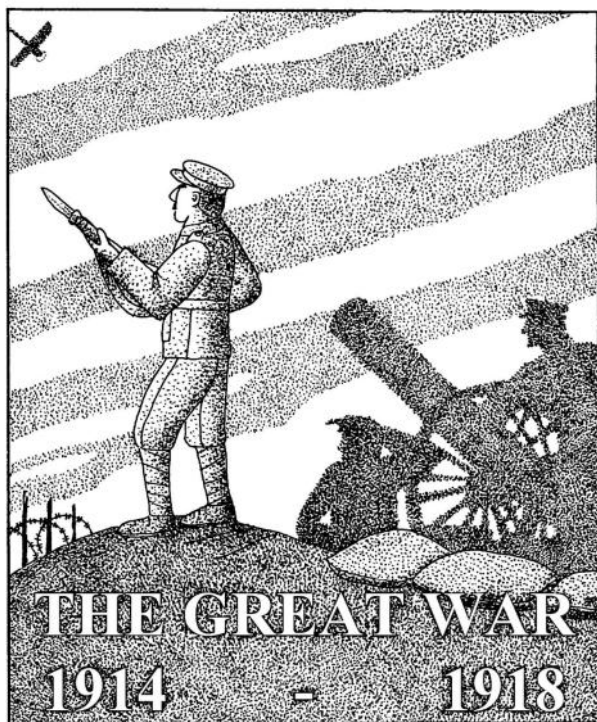


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Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

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)		11.00 a.m.
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 721 484.

Deadlines: Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to stthomasandstlukesmagazine@gmail.com

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Important Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas Church at 12.45 on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11 am on the 3rd Sunday.

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

Marriage

You can marry in a C of E church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the vicar or call in at Vestry Hour on a Thursday evening.

Funerals

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



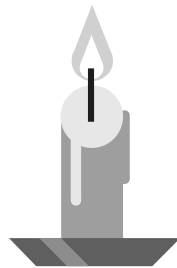
Letter from the Vicar



On August 4th, the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War is commemorated in many ways across the country. Westminster Abbey will mark the centenary by moving from light into darkness.

The Abbey will be lit so that the light falls away from the East to the West until a procession reaches the Grave of the Unknown Warrior. There a single remaining candle will be extinguished at 11.00pm to mark the moment of the declaration of war. This moving ceremony is broadcast on BBC 2.

You can also take part in Lights Out, from your home or workplace, by switching off your lights from 10pm to 11pm, leaving only a single light or candle lit. This will be a UK wide moment of reflection. You can even stay informed of the different events taking place by following #WW1Aug4 on Twitter.



A number of events are planned locally. At St Thomas church, we will hold a short reflective time of commemoration at our war memorial, this will be at 8.00pm where we too will light a commemorative candle and offer prayerful remembrance. Wigan Parish church hold a commemoration service at 9.30 pm with ceremony at the cenotaph at 10.30 pm. Ashton Library are holding a commemorative exhibition between August 4th and December 31st.



Letter from the Vicar

Our War Memorial in St Thomas churchyard was dedicated by the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Reverend Francis Chavasse in February 1921. One can only imagine how moving it would be for The Bishop on such occasions, as he lost two of his four sons in WW1, both in 1917. Between them his four sons received 3 Military Crosses and 1 Croix de Guerre. Noel, one of the sons who died received the only double Victoria Cross awarded in the war.



As we look at the names on the War Memorial we see there ordinary men of Ashton, who without doubt also performed many acts of bravery and heroism. We thank God for all those whom we remember as we commemorate the World changing day 100 years ago that began the conflicts of WW1.

In John 15:12-13 Jesus says, **“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”**

Jeremy Thomas





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church – August 2014

<u>Monday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	Morning Prayer. Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) Church open for prayer.	9:00am 10:00am - 12:00pm 7.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Communion. Princes Pantry. (St Luke's) Vestry hour.	9:45am 11:30am - 1:00pm 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.

Streets for Prayer

This month we are praying for the people who work and live in:

Mansart Close, Bransdale Drive, Westonby Court, Eltham Close, Verne Walk, Sawyer Drive

St. Thomas' C of E Primary School



Goodbye

Our SATs exam results were made public on Tuesday 8th July and revealed some amazing achievements by our pupils with overall excellent grades. This represented a combination of the teaching delivered and the individual effort made by each and every one of our learners.

Mrs Jones and all the staff at St. Thomas' would like to say well done and congratulations to each of our special children and wish further success to all, especially our year 6 students who will be moving to new senior schools. You will be missed and we hope you all come back and visit us often.

Also congratulations to all our former pupils that continued in education and have this year graduated from various universities across the UK. Incredibly it is now 17 years since you started at St Thomas' School and we all would like to express our best wishes for your future careers.



**Wishing you all a lovely summer!
God bless, Elaine Mateus**

MOTHERS UNION LIGHT LUNCH



Come and join us for lunch on
Saturday 9th August in the Church Hall
between 11.00am and 1.00pm

There will be Cake and Tombola stalls
and a raffle (all contributions to these will be gratefully
received)



Mothers Union

Diary Branch dates

We have no Branch meetings in August but we do have on:

Saturday 9th August our Light Lunch in the Church Hall 11-00am -1.00pm. We will be having our usual raffle, cake and tombola stalls contributions towards these will be most gratefully received.



Come along and enjoy the friendship and fellowship. Everyone welcome.



On Wednesday 3rd September at St Luke's we will be having a Bible Sale - so you will have plenty of time to look through your Bible to find passages that relate to something you could bring to sell such as grapes (wine) honey etc. there are a lot of examples for you to choose.

Friday 12th September The Diocesan Annual Rally at Widnes & Halton Rugby Stadium beginning at 7.30pm. The tickets are £4.50 each which need to be ordered by the 20th July at the latest. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to go so that I can order the tickets.

We had a very successful Summer Evening in June being well entertained by the Wigan Ukulele Band playing a selection of popular and catchy tunes which everyone enjoyed. We had a few members dancing and I understand both the Brownies and their parents joined in outside the hall. Our Secretary Margaret Hilton deserves our thanks for suggesting the Band as our entertainers.



Annual Subscription for Families and Friends First Magazine is due in Due September. It has increased from £9.00 to £10.50 for six copies an increase of 0.25p per copy.

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*Love and prayers
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Ashton Library would also like to invite you to be a part of this commemoration by making a poppy and displaying it on our Poppy Wall of Remembrance

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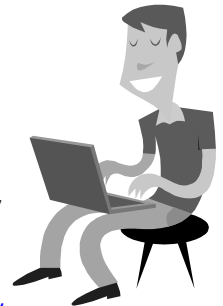
The Sign

As part of a process of reviewing how we distribute the church magazine and what is included, we are reviewing the demand for "The Sign" (the insert which is included within each printed magazine).

If you read any sections of "The Sign" and would like us to continue to provide it, then please email our editor at: stthomasandstlukesmagazine@gmail.com to indicate your interest. If there is little or no interest then we are likely to discontinue including "The Sign" as part of our magazine.

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We can now send you a copy of this magazine at no cost, as an email. Anyone who already receives copies of our weekly church notices will automatically receive this magazine. If you do not receive the magazine electronically and would like to sign up then please go to this web page: <http://www.stthomasstluke.org.uk/subscribe-notices-sheet/> and enter your details. You can also get to this page from our home page: <http://www.stthomasstluke.org.uk/> and then go to the link at the bottom right hand corner of the home page.



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Summer fun in the vicarage garden



We had a few events planned for July falling in the same week just as the good weather started. A group of young people were leading the parade service on Sunday 6th and so we had our final practice on the previous morning. We decided to set up the water slide ready for the following day and so after a quick lunch we laid out the slide and they tested it... for three hours!

The next day, the service went very well. The theme was Micah 6:8; *'What does the Lord require of me? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.'* The focus was on the way that we behaved towards others as depicted in three dramas with some commentary from our favourite puppet duo, Harry & Larry. The talk, however, challenged us to think whether the people who make our clothes are treated justly.

Each member of the congregation was given a luggage label with the Micah verse on one side and a pledge for them to consider committing to on the other:



I pledge that the next item of clothing I buy will be one of the following:

- #mynextbuy will be Fairtrade
- #mynextbuy will be from a charity shop
- #mynextbuy will not be for 3 months
- with #mynextbuy I will give away an item of clothing I own

What would you choose your next buy to be?

After the service and over the next four hours, we had 26 young people enjoying themselves with a variety of watery activities and a BBQ. Most of us ended up getting at least a little wet despite a cordoned off 'safe zone'.



On Wednesday, Weenies enjoyed another sunny day as they had their end of year Teddy Bear's Picnic and said goodbye to those moving onto Reception in September.

Thursday, yet another sunny day, was our last Messy Church for 2013/4, with *Friend of Jesus*, the theme. Nearly 80 of us spent time making loom band bracelets, marbling paper, mixing some fizzy wine (well juice actually), playing Sudoku with these symbols to remind us that God loves me, I have sinned, Jesus died for me, so what am I going to do about it?



We were adding our handprints to a heart of friendship, making photo frames, decorating a biscuit for a friend, rolling marbles to make some amazing pictures, going fishing (like some of the disciples did) and wrapping volunteers up in toilet rolls as we thought about Lazarus.

On Saturday 12th July, a group of young people (and some not so young) washed cars outside the church hall. We worked hard as the sun dried the water very quickly! This was the last of four car washes and other fundraising events raising money to twin our church and church hall toilets and to pay for the activities at the youth camp in September.



They have collected a total of £360 to twin 6 toilets (two in St Thomas', two in St Luke's and two in the church hall) in 6 different countries which will enable hundreds of people somewhere safe, clean and hygienic to go to the toilet.

The next event that St Thomas' young people are preparing for is, *Hungry & Homeless*, a 24 hour sponsored camp outside the church hall (although sleeping inside) from 6pm on 29th August. No mobile phones or other technologies will be allowed, or food other than breakfast (porridge or cornflakes) and lunch (baked potato with cheese or beans). If you would like to sponsor them, please sign the sheet at the back of both of our churches, call in to the vicarage or see them on 29th or 30th. All money raised will go the *Fit for the Future* campaign and *The Brick*.

Oh, and our next Messy Church is on September 25th at St Thomas' school.



3 Peaks on 2 Wheels

We have been so grateful for the thoughts and prayers of the people of St Thomas' Church over the last two years. Daisy has been on the prayer list and we take a lot of comfort from the support we get from people who don't even know us personally. We wanted to share with you what we are doing this year in honour of Daisy and her bravery.



'Team Daisy' - Paul Easton (Daisy's Daddy), Adam and Nigel Walsh (Daisy's Uncles), Alex Reeves, Andy Dunleavy and Rob Everett – will be beginning their challenge on the 9th August by climbing Ben Nevis. They will then cycle more than 250 miles to Scafell Pike. Once they have climbed England's highest peak, they will cycle a further 200+ miles to the foot of Snowdon on the 16th before reaching their final summit! It's just short of 500 miles cycled and 3407 metres climbed in just 9 days!

This is all in aid of Ronald McDonald House Charities. They provide a free 'Home away from Home' for the families of seriously ill children. It costs the charity £25 per room to house a family for a night, and running costs top £500,000 per year, per house! That cost is borne purely by fundraising, and as a family who has benefited from their services, we feel it is vital to help with these costs and give the charity a huge THANK YOU! We would love to raise the £2275 which would cover Daisy's lengthy stay in The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital over last winter and help us show our gratitude. To find more about Ronald McDonald House Charities and what they do, please visit www.rmhc.org.uk.



For those of you that don't know us, Daisy was born on 15th April 2012; however, things did not go according to plan. She experienced difficulties and had to be brought back to life by the staff at the hospital, after being without oxygen for some considerable time. This resulted in severe damage to Daisy's brain and a very poor prognosis. Since that day, Daisy has been in and out of hospitals and we as a family have been told on many occasions to

brace ourselves for the worst. Daisy, however, has had different ideas and continues to battle on each day usually with a smile of defiance on her face.

There are still times when Daisy's condition can deteriorate quickly, and last year was one such occasion. Daisy became very ill and was sent, via Wigan Hospital, to The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital as her condition worsened. Needless to say this was a time of grave concern for us; however, due to the existence of Ronald McDonald House, we were able to stay with Daisy when she needed us most. During a 3 month stay which included several operations and critical moments, we were able to be together at all times and this enabled us to be on hand to make decisions and to comfort Daisy no matter what time it was, day or night. This is why we are determined to help fund the facilities so that other families can have use of them in their time of need.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and thanks for giving what you can. For full details visit www.donate4daisy.co.uk or donate online at www.justgiving.com/Donate4Daisy2014 or by using a Sponsor Form available at the back of church.

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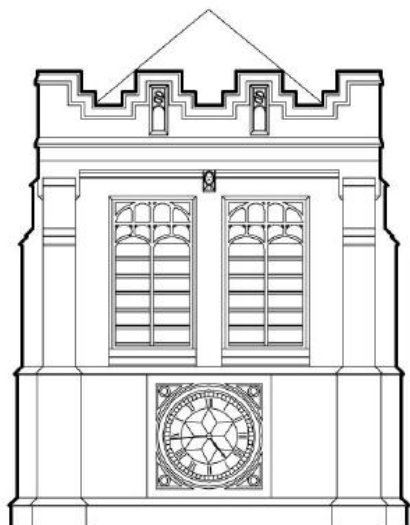
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30TH AUG	Mrs Laites, Mrs Lyon, Mrs Deluce, Mrs Malley

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17TH AUG	For Christopher and Collette's Wedding from Mum and Dad Janet and Philip Rigby	In memory of my dear Mother Eva Bailey from Barbara Burton
24TH AUG	VACANT	VACANT
31ST AUG	VACANT	VACANT



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17TH AUG	VACANT
24TH AUG	VACANT
31ST AUG	For Carole's Birthday



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Edge of Tomorrow (12A) Directed by Doug Liman

Stars: Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt, Brendan Gleeson, Bill Paxton, Jonas Armstrong, Tony Way, Kick Gurry, Franz Drameh, Dragomir Mrcic, Charlotte Riley, Noah Taylor, and Lara Pulver

In a Nutshell: There's nothing like a cool science fiction conceit, a cool concept... and whilst Edge of Tomorrow has a similar one to a lot of my recent favourites from Looper to Source Code, it does enough new and interesting things with it to make it sparkly and new and just utterly terrific from start to finish. For starters, it's the best role Cruise has been given in a long while (sure he rocked the house down in Rock of Ages, but I wouldn't call that challenging) as he makes a utterly believable transition from selfless wimp to futuristic hero and hard nut, whilst Emily Blunt unleashes her tough side as the action icon of the year, vulnerable yet very very tough. Great support is given by Gleeson, Paxton and others... but the real meat and joy is in the concept and execution and the effects. The creature effects and creatures themselves are nothing short of creepy and stunning, mixing the nastiness of Starship Troopers with the visual wow of Darkest Hour. The Groundhog Day style shenanigans of the way the story plays out to its conclusion and what happens along the way is witty, dramatic and very cool, reminding me of why I love Groundhog Day as well as recent imitators like About Time and Source Code. A great sci-fi film can sneak up on you and that's exactly what this has done.... it's superb! **Rating: 10/10**



22 Jump Street (15) Directed by Phil Lord and Chris Miller

Stars: Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Peter Stormare, Amber Stevens, Wyatt Russell, Jillian Bell, Lucas Brothers, Nick Offerman, and Jimmy Tatro

In a Nutshell: You really have to love a sequel which knows what it's doing, it knows it's a sequel and what comes with that territory, and coming straight off Muppets Most Wanted which devoted a musical number to acknowledging that it could never be quite as good... you have 22 Jump Street where the running gag is everything is the same but bigger and louder. Once again, the Lego/ Cloudy team of Lord and Miller bring up more comedy gold with stars Tatum and Hill on equally fine and furiously fantastic form this time round, aided once more by a terrifically angry Ice Cube and a gloriously sardonic Nick Offerman (the glorious Ron Swanson in TV's Parks and Recreation)... joined this time by sequel and action blockbuster stalwart Peter Stormare and



The Film Review

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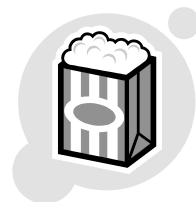


a very enjoyable turn by Kurt's son Wyatt as a dumb jock. The gags come thick and fast, with clever references and visual imagery high on the menu and a lot of laughs coming from side to side.... it perfectly does what it sets out to do, it's bigger and crazier while maybe not 100% matching the sweetness of the first it can stand alongside as another comedy action cracker, and a lot of it is definetly down to the chemistry between the central pair of Tatum and Hill. If you loved the first one, it's as the movie's one big gag says... more of the same, oh but what same, and what fun! **Rating: 8/10**

Also Seen:

Chef (15) 8/10

Transformers: Age of Extinction (12) 7/10



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THE WAY I SEE IT: What's in a word?

Canon David Winter ponders the power in words...



We were in the supermarket queue. The woman in front of me was greeted by a friend, who asked how she was. 'Well,' she replied, 'I've been under the doctor again with my legs'. Her friend knew what she meant. I knew what she meant and the woman at the till knew what she meant. But try translating that into, say, French: 'J'étais sous le medecin encore avec mes jambes'. Now it becomes utterly baffling, and possibly indecent.

Words are funny things and our use of them even funnier. Most languages, and even local areas, have ways of saying things that are peculiar (in the proper meaning of the word). I remember years ago driving past a scrawled sign at the side of a major road in the north-east where there had been several nasty accidents. 'Gan canny, hinnes', it advised. Clearly 'foreigners' were welcome to kill themselves if they chose.



Mostly our little misunderstandings of what is said or written don't matter, but sometimes they matter a great deal. We ask, in the Lord's Prayer, that God will not 'lead us into temptation'. Why on earth would he want to do that? Later in the Bible we are told quite clearly 'God himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it' (James 1:13). The word translated 'temptation' in the Lord's Prayer really means 'tested' - but every time anyone has tried to change it we all complain. Familiarity always trumps accuracy!

It's also true of familiar sayings. 'The exception proves the rule' is commonly taken to mean that a single exception demonstrates the accuracy of the proposition. In fact, of course, it's the old meaning of 'proves', which is (again) 'tests'. The exception tests the theory. If there's a single exception, then there's no 'rule'.

In practice, we assume that people understand - and if they don't, they very quickly learn. Normally it doesn't matter. One could hear what the woman said in the supermarket queue and remain baffled by her meaning (as many younger people would be) without it affecting us at all.

But sometimes it's important. For instance, Jesus didn't 'come back from the dead'. He rose. Believe me, there's a big difference!

Smile Lines



Divine illustration....

A teacher was observing her classroom of young children while they drew. As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said gently, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, the girl replied with perfect composure: "They will in a minute."

So far so good



So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Thank you. In Jesus name. Amen



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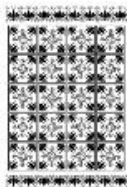
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NOBODY'S PERFECT

None of us are perfect, we all make mistakes. But Jesus came to tell us that God is always ready to forgive and pardon our mistakes. God forgives, but we often make the mistake of holding on to what went wrong – and when we do this we are doubting God.

There is a tradition that people who make patchwork quilts and those who weave Persian carpets both share: every piece they make has a mistake in it. The idea behind this is that only God is perfect and if the quilt or rug was perfect then its maker would be trying to be equal with God, and that would be a sin. Sometimes you have to look very closely to see the mistake in the pattern.

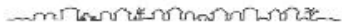


Like the quilter and the weaver, we should blend our mistakes into the pattern of our lives, not ignoring them but using them to remind us of God's love and forgiveness.

SEW, SEW

The answers to all of the following are types of fabric or cloth. Can you say which fabric is...

1. One of the Channel Islands?
2. What felt is made out of?
3. Named after a town in France and used to make strong trousers?
4. Made from flax?
5. A jockey's racing colours?
6. A single stocking?
7. A fabric woven in little blocks?
8. The coat of an animal?
9. What an artist paints on?
10. Woven in a Scottish pattern?



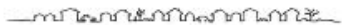
What kind of clothes are you going to make with all these tea bags?



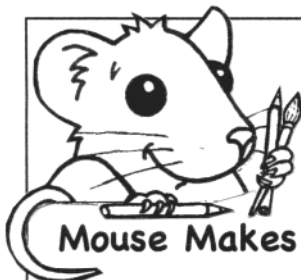
Baggy tea shirts.

I bought a carpet in mint condition today.

As good as new, do you mean?
No, it has a hole in the middle.



Answers: 1.Jersey 2.wool 3.denim
4.linen 5.silk 6.nylon 7.gingham 8.fur
fabric 9.canvas 10.tartan



Draw some more fish in the picture then colour it in.

A PICNIC ON THE BEACH

The disciples had fished all night but caught nothing. Jesus, standing on the shore, called out "Throw your net on the right side of the boat". So they did and they caught so many fish they could not pull the net into the boat. When they reached the shore there was a fire already burning with fish on it and some bread.

READ the complete story in *John 21:1-25*
How many fish did the disciples catch?



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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

16th June	Joseph Middlehurst	Wentworth Road	78yrs
16th June	Richard Roberts	Westwood Lodge Nursing Home	80yrs
18th June	Iris Welding	Grasmere Drive	70yrs
20th June	Maureen Hunt	Newlyn Drive	67yrs
30th June	Margaret Langton	Sandycroft Close	
1st July	Mary Barbara Picton	Rookery Avenue	74yrs
3rd July	George Harrison	Wigan Road	66yrs
9th July	Austin Doyle	Strand Avenue	83yrs

Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



27th June	John Thomas Hempson & Natalie Waters
5th July	Ashton Francis Ormesher & Kerry Anne Unsworth

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



22nd June	Rocco Anthony Jackson	Moxon Way
	Libby Louise Ward	Thirlmere Avenue
13th July	Kynan Albert Ormesher	Bolton Road
	Oliver Joseph Baxter	Heath Road
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	Jake Anthony Lyon	Ivy Street

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