

St Thomas' & St Luke's Notice Sheet

Friday 25th September 2020

Hub Leader	Rev Jeremy Thomas	727275
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Ordained Local Minister	Rev Izzy Schafer	717300
Local Missional Leader St Thomas'	Jan Cornthwaite	721626
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Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Sunday services at St Thomas' & St Luke's

This Sunday there is Holy Communion at St Thomas' at 9.30 and Morning Worship at St Luke's at 11.00. Booking is essential through Jan (721626) for St Thomas' and Carole (517318) for St Luke's, as the number of places are limited to ensure social distancing.

Access to St Thomas' church is via the Warrington Road entrance only. A one way system is in place with seats available marked with a and after the service exit will be via Heath Road door.

Names will be checked off the booking list in both churches, in case we need to notify you that anyone is unwell and you will have to use hand sanitiser as you go in.

Please note that **masks must be worn in both churches**. The toilets will be closed and you will need to bring your own bibles if you would like to read from them. Sadly there cannot be any singing due to the increased risk of spreading Covid-19.

Readings for Sunday 27th

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Hub service

The Sunday 10.30 hub zoom services will continue for the foreseeable future using this link <https://zoom.us/j/91851452340?pwd=dVBYMjFuRkk3MHLuNWFOaEczbSsrQT09>. For those joining by phone, please dial **0131 460 1196**, enter the **Meeting ID: 918 5145 2340#**, Participant ID #, **Password: 774506#**. The service will be posted on Facebook (ChurchWiganSouth) afterwards.

Church Wigan

Morning and Evening Prayer continues at 9am and 9pm each day with an evening service at 6.30pm on Sundays. Daily reflections are emailed to those on the electoral role who have agreed to receive emails from Church Wigan. If you would like to receive these reflections in your Inbox, please email office@stthomasstluke.org. You can also listen to one of the reflections by phoning **01942 929020**.



Harvest

This year it is not possible to have our usual Harvest celebrations in our churches but we still want to give thanks to God for all of his creation, particularly the food we eat. Usually we would have food items brought to church for use in the foodbank as we remember our responsibility to care for others who have less than us materially. This year we are asking for you to either donate food for local families through the foodbank or to donate to Tearfund's harvest appeal.

Non-perishable food can be brought to the foodbank cabin on the car park between 9 and 11am on a Friday or left in the red wheelie bin outside the cabin.

Donations to the Tearfund appeal can be made through their webpage https://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/harvest_appeal/ or you can post your donation through the vicarage letter box in an envelope clearly labelled as Tearfund Harvest Collection. We would prefer you to use the website if you can as this means Tearfund get your money immediately and they can claim Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer. Thank you

Prayer Walking

Some of you have taken up the House of Prayer challenge to prayer walk. Carol and myself would like to introduce regular prayer walking across South Hub. We are looking for individuals or small groups to commit to regular prayer walking in areas of South Hub. We will provide you with prayers that you can use. Please contact me (Sue F) at ahl.south@churchwigan.org or tel 07539 204553, or Carol at prayer@churchwigan.org. Thank you

Africa Fund Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk to raise money for our Africa Fund is scheduled for Saturday 3rd October. The fund supports vital work in Uganda which has been badly hit by Covid-19. The virus has resulted in the cancellation of our other fund-raising events. It is therefore very important to make the sponsored walk a great success so as to enable us to continue to fund the projects we support. You can help by either walking or providing sponsorship. If you are intending to walk please contact Chris Wooff (01942 724207) asap. If you can't walk but are willing to sponsor Chris then please him know. The walk will begin at 10am from the main car park (beside the visitors centre) at the Three Sisters. It will follow a circular route of approximately 7 miles, almost all of the route will be on footpaths with only a short section on pavement.

Real Advent Calendars

This advent calendar comes with a Fairtrade Belgian chocolate behind each window and a 24 page Christmas story-activity book. If you normally buy advent calendars for children you love, maybe think about sharing the Christmas story throughout Advent and ordering these this year? They cost £3.99 and all profits go to support charitable causes. Please contact Anne Wooff on 724207.

Food

There is often food that is on or past its sell by date available in the church hall at 1pm on Sundays on a *pay as you feel* basis. Please text Sue T (07877 704645) from 12.30 if you want to know what there is.

Jars

Please could you wash and save your jam jars as Ann Roby is making jam, chutneys etc out of any fruit that is left over from the food ministry. Contact Ann (204082) if you have any jars or would like to purchase any of these preserves.

September Eco Tiip

This month we want to encourage you to continue to work hard to reduce the use of single use plastic bags. For example, replace freezer bags with boxes that can be washed and re-used, give up using plastic carrier bags and replace with hessian or another fabric. Ditch cling film for reusable covers for jars / dishes etc Think of other items you could replace with non plastic material and share your ideas with friends.



Good News

Happy birthday to **Mary Owen** whose birthday is today, to **Lynn Anderton & Pat Murphy** for Sunday and **Dorothy Burgess** for Thursday.

Please let us know your birthday and other occasions so we can celebrate with you by emailing office@stthomasstluke.org.uk or phoning the vicarage on 727275.

Please pray for those that are unwell and for those caring for, or who are anxious about them.

We pray especially for

Elaine Chadwick, David Millett, Margaret Herd, Margaret Makinson & Anne Maliczewski

and all those on our monthly prayer list, in residential and nursing homes and shielding.

We also pray for the family and friends of

Kevin Barber

Please pray for the streets and businesses in our community.