

# Wigan South Parish Magazine

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**St Thomas' and St Luke's edition**



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# Parish Information

## Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

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If you would like further information or to book a wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine. Funeral Directors will book any funerals.

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## A Strong Hold

Should I slip and lose the way  
The Lord will hold me fast,  
Should I choose to walk away  
I'm firmly in His grasp.

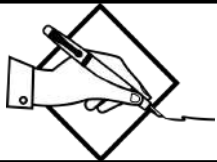
Though I walk through death's dark vale,  
His rod and staff are there  
I would not dare to walk this path  
Without His loving care.

Although my hold on Him is light  
His loving arms are wide,  
What He's begun He will fulfil  
Till I am safe on Canaan's side.

What God is this who loves us so?  
Our future He has planned,  
We're ever safe in His embrace  
And none can snatch us from His hand.

*By Megan Carter*





# A Letter from Eth

I have just opened my e-mails and have seen a message from Jess asking me to do this letter for September's magazine. I seem to remember I did this at the same time last year and at that time I was sat looking through 'Fret' at Seahouses in Northumberland.

Well this year we are sat looking at a beautifully cut patch of land with trees beyond, in Kelso in the Scottish borders.

Our caravan has been our home for the last few weeks, we went to BB/GB camp in it, that was in Caerwys North Wales and now we are in Scotland. Our van gives us the freedom to choose where we go and what we do, that's if we can find a place to have us! We use Camping and Caravan club 'fields', which are always basic, but fine for us.

On Sunday we went to the local church in Kelso. The minister there took the piece of scripture, from Matthew, where Peter got out of the boat to go to our Lord walking on the water, at a point he got worried and he began to sink. Peter lost a bit of his faith and his trust in Jesus and he began to sink. Over the past few weeks I have had time when I have taken my eyes off our Lord, asking questions:-

Will we get to camp safely?

Will we get the tents dry after we got soaked packing up?

Will there be room for us on the C & C fields we wanted to go to?

We all have those times in our lives when we take our eyes off the Lord and in some way try to do things in our own strength and at those point we can sometimes start to sink. Our Lord then scoops us up and puts us back on the right track and when we look back we see how He was there guiding and showing us the right way.



Peter getting out of the boat shows us that when we place our trust in Our Lord we have His support and He will never let us down, no matter what life throws at us. Peter was just an ordinary working man who was chosen to take on board the challenges of spreading the gospel. Peter trusted Jesus but still sometimes lacked that faith when the going got tough. He's a good role model, that even he, who walked and talked with Jesus sometime lost faith and trust. That always encourages me!

So we did get to camp safely, we did get the tents dry after getting wet, and we did find room on the C & C fields for us. The minister ended his talk by challenging us saying "We need to trust our Lord fully, and to do that there are times when we need to get out of the boat".

***Love and God Bless  
Eth xx***

### **The Versatile Curate**

An extra bellringer was needed,  
So the curate pleaded,  
I'll give it a try!  
And then by-and-by  
He never succeeded.



Getting entangled in the ropes,  
He gave up all hopes,  
He abandoned campanology,  
Returned to theology.  
To administer Christian Aid Envelopes.



***By John Daniels***

# Parish News

## Regular Events

Tuesdays

10am – 12pm: Coffee Morning in St Thomas' church hall



Wednesdays

1pm – 2.30pm: Wednesday Weenies in St Thomas' church hall (term time only)

1pm - 3pm: Knit and Chat group at St Peter's (term time only)



7.30pm: Women's Fellowship at St Peter's

Fridays

2pm – 3.15pm: Gentle dance class at St Luke's

2.10pm: Bible study in St Thomas' church hall

A colorful promotional poster for a musical evening. At the top, a blue wavy line of musical notes flows across the page. Below it, an acoustic guitar is shown. The text 'HOLY TRINITY PRESENTS' is in orange, 'A MUSICAL EVENING' is in yellow, and 'WITH THE WIGAN UKULELE BAND' is in blue. Below the text are five colorful square icons with musical notes. At the bottom, the date '7.00PM FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER' is written in blue, and the ticket information 'TICKETS: £7 INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM FRANK LOWE - 01942 728531 OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS' is in orange. A blue musical note and a guitar are also visible at the bottom corners.

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Wednesday 6th	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 7th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 10th	9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Sta's4all in school 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
Wednesday 13th	10.00am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 14th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'



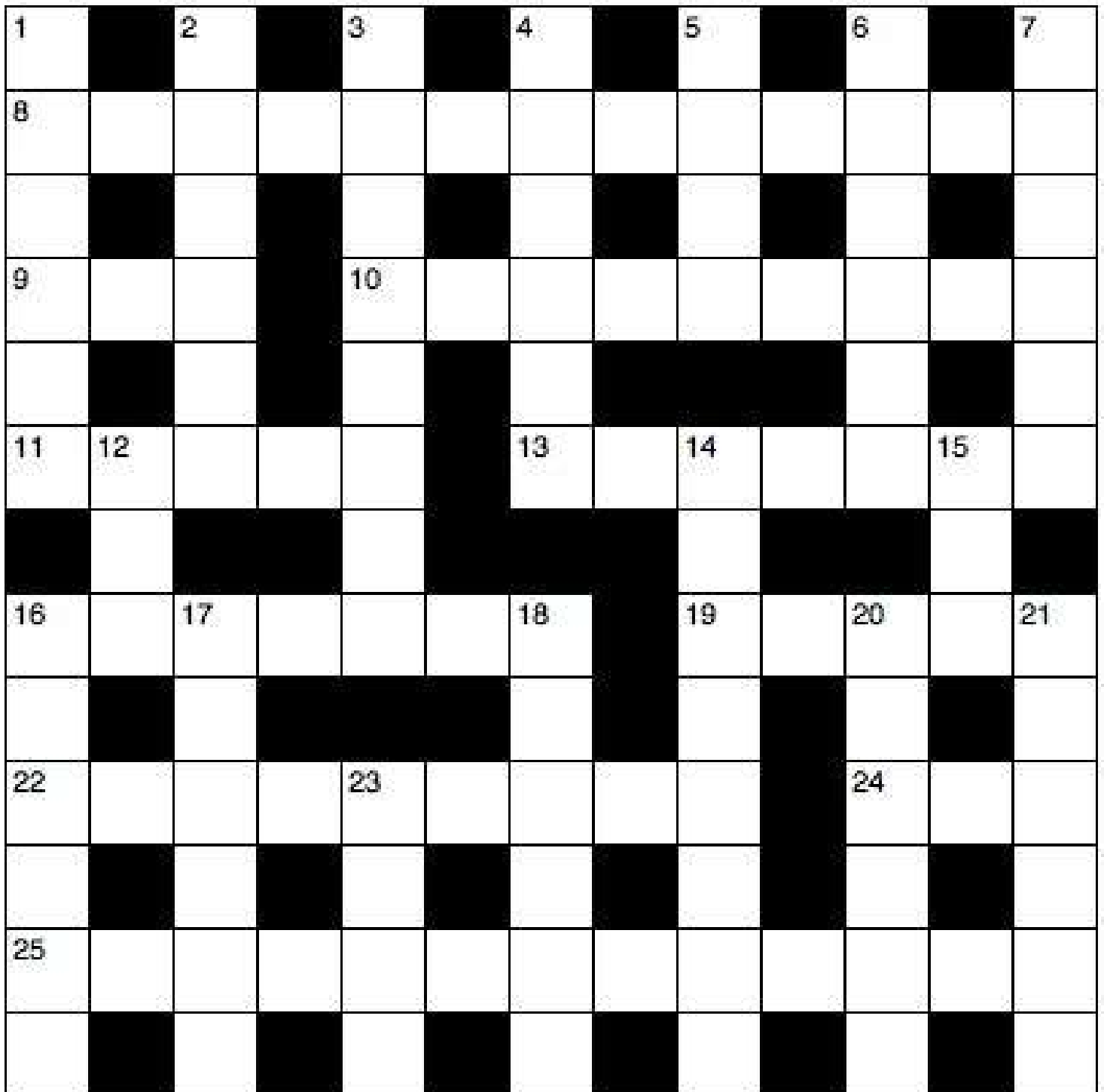
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Wednesday 20th	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 21st	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 24th	9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am St Aidan's Beacon 10.30am Café Church 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Family Worship 4.00pm Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
Wednesday 27th	10.00am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 28th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'



Everyone is welcome to join all services.

If you would like to attend any services across the parish and need assistance with transport, please get in contact with your local leadership team.

# Crossword



Answers on page 15

## Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)  
9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)  
10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)  
13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)  
16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)  
19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)  
22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)  
24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)  
25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

## Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)  
2 See 24 Across  
3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)  
4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)  
5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)  
6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)  
7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)  
12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)  
14 Second city of Cyprus (8)  
15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)  
16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)  
17 Braved (anag.) (6)  
18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)  
20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)  
21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)  
23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

# September High & Holy Days

## **4th September St Birinus, apostle of Wessex**

Did you ever feel that God was calling you to do something big for Him, even though you were not quite sure of the details? If so, Birinus is the saint for you.

He was a French Benedictine monk who in 634 was made a bishop at Genoa, and sent by Pope Honorius 1 to extend the evangelisation of England. (Augustine had arrived in Canterbury about 35 years before.)

Birinus landed at Hamwic, near Southampton. His original plan was to evangelise Wessex and then penetrate up into the Midlands, where no preacher had ever yet reached. But Birinus soon found the West Saxons so pagan that he decided to concentrate just on them.

Birinus had little to help him become the apostle to Wessex. So, he simply used what he did have: his own two feet and his voice. He wandered around preaching at every opportunity, trusting in God to help him. And He did: Birinus became known and respected, and soon a big breakthrough occurred: for political reasons the King of Wessex, Cynegils, wanted to convert to Christianity, and he asked Birinus to help him.

So Birinus instructed and baptised King Cynegils, who was then able to marry the Christian king of Northumbria's daughter, Cyneburg, and in due course Birinus baptised their family as well.

In return, Cynegils gave Birinus the town of Dorchester (upon Thames) to be his diocesan see. It was a perfect location: a Romano-British town right on a road and a river, in the midst of a populated area.

During his 15 years as Bishop of Dorchester, Birinus baptised many people and built churches all over the area, with the king's blessing.

Before he died in 650, Birinus dedicated a church at Winchester. It was a glimpse of the future: for Winchester's growing importance made it inevitable that in time it would also become the ecclesiastical centre of the kingdom.

## **26th September Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army**

Wilson Carlile was born in Brixton in 1847 and did not set out to become an evangelist. Instead, he was brilliant at both languages and music, and excelled as a businessman. That is, until an economic recession and serious illness brought him crashing down and finished his career, aged only 31.

Not surprisingly, a serious breakdown followed, when Carlile questioned everything that he had been attempting in life. This search for a new meaning brought him to faith in Jesus Christ, and so turned his world upside down. He later wrote:

I have seen the crucified and risen Lord as truly as if He had made Himself visible to me bodily sight. That is for me the conclusive evidence of His existence. He touched my heart and old desires and hope left it. In their place came the new thought that I might serve Him and His poor and suffering brethren.

Wilson approached two Christians whose passion for ministry was already well known: the Americans evangelists Moody and Sanky, who were at that time in England. Wilson attended their meetings and supplied music via his harmonium. In return, he learned a lot about effective outdoors evangelism.

Carlile then prepared himself for a life of ministry. He was confirmed into the Church of England, studied at the London College of Divinity, ordained in 1880 and served his curacy at St Mary Abbots in Kensington. But Carlile wanted more than comfortable parish life, and soon began outdoor preaching again. He wanted to reach the poor, unchurched, of the community.

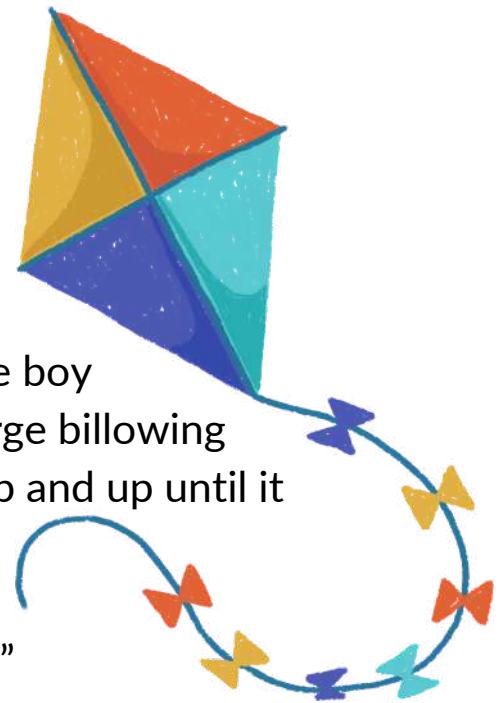
Carlile left Kensington to work in a slum mission, and by 1882 he was busy uniting the local Anglican parish missions into one organisation. Here his business skills in planning and organising proved invaluable, and soon he had founded the 'Church Army.' He then founded two training colleges, to train both men and women evangelists. After slight hesitation, the Church of England agreed to incorporate the Church Army into its structure, and even created the office of Evangelist for the Church Army captains and sisters.

In the years that followed, Church Army has done great work in evangelism, as well as in social and moral welfare. It helped support the troops during World War 1. Carlile remained honorary chief secretary until retirement in 1926. He died in 1942.



## Feel the tug

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: "I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. "I'm flying my kite," he replied.



The man replied: "What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can't see a thing."

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, "but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!"

When it comes to God, you don't need to take anyone else's word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know, by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings, that though you can't see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!

## Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

## Considering the choosing of Matthew

### Saint Matthew the tax collector

Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him. (Matthew 9:9).

This month we remember Matthew's call as one of Jesus' 12 apostles. It consisted of a simple invitation, 'Follow me', and an immediately response. The resulting meal at Matthew's house also helps us to understand the challenge of His call.

#### Jesus' welcome:

At the dinner many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples (10). Jesus welcomed each person unconditionally, in a way that most Jews would not! In the same way, Jesus welcomes us and shows us how we should welcome others. Our welcome cannot be conditional, expecting people to be like us or to behave as we expect.

#### Jesus' challenge:

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' (11). The Pharisees were upset and avoided sinners, because they believed only the pure and untainted could have access to God. However, Jesus reminded them that they were witnessing God's love in action: 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill.' (12). When God is at work in the lives of those we don't expect, we need to let Him open our hearts to embrace and encourage what He is doing.

#### Jesus' compassion:

But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. (13). The Pharisees were so committed to keeping the law, that they had forgotten God's heart of compassion. Our religious practice is meaningless without love and mercy towards others. In what ways can we express love towards others, especially those outside the community of faith?

**Canon Paul Hardingham**



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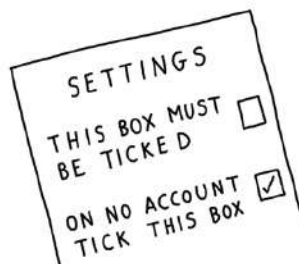
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# News from our churches

The magazine is back after a month's break and I can report on an active time in our church during the summer. These events took place alongside all of the regular worship services, baptisms, weddings and funerals that take place each week in the life of our churches.



Some students from Byrchall High School visited church at the end of June to tell us more about their fundraising efforts for WaterAid UK and Shelter as part of their Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award. The girls sold cakes after the 10.45am service and the boys took place in a very wet and windy 10k walk and returned the following week to tell us of their impressive efforts.





Over 60 of us booked in for the glitz and glamour gala evening held in church and enjoyed a wonderful evening dressed in our best attire, sharing food, fellowship and plenty of laughter. We were treated to delicious canapes, served by our wonderful waiters - Dan and James before embarking on a lovely three course dinner.



Throughout the night we were entertained with live music from Jonty and his friend and some friendly (although ofcourse competitive) games. Thanks go to Jan, Helen and Carole for delivering an enjoyable evening and to all those assisting behind the scenes.

The event was successful in raising important awareness and funds for the church hall and pantry extension plans.

Only a few days later, St Thomas' was again host to a lovely confirmation service as Bishop Bev confirmed a number of candidates from churches all across Wigan South.



On 8th July, some members of St Thomas' youth fellowship from years gone by reunited for an evening of sharing food and memories. For some, it had been 50 years since they had been part of our youth organisations!



Due to an unfavourable weather forecast on 16th July, the Picnic and Praise event planned for Jubilee Park was relocated at short notice to take place inside St Thomas' church. It was a wonderful opportunity to invite the wider community into church for an enjoyable afternoon of music, ice cream, crafts and much more.

As the magazine goes to print, a summer Messy Church event shall have also taken place, during which children and families will have gathered for a morning of crafts, games and hopefully some water based activities - weather permitting!



August was also tinged with sadness as Juliette left us to serve God through missionary work at a children's home in Brazil for 6 months. Juliette has been with us for a number of years, arriving originally as part of the PIAS team and has been a real asset both at St Thomas' and to Byrchall High School where she worked as chaplain. Before leaving, Juliette held a number of fundraising events including selling a lot of her possessions and hosting an informative evening to tell everyone more about the work she will be doing.



Linda Bradley presented Juliette with a wonderful quilt she had made which had panels of psalms sewn into it and members of the Sunday morning congregations had tied knots into it, signifying the prayers and best wishes they sent with her.



We will continue to hold Juliette in our prayers over the coming months.



## Ashton Art Group

During September our church building will play host both to the Ashton Art Group annual exhibition from 2nd to 9th and also to several events in the calendar of the annual Ashton Festival, look out for the details, to be released shortly.



## **Avis Bullough**

We recently lost another of the long serving members of our congregation with the passing of Avis Bullough. Avis was a member of our choir for very many years and the wife of Ray Bullough, who himself had served the parish diligently for many years both as a PCC member and church treasurer. Avis has remembered us in her will and through this magazine I wish to acknowledge the generous legacy bequest which she has made.

## **Africa Fund**

For many years the people of St Thomas and St Luke's have supported projects in Uganda dating back to the time of the visit to the parish of Rev Evas and her husband Rev George. Indeed we assisted Rev Evas with the completion of her house where she has a room named after our church. The support for Uganda was enthusiastically promoted by the late Dr John Holden and Chris and Anne Wooff do the same for our present Africa fund.

The fund is mainly provided for with regular monthly donations by some of the members of our congregation and continues to support Tear Fund clean water plans and a local orphanage. Sadly the amount regularly received from our generous donors does not fully cover the annual donations which we make and as a consequence additional fund raising events are necessary.

The next of these is a sponsored walk is on Saturday 9 September. The route of will be approximately seven miles with an opportunity for a stop at a café at lunchtime. You can support this effort by either walking or sponsoring the walkers. Sponsorship forms will be readily available around church.

Uganda is struggling to grow their own food because of climate change. Rapid rises in the cost and availability of imported food are also affecting many people. In addition, lack of clean water and sanitation continues to be a big issue. It is therefore essential that we continue to support our Africa fund projects to the very best of our ability.

# Mothers' Union



**Diary:** At 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th September, at our Holy Communion service in church, we mark not only the start of a new season but also with a new branch leader.

Michelle Rawsthorn be not only be enrolled as a member, along with seven other new members, but will be commissioned as the branch leader. We can anticipate an exciting future for our branch. I look forward to seeing you all at what should be a wonderful service of celebration.

As this will be my last article for the church magazine I would just like thank everyone, especially Patricia, for organising a wonderful Summer Evening event. The food was excellent and a thank you goes to all our members who contributed to it.

The entertainment provided by 'Banjo and Beyond' was also excellent and I was overwhelmed with the gifts I received on this my penultimate event as branch leader. I received a beautiful bouquet of flowers, a lovely vase engraved with the Mothers' Union logo and a gift token.



**Barbara receiving her gifts in July 2023 and during Walking Day 1964**

*Loving Lord,  
We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.  
Unite us in worship, build us in service,  
As together we seek to share your love  
and continue to reach out  
as your hands across the world.  
Amen*

***Love and prayers  
Barbara x***

Another glimpse into the history of our town prepared by our resident historian David Fearnley.

Enter the Warrington Road graveyard through the gate in Heath Road, pass the Garden of Rest and proceed on the path towards Violet Street. To the rear of the first graves on your left, the Stock family, are two very large gravestones 8 feet long, 4 feet wide and 6 inches deep with “Edleston of Haydock” inscribed on the sides laid flat on the ground.

Gravestone 1 -In Memory of John Boardman, of Haydock, who departed this life March 3 1865, aged 65 years. Also John Edleston, late of Crewe in the County of Chester, who departed this life at Haydock, May 31 1894, aged 75 years. Also of Mary Edleston, of Haydock, who departed this life October 11 1894, aged 79 years.

John Edleston, in the above grave, was baptised 20/9/1818 at St. Thomas', Ashton, a son of John Edleston, blacksmith and farmer, and Elizabeth/Betty Edleston (Boardman) of Haydock, who married at St. Oswald's, Winwick, in 1812. John Edleston snr. was baptised 12/9/1788 at St. Thomas', a son of Thomas Edleston, blacksmith, & Hannah Edleston (Worrall), who married at Prescot Chapel, St. Helens in 1779. Elizabeth/Betty Boardman was baptised 22/1/1792, at St. Thomas' a daughter of Henry Boardman.

John & Betty Edleston (Boardman) had 11 children including Mary, born 1815; John, born 1818; William, born 1823; and Betty, born 1826, all baptised at St. Thomas'. Elizabeth/ Betty Edleston (Boardman), of Haydock, died 1827 and John Edleston, her husband, died in 1861, both were buried at St. Oswald's, Winwick.

Until 1852 John Edleston, born 1818, blacksmith, lived with his siblings at Haydock Stocks, Haydock. In 1852 John Edleston moved to Crewe to work as a blacksmith in the railway engineering works.

19/5/1852 at St. Michael's, Coppenhall, Crewe, John Edleston, engine smith, married Mary Clarke, milliner & dressmaker, of Church Street, Ashton in Makerfield. In 1853 their infant son John, was buried at St. Thomas', Ashton in Makerfield. In 1857 their only child, John, was baptised at St. Thomas', Ashton.

Mary Edleston (Clarke) died 1879, aged 60. John Edleston remained in Crewe until c1893 when he returned to Haydock and where he died in 1894, aged 75. John was buried in the above grave with his sister, Mary Edleston (1815 – 1894) and his uncle John Boardman (1799 – 1865) the brother of John's mother Elizabeth/Betty Edleston (Boardman).

Gravestone 2 - In Memory of John Harrison, of Haydock, who departed this life May 30 1888, aged 62 years. Betty his wife, of Haydock, who departed this life February 19 1900 aged 74 years. William Edleston who departed this life February 12 1900 aged 77 years

7/2/1865 St. Thomas', Ashton, John Harrison, 39, farmer, of Haydock, married Betty Edleston, 39, of Haydock, daughter, John Edleston, deceased. Betty, born 1826, was a daughter of John & Elizabeth/Betty Edleston (Boardman) and sister of John Edleston, born 1818. After their marriage John & Betty Harrison lived at Haydock Stocks, Haydock, and later in Penny Lane, Haydock.

John Harrison died 30/5/1888 and was buried in the above grave at St. Thomas', Ashton. After John's death, Betty Harrison (Edleston) lived on Rams Head Terrace, Haydock, with her sister, Mary Edleston and brother William Edleston.

Betty Harrison died 19/2/1900 and was buried with her late husband at St. Thomas', Ashton. Betty's brother, William Edleston, died 12/2/1900 was also buried in the grave. Mary Edleston died 11/10/1894 and was buried in the above grave of her late brother John Edleston.

The Edleston name has been long established in the area – in the 1600's in Billinge and Winstanley and from the 1730's in Haydock & Ashton. At Bryn in the 1840's there was an Edleston Lane which ran from Bryn Cross to Soughers Lane and which is now Downall Green Road. There was an Edleston Lane Farm on the right side of Edleston Lane mid-way between Bryn Cross and Soughers Lane. Today there is an Eddleston Street at Rose Hill, Bryn.

John Edleston, born 1818, was a blacksmith as were his father and grandfather. Thomas & Hannah Edleston (Worrall), the grandparents of John Edleston, born 1818 and buried in the Warrington Road grave, are buried at St. Oswald's, Winwick. Hannah died in 1793, aged 34, and Thomas in 1809, aged 52. Their gravestone can still be seen laid flat with many other gravestones to form part of the hard-standing area near the church.

**David A. Fearnley**

The Litter Picking group continued their wonderful efforts in both July and August, clearing litter from Armoury Bank, Lockett Road and Kestrel Drive.



If you can assist in the future, please do let us know.



# 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 pay tax in the UK and would like church to be able to claim 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 church to claim Gift Aid 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.

Funds currently in use are:

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

Unless otherwise stated, donations will go into the General fund



# Donations & Remembrance



Birthday Remembrance of **Alex Parr** (17th September)  
from Margaret and family.  
Always loved, never forgotten.

With thanks for home communion  
from Isabel Bowen

With thanks for blessings over sixty years of marriage  
Linda & Michael Ladyman



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

9th July	Chester Rylo Waterworth
16th July	Avalynne Denise Pemberton
23rd July	Jada-Beau Fairhurst
13th August	Salah Alizadah
13th August	Sorosh Shekar

# The Registers



## Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

7th July	Christine Chorley	78
15th July	Joan Humphreys	
17th July	Norman Samuel Bishop	82
18th July	Gary Michael Roby	58
4th August	Leonard Marsh	63
16th August	Jacqueline Fawcett	64
31st August	Raymond Wilkinson	69
31st August	Helen Wilkinson	78
31st August	John Charles Royle	94

## Holy Matrimony 'All the days of their lives'

29th July	Dale Joseph Crooks & Lucy Anne Morrall
5th August	Thomas Liam Woodcock & Emily Rose Bickerton

# 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 7.30pm at St Thomas'  
Barbara Taylor  
205136

## Fairtrade Stall

3rd Sun 11.45am at St Thomas'  
Anne Wooff  
724207

## Litter Pick

3rd Sat 10am—12pm from Church Hall car park  
Chris Wooff  
724207

## Flower Guild

Meta Laites  
723679

## Asylum Seeker Support

English Class  
Thurs 2pm - 3pm  
Social Drop in  
Sun 1pm - 3pm

Anne & Chris Wooff  
724207

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