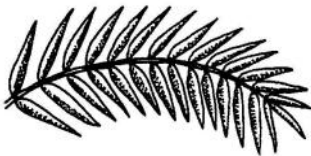
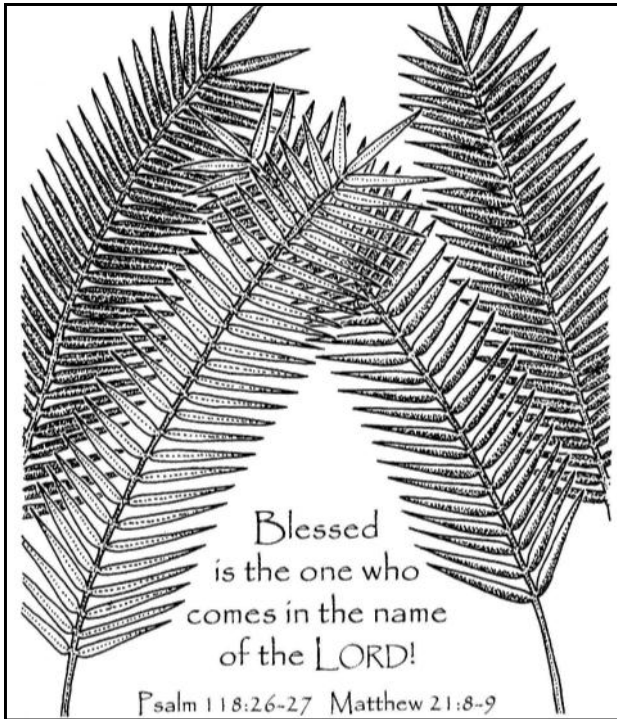


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# Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

## 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.

# *Bishop Paul's Easter Message 2015*



Don't you hate knowing the end of a film before you have had the chance to see it for yourself? Having the clever twist, the final act, the big reveal known to us can change the way we approach and perceive the story. But of course that's how we see the Easter story today.

As the drama of Holy Week unfolds, as we see the storm gather around Jesus, we witness the biased and corrupt trial proceedings. We are horrified by the cruel and brutal punishment being meted out. And yet at all times in the back of our minds we have the knowledge of the resurrection.

This is one story that is enhanced by the knowledge of the final twist. For to have only part of the picture, an incomplete story, means we are left in a state of fear and paralysis. The liberating knowledge that God can conquer all things transforms the story, gives us all the strength and encouragement to tackle what we face in our lives.

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' death the disciples themselves had no idea how the story would end. They were disillusioned and confused, running scared and in disarray. But the knowledge of the resurrection and power of the Holy Spirit enabled them to form themselves into a group equipped and empowered to spread the Gospel throughout the known world – to turn that world upside down.

There are many times in each of our lives when we might wish we know the end of a particular story or of a situation we're facing. When we could have the certainty that the decisions we will make will be

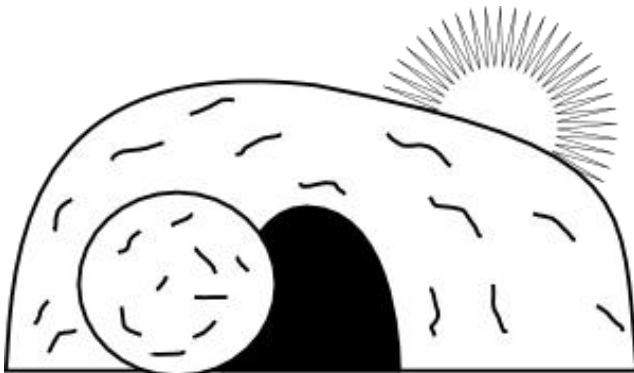
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right, just, and see our work crowned with glory. But sadly, so often we can feel in the Saturday shadow of the cross, looking back to defeat rather than forward towards hope.

Sadder still are the large numbers we encounter who have no idea that hope is even possible - who haven't heard what God can do, who haven't experienced his life enhancing, life transforming love. It is to them we, as a church wanting to make a bigger difference, are reaching.

In every parish and every community in our diocese that sense of hope can be offered in the work we do – pastoral care, feeding the poor, speaking about the way our society should be led and should be shaped. What these things have in common is hope. Hope for the poor, hope for the lonely, hope for the vulnerable, hope for the scared.

We are empowered to make that difference because we know the story. We know it ends with the promise of the Spirit and the hope of eternal life. We can be difference-makers because we are part of the story. And we know how it ends.





## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - April 2015**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9:00am
	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)	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.*

### **The Parish Giving Scheme**

This new scheme is another example of a situation where your Parish needs **YOU**. It has been developed and is now in place in 90 Dioceses across the country. It has been accepted by our own PCC and it is now necessary that we go ahead to implement it in our Parish.

Let me explain, the Scheme which works on the basis that your regular donations are made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, whichever you choose, with direct debit payments on the 1st of the month. The benefit to Church finances is that your full gift and any associated Gift Aid is automatically credited to our accounts on the 10th of the same month and with a considerable saving in administration. Don't be alarmed as there is no long term commitment as you can change or cancel the amount at anytime by a simple phone call.

The fact that Gift Aid is added immediately, does really make it particularly important that our regular givers, who are tax payers, convert to the scheme. In the past we have had to wait, sometimes a number of years, for the Gift Aid to be credited to us.

This arrangement means that we gain the extra 25 pence for every pound you give within 10 days of the gift.

The forms are available on request from me or from our Treasurer Sarah and if you have any questions we would both be happy to answer these in the strictest confidence.

I cannot put too much emphasis on the importance of your embracing the scheme without delay. If you do go ahead and currently have a standing order in place please do not cancel this until you hear from the Diocese that the new arrangement is in place.

**Malcolm**



## **1<sup>st</sup> Ashton in Makerfield Boys Brigade**

March was a quiet month at BB, although "quiet" is the wrong word to use with groups of energetic boys running about.



The Anchors took part in a "Wheelathon", using bikes and scooters, to raise money for Comic Relief. We will let you know how we got



on later.

For taking part, the boys earned a Community Sticker, which goes towards their badge. They all got a Red Nose too.



Company Section are busy planning a weekend away in April for themselves and Juniors.

We wish them well.

## **The Officers and Helpers**



# Mothers Union

## Diary Branch dates

**Wednesday 15 April** Church Hall 7.30pm Speaker is Mrs Carol Banks - The way we were.

**Wednesday 15 April** Deanery Festival at St Mark's Church Newtown 7.30pm

Thank you for everyone who helped in any way to make our Brunch the best we have ever had. Those providing cakes, tombola or raffle prizes, bric a brac, everyone who provided soup etc and everyone who helped on the day in the kitchen, on the stalls and who waited on. It was wonderful day and we raised the magnificent sum of £605.67 which will go to MU Projects both here and overseas.



On the 16th January we were saddened to hear that Enid Hodgkinson had passed away. Enid was a very loyal and dedicated member of the MU, she rarely missed a meeting sitting on the front row at St Luke's and the second row in the middle at St Thomas'. She will be greatly missed by all our members. I am sure that I speak for all when I pass on our sympathy to Jan Tony and all their family and friends.

Then on the 27th February another member died suddenly, May Roscoe. Although she had suffered with heart problems for many years she was always interested in everything that was going on in the MU. She always enjoyed the visits from our home communion team. We pass on our sympathy to Norman Julie and Grandson Sam and all their family and friends.

We pray that Enid and May be at peace with our Lord Jesus Christ in his Everlasting Arms forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave your all so that we might have life;  
 you counted yourself as nothing so that we might rejoice in the wonder  
 of your love;  
 you endured agony of body, mind and spirit, so that we might receive  
 mercy and know the peace that only you can give.  
 Help us today to recognise more clearly everything you  
 did for us, and so inspire us to give a little of ourselves  
 in return.  
 Teach us to walk the way of the cross and to bear the  
 cost gladly for the joy set before us,  
 for your name's sake.  
 Amen.



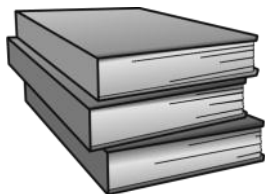
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# St. Thomas' C of E Primary School



## **Ashton Book Day**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February all junior pupils walked to Ashton Library to meet a full time writer, Steve Hartley, whose books include a collection about a boy named Oliver Fibbs. Steve explained that Oliver was just an ordinary boy with an extraordinary imagination, who didn't tell fibs, just incredible stories. In fact *"Oliver Fibbs – Attack of the alien brain"* won the Surrey Libraries Children's book award in 2014.

The author has also published an excellent and extremely humorous series of books entitled *"Danny Baker Record Breaker"*. A total of seven books have been published under this title.

Mr Hartley ensured that all the children had a great time whilst learning how to be creative with their own writing. He encouraged every child to enjoy reading and try to write with a fun attitude.

We would like to express a big thank you to Mr Hartley for a great learning experience.

## **World Book Day**

A group of students from Y2, Y5, and Y6 were selected to take part in *"World book day reading challenge"* that was held at Nicol Mere Primary School on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March and was attended by numerous schools from the Wigan Borough.

Our children took part in diverse activities ranging from quizzes to competitive writing team, as well as many others, and we are proud to

say they did extremely well. Everyone from St Thomas would like to say "Congratulations to you all, you were brilliant".

### **Proverbs 16:3**

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.*

### **Student Prayer of the Month**

*Dear Jesus,  
thank you for everything I have got, please help people that are less fortunate than me. Let there be peace and love throughout the world, I want everyone to know that you died for us so we can have forgiveness. Please bless everyone in my church and school.  
Amen*

Jason Naylor  
Y6

**God's blessings be with you this Easter time.  
Elaine Mateus**

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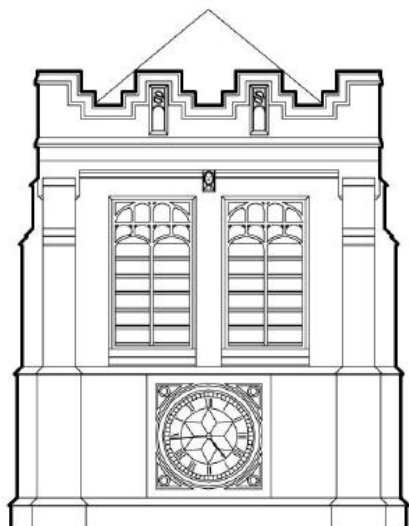
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# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



**Big Hero 6 (PG)** Directed by Don Hall and Chris Williams

Stars the Voices of: Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit, TJ Miller, Genesis Rodriguez, James Cromwell, Jamie Chung, Daniel Henney, Damon Wayans Jr, Maya Rudolph, and Alan Tudyk

In a Nutshell: You could be forgiven for thinking Disney need Pixar to help make solid films, but thankfully, their more recent fare from Tangled and Frozen through to Wreck it Ralph have proved that theory wrong, and Big Hero 6, well it simply makes it into nothing but a silly thought. Brimming with invention, pathos, a ton of humour and beautiful everything.... Big Hero 6 is everything a family movie, a action movie, a comedy movie, a superhero movie and a movie itself should be. Not only is it very, very funny throughout courtesy of the many misadventures of the wonderful Baymax, an already iconic Disney character and the cutest robot since Wall-E, but it's also taking on serious subject matter too.... with the pathos and drama measuring up to the humour. The animation and the detail too is every bit the stunning marvel you'd expect, with the wonderful hybrid town of San Franksoyko looking amazing throughout.... in the vein of such wonderful classics as The Iron Giant and E.T, this is a wonderful, wonderful movie for all ages that will entrance, enthrall and delight in equal measure to everyone. Please go see it immediately because it is just simply wonderful from minute one through to the end of the movie.... where an extra treat awaits. See it now, if only for Baymax....



**Rating: 10/10**

**Jupiter Ascending (12A)** Directed by Andy and Lana Wachowski

Stars: Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis, Sean Bean, Eddie Redmayne, Douglas Booth, and Tuppence Middleton

In a Nutshell: Films can fall into two camps sometimes, they're just simply terrific or they're utterly terrible and horrible. Then there are those that transcend these basic rules and force us to say we love them despite being terrible. Guilty pleasures and it's safe to say that going into Jupiter

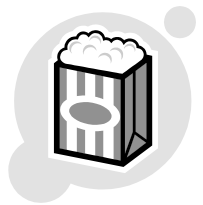


# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



Ascending wanting all the ropey dialogue and cheesy things... I was only half rewarded. Sure there are a load of bonkers theories and plots, but it's never as fun as I hoped... only really passing for a decent sci-fi adventure but with the added bonus of the stunning visuals which are amongst the nicest stuff you'll see in film, ground-breaking effects with work. The casting is fine, everyone doing a solid job and it's nice to see Sean Bean in a film even if he plays half-bee.... whilst Eddie Redmayne is sadly woeful as the villain, just overwrought camp and not-menacing-at-all voice that goes everywhere. The action is fast and awesome, the plot needs Wikipedia and Encarta to join forces to find some answers, and it's all solid enough fun.... just can't help feeling that from a movie with such ambition, this winds up just being alright as opposed to crazily bad. Worth seeing on a big screen though!



### **Rating: 6/10**

#### **Also Seen:**

The Interview (15) 8/10 Shaun the Sheep the Movie (U) 9/10 Focus (15) 7/10 It Follows (15) 10/10 The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) 7/10

#### **Also Out in April:**

Fast and Furious 7 (12A) (April 3rd) The Avengers: Age of Ultron (12A) (April 24th) Blade Runner: The Final Cut (15) (April 3rd) The Water Diviner (15) (April 3rd) The Good Lie (12A) (April 10th) Good Kill (15) (April 10th) Hot Tub Time Machine II (15) (April 10th) John Wick (15) (April 10th) Man Up (15) (April 10th) Woman in Gold (tba) (April 10th) Child 44 (15) (April 17th) Paul Blart Mall Cop II (PG) (April 17th) A Little Chaos (tba) (April 17th) The Salvation (15) (April 17th) Lost River (15) (April 24th) Stonehearth Asylum (15) (April 24th)



## St Thomas' April Donations



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**Please make cheques payable to St Thomas' PCC.** Thank you.  
**Please make sure that dates and names are CLEARLY written**

This will be my last month as donations secretary as I have moved out of the area.

Donations can be posted to  
Rachael Campbell  
C/o St Thomas Vicarage  
Warrington Road  
Ashton-in-Makerfield  
WN4 9PL

Thank you. Jacky Jolley - Donations Secretary

The following donations were omitted from the March magazine in error. I apologise for any distress this may have caused. Jacky

### **Anniversary Remembrance of**

**Clara Shaw (5 Mar)** a loving mum & grandma  
from Barbara, Malcolm & family

**Thomas Pennington (22 Mar)** a dear dad & grandad  
from David & family

### **Birthday & Anniversary Remembrance of**

**James Scriven (23 Mar & 6 Apr)** - a dear brother & uncle from  
Freda

Karen, Jimmy, Laura & Andrew, Gary, Leah & Mason  
Janet, Victoria, Rachel & Jonathon  
Craig & Nicola

Wendy, Adrian, Michael & Bethany  
Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica

## **Anniversary Remembrance of**

**Gordon Bailey** (26 Mar) - a dear son and brother from mum and family

**Phil Archer** 31/3/14 from Sharon & boys

In loving Anniversary Remembrance of **Stuart (Stu) Richard Collins** (20 Apr) - my dearly loved son from his loving mother Jeanette & family

## **Birthday Remembrance of**

**Anne Pennington** (11 Apr) - a much loved wife from David

**Clara Shaw** (29 Apr) a loving Mum and Grandma  
from Barbara, Malcolm and family

## **Birthday Memories of**

**Graham McLaren** (20 Apr) - a dearly loved dad and grandad from  
Pauline, Kevin, Susan, Nick, Jack & Scarlett

**Thomas Mcilwee** (22 Apr) - a much missed dad and granddad from  
Linda, Karen and families

## **Birthday & Anniversary Remembrance of**

**Harold Slack** (14 & 25 Apr) - a loving husband, dad & grandad  
from Edna, Ian, Susan, Graham & family

**Loving anniversary & birthday memories**  
(19 & 29 Apr) from Jean & family

## **In Memory of**

**May Roscoe** from Hilda Edwardson

## **In Loving Memory of**

**Doreen Byers** and grateful thanks to Carole Pye  
from Eric & Gill Foster

**May Roscoe** from Jean, Les Johnson & family

## **With Thanks for Home Communion:**

Alice Ashley, David Bowen, Marion Bullen, Georgina Jones, Brenda Percival, Margaret Rogers, Annie Santus, Elsie & Keith Stone, H Winstanley

## **Other Donations:**

Anon, Alice Ashley, Margaret Cook, Nellie Derbyshire, Indoor Bowling Club, Weenies

## TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY ST THOMAS' FOR APRIL 2015    £1251

General £247.50	Garden of Rest £575
Grave Maintenance £40	Heath Road Graveyard nil
Building & Maintenance Fund £156	Church Hall Fund £500
Heating Fund £30	Africa Fund £202.50

With effect from the May magazine we will only be showing the total of all donations made in the month, not the breakdown across the different funds. A record of the amounts for each fund will still be kept for accounting purposes.

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

**Unless otherwise stated donations will go into the General Fund.**

The church has also received a legacy from the estate of Moira Hewitt for the upkeep of the graveyard.

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

## St Lukes' Donations

Birthday remembrance (April 29th) of a dear Mum and nanna Nellie Thomas

Birthday and Anniversary remembrance of Harold Slack (14th and 25th April) a loving husband, dad and grandad

From the family

From Edna, Ian, Susan, Graham and family



## Christian Aid Week (10-16th May)

This year, Britain's longest running door-to-door fundraising week is asking Ashton residents to support women living in poverty around the world, many of whom are discriminated against from birth.

Christian Aid Week is taking place between Sunday 10 and Saturday 16 May and, as usual, we will be delivering envelopes to most of the homes around Ashton. These collections will help to transform the lives of women like Loko, from Ethiopia. Four times a week, Loko makes an eight-hour journey to gather wood to support her family. She said: "If I can't collect firewood, my children will starve". As she walks, she prays: "I ask God to change my life and lead us out of this". Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, releasing her to spend more time caring for her family.

Discrimination against women is one of the greatest injustices of our time and the statistics speak for themselves. Globally, less than 20 per cent of landholders are women and women do twice as much unpaid work as men. In many countries girls are treated like second-class citizens while boys are provided with opportunities for an education, work, food and even decision making at the expense of their sisters. Almost as soon as girls are strong enough to walk many can spend hours fetching water and doing household chores.

Often forced into early marriages, they can also face the dangers of giving birth before their young bodies are ready. Deprived of an education, later in life women have to rely on men for their financial security, with any hope of following their own dreams dashed, leaving them vulnerable to deprivation and violence.

This inequality, often exacerbated by harmful social norms, leaves millions of women at the mercy of violence and abuse, with one-in-three women across the world experiencing physical or sexual violence. Millions remain in the shadows, denied a say in the decisions that affect their lives.

If you would like to help to make a difference to many women's lives and then in turn to their families, please consider delivering Christian Aid envelopes and/or collecting them - please contact Hilda Bramwell on 01942 711164.



## JESUS IS ALIVE!

Early on the first Easter morning Mary Magdalene and some other women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. When they reached the tomb it was open, the big stone that had sealed the entrance was rolled away - and it was empty! They thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body but an angel told Mary what had really happened, that Jesus was alive!

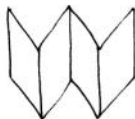
The disciples were all together when Mary arrived back with her news and told them what had happened, but they wouldn't believe her. They were confused and afraid. Sometimes we say 'I can't believe it' if someone tells us really good news. We say 'I'll believe it when I see it with my own eyes' and that is what the disciples said. And when they saw the risen Jesus they believed. Read about what happened that first Easter Day in the four Gospels. And what is the next thing that you do when you hear good news? You want to share it with someone else.

Share the Good News with someone this Easter!

## SPREAD THE NEWS

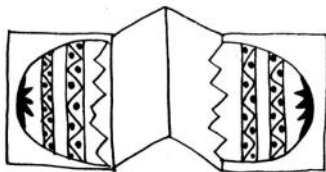
One way you can pass the good news on is to send Easter cards. You could make some of these easy Easter egg cards (the egg is a symbol of new life so that's why we have eggs at Easter). You will need

- a strip of thin card about 10cm by 30cm
- another piece of coloured card for the egg about 9cm by 12cm
- felt tip pens
- a ruler, scissors and a glue stick.



Fold the long strip of card in half and then each half back on itself to make a W shape.

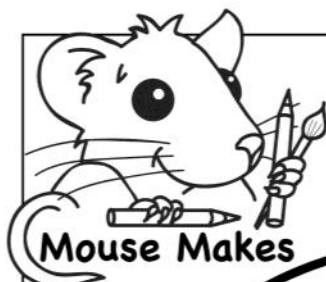
Draw an egg shape on the coloured card and cut round it. Cut the egg in half with a jagged edge and stick it onto the folded card as shown. Decorate it and write your message inside - you could even draw a fluffy yellow chick inside the egg.



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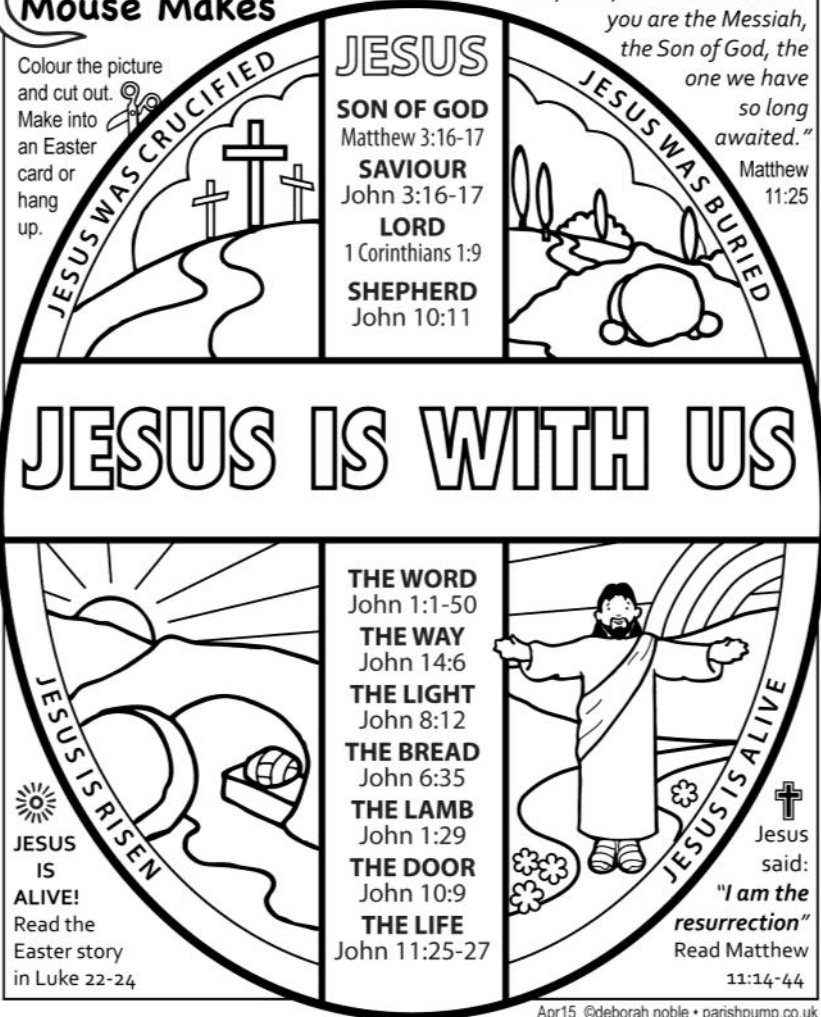
An eggstravaganza.



Colour the picture and cut out. Make into an Easter card or hang up.

Jesus said to Martha,  
*"I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish. Do you believe this Martha?"*

*"Yes, Lord," she said "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one we have so long awaited."*  
 Matthew 11:25



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# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

10th Feb.	Joseph Whalon		71yrs
17th Feb.	James Thomas Littler	Mill Street	90yrs
18th Feb.	Joyce Elizabeth Bushell	Diane Road	81yrs
24th Feb.	Doreen Mary Byers	Compton court	86yrs
5th March	Stanley Derbyshire	Heath Road	81yrs
5th March	Barbara Cummins	Violet Street	67yrs
6th March	Marian Burrows	Grassmere Drive	63yrs

## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



22nd Feb.	Ivy Rose Palmer	Harland Drive
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# Church Organisations in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in Makerfield

<p><b><u>Boys Brigade</u></b>  <b>Captain:</b> Gareth Hamlett (07903866501 )  <b>Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 5.45 p.m.)</b>  Olwen Wright (389595)  <b>Junior Section (Tuesday 6.45 p.m.)</b>  Kat Duckworth (07517486188)  <b>Company Section (Tuesday: 7.30 p.m.)</b>  Contact Gareth Hamlett</p>	<p><b><u>Girl Guides</u></b>  <b>Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)</b>  Anne Wooff (724207)  <b>3rd &amp; 4th Ashton Brownies</b>  <b>(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)</b>  Irene Taylor (Wednesday) (703410)  Susan Hughes (Thursday) (725291)  <b>St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.00 p.m.)</b>  Helen Hughes (748863)  <b>3rd Ashton Guides &amp; Ranger Guides</b>  <b>(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)</b>  Rachel Starkie (718350)</p>
<p><b><u>Music Group</u></b> Mary Owen (203277)  <b>Sunday – 10.45 a.m.</b></p>	
<p><b><u>St Thomas' Choir</u></b>  <b>Sunday - 10.45 a.m. &amp; 6.30 p.m.</b>  <b>Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.</b>  Paul Tushingham (711085)</p>	<p><b><u>Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'</u></b>  <b>Tues - 10 a.m.</b>  <b>Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)</b>  Barbara Taylor (205136)</p>
<p><b><u>Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.</u></b>  <b>Bubbles (Pre-School)</b>  <b>Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6)</b>  <b>Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)</b>  Sue Thomas (727275)  sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk</p>	
	<p><b><u>St Luke's Over Sixties</u></b>  <b>Monday – 2.00 p.m.</b>  <b>Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club</b></p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday Weenies</u></b>  <b>Wed – 1.00 p.m.:</b> Jan Cornthwaite (721626)</p>	<p><b><u>St. Luke's Donation Secretary</u></b>  Dorothy Hesketh (738713)</p>
<p><b><u>Youth Work</u></b>  Sue Thomas (727275)</p>	<p><b><u>St. Luke's Treasurer</u></b>  John Boon</p>
<p><b><u>Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)</u></b>  <b>Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall</b>  Ceri Mansell (727417)</p>	<p><b><u>St Luke's Mothers' Union</u></b>  <b>1st Wed: 7.30 p.m.:</b> Bobbie Masnyk (718473)</p>
<p><b><u>St Thomas' Mothers' Union</u></b>  <b>3rd Wed: 7.30 p.m.:</b> Barbara Taylor (205136)</p>	<p><b><u>Flower Guild</u></b>  Meta Laites (723679)</p>
<p><b><u>Bowling Club</u></b>  Henry Hunter (712709)</p>	<p><b><u>Monthly Dance Club</u></b>  John Makinson (725870)</p>

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