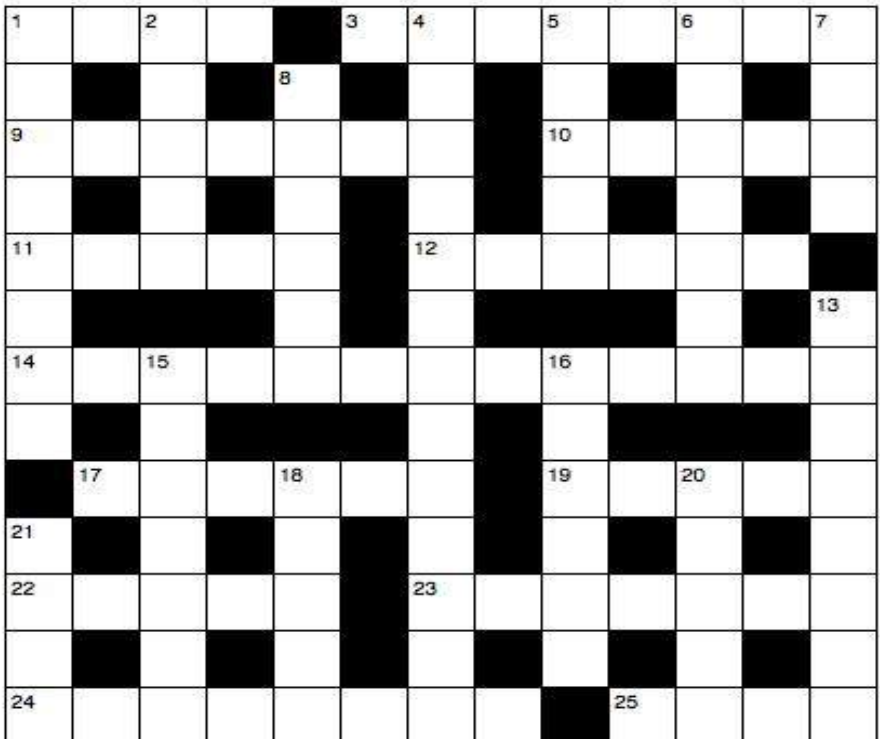
For other Ashton Festival events please pick up a leaflet from any local shop.

A message from: Sian

Hello from sunny Dingle! Those of you who know Liverpool will appreciate that I'm in a steep part of town - the parish includes the terraced streets where the sitcom Bread was set - so it's been quite exposed in the recent wild weather. Having said that, the welcome has been warm and the people are as chatty as the accents are broad. I'm missing the South Wigan fellowship and countryside, but I'd like to thank you all for your generosity and kindness. The cards and messages have been so encouraging and supportive, and a special thank you to those of you who made it over to the licensing service (How Marvellous!). Please let me know if you're ever in the 'Pool, the kettle's usually on!

Lots of love and prayers, Sian

Crossword

**Answers on page 29**

Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
20 Episcopal headwear (5)
21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)





Ashton in Makerfield Groups

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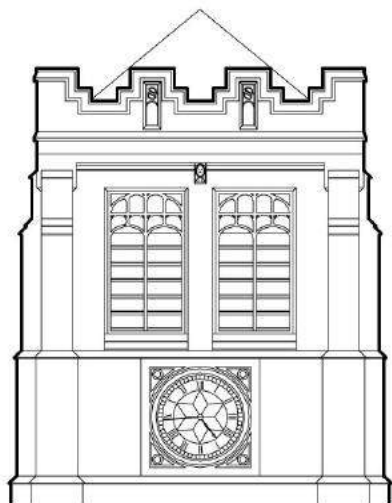
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Flowers in church this month	
Sun 1st	vacant
Sun 8th	vacant
Sun 15th	In loving memory of Angela Baxter & Connie Lockett from Sheila, Billy & Family
Sun 22nd	<p>In loving memory of Rodney Williams from Linda & Michael Ladyman and Family</p> <p>In loving memory of a dear Husband Colin (15th) and Son Stuart Andrew (24th) from Joan Graham</p> <p>In remembrance of a loving Wife Connie from Husband Ken & Dianne.</p>
Sun 29th	vacant

St Luke's Donations

In memory of **Ann Waterworth**
from Eileen & Eliss Brown

In remembrance of a loving wife **Connie**
from husband Ken & Dianne

Anniversary remembrance of a
dear friend **Angela Baxter**
from Debra

Crossword

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Please place your donation in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please hand in at church or post to the vicarage. Please make any cheques payable to **St Thomas' PCC**. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

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All donations must be received by 13th September to be printed in the October Magazine.

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In memory of **Ann Waterworth**
from Margaret Cook

In memory of **Margaret McLaren**
from the family

In loving memory of **Alan Simpson**
who passed away 23rd September
from Sheila, Ian, Amanda, Jo & Martin, grandsons Tom, Daniel,
Josh & Luke

Birthday Remembrance for my lovely husband **Fred Conroy**
Forever missed, Rene, Anita, Colin & family

Birthday remembrance of **Austin Bullen** (23rd September)
a dearly loved husband, Dad, Grandad & Father-in-law
From Jean, Karen & Keith, Jaki & Simon, Toni & Ben
Sadly missed

Grateful thanks for the Christening of my great, granddaughter
– **Raeni Maya** – daughter of Ruby & Josh.
from Marie & family

A Message from Neina,

Thank you for all who prayed for our precious Grandson **Andrew Woodward** who sadly died the morning of the 29th July at Kings Cross Hospital, London when his life support machine was removed after 5 days. He donated his body to the hospital and his kidneys, liver and pancreas will give life and hope to others and one was given to a small girl who would have died without this precious gift. He was a wonderful Son, Grandson and Brother who loved his God and we will miss him terribly he was the first of seven Grandchildren and so very young In his early 30s . Please pray for us and his family who live in Ecclestone Chorley.

With love in Christ Jesus and bless you all,
Allan and Neina Woodward.



St Thomas' Flowers

Ladies on duty in August/September

31st Aug	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
7th Sept	Meta Laites, Linda Malley, Kath Vella
14th Sept	Hilda Edwardson, Maureen Cook, Margaret Carrington
21st Sept	Margaret Lyon, Kath Pilling, Barbara Davies
28th Sept	Meta Laites, Linda Malley, Kath Vella

Flower Guild Donations

Birthday memories of

Austin Bullen

Dearly loved Brother-in-Law
from Kathleen, Ann, Stan & families



September Birth Flower - Aster

September's birth flower is the aster which is said to represent both love and daintiness. The flowers are also associated with wisdom, valour and faith, making them a great choice for dear friends and family members.



St Thomas' Flowers

Flowers in church in September

	Altar	Lady Chapel
Sept 1st	Anniversary remembrance of David Blythe from Andrew, Laura, Amelia & family	vacant
Sept 8th	vacant	Anniversary remembrance of Mum & Dad from David, Elsie, Ann & families
Sept 15th	Anniversary remembrance of Debra Davies a dear Mum, Daughter, Sister and Auntie	vacant
Sept 22nd	Birthday memories of Austin Bullen from Jean, Karen, Keith, Jaki, Simon, Toni & Ben	90th Birthday memories of Stan Shaw from Betty, Karen, Gill & families
Sept 29th	Birthday memories of David Blyth (27th Sept) from Andrew, Laura, Amelia & family	vacant



The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

23rd July	Joyce Bayliss	Jennet Hey	85
2nd August	Alan Jones	Nostrell Road	73

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



28th July	Florence Ivy Anderton	Violet Street
28th July	Freddie James Peers	Liverpool Road
28th July	Millie Hope Parkin	Tenbury Drive
11th August	Ollie James Hasleden	Tenbury Drive

Verse for the Year

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32-33

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Contact Gareth Hamlett

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Anne Wooff 724207
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3rd Ashton Guides/Rangers
(Tues 7:15pm)
Rachel Starkie 718350

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Jan Cornthwaite 721626

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Nicola Burgess 706841

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Ceri Mansell 727417

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Jennifer Harrison 718618

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