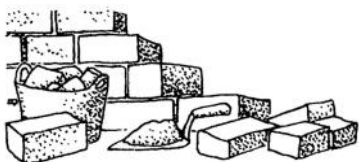
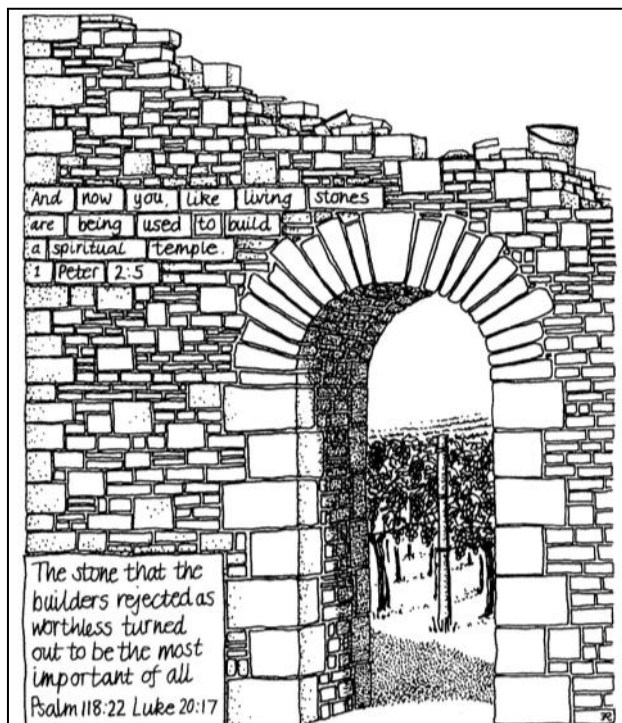


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Sundays

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.

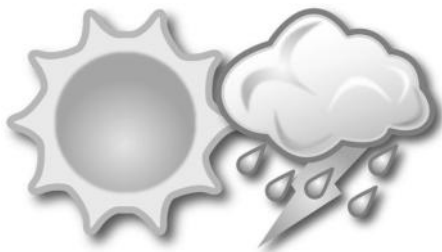
Funerals

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



Letter from the Curate

The weather's a funny thing really isn't it? Our European neighbours laugh at us because in their opinion the rapidity with which it changes is our most frequent topic of conversation!



I'm writing this short letter from a tent in most possibly the muddiest corner of Somerset. I'm part of a small group from our parish who've come to a gathering of Christians from around the country called New Wine www.new-wine.org/ There are 14,000 of us this week and there will be another 10,000 next week.

We're gathered as a Church - to worship God together, to learn more about his love, to explore afresh what it means that Jesus shared our humanity with the express purpose of revealing his Father's love to us, and by his death and resurrection inviting us into a personal and life-giving relationship with him, and to welcome the presence of his Holy Spirit within us to heal and bless us.



So a camping holiday with a difference you could say! Have you ever camped I wonder? If you have, I'm sure you'll remember with something of a wry smile, how much closer you feel to the powerful effects of the weather – particularly the wind. It was so strong yesterday afternoon, we saw the gazebo in which we cook our meals, wrench free from the tent pegs holding it to the ground, and sail across our corner of the campsite, before we managed to catch it!

I slept straight through last night's thunderstorm, but even as I type, the rain threatens and the tent is again being buffeted by the wind!

Not your idea of a relaxing summer break? Well, another group from church are just back from the Keswick Bible Convention, where most enjoy the luxury of stone-built accommodation! Others will enjoy the warmth of a French summer as they are part of Spring Harvest's summer gathering later



Letter from the Curate

in August. Maybe that appeals more?

However you spend your summer, there's something really lovely and God-given about the diversity of the things we get up to – the range of activities, holiday destinations, home-based trips out, or just sitting in the garden enjoying the sun (if we ever see any!).



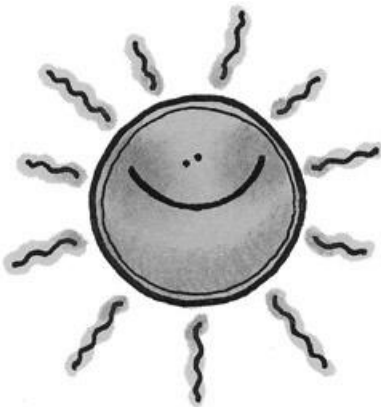
The pattern to our summer days and weeks is often different – we look to enjoy a lighter workload for a few weeks. The evenings are still long – maybe there's time for more enjoyment of nature and the company of friends.

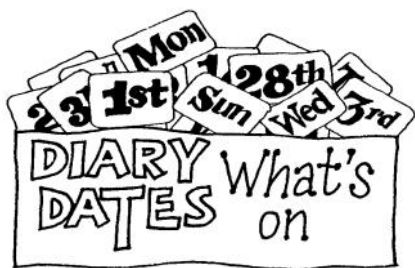
Our perfectly loving, generous heavenly Father created us to enjoy times of rest and relaxation and refreshment and rejuvenation – and I believe it puts a smile on his face when we're smiling too – whatever the weather!

Our prayer for you is that if this month offers you some times of rest, whether planned or otherwise, that you would take the opportunity to be in God's presence – in the garden, at the top of a hill, looking out of an aircraft window – wherever, it doesn't matter - and just thank him. Thank him for his continuing love and presence in his creation in general and in you in particular.

God bless
Helenx

Ps – the sun's just come out ☺





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - August 2015

<u>Monday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9:00am
	Coffee Morning. (Church Hall)	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Church open for prayer.	7.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	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.

Streets for Prayer:

This month we are praying for the people who live and work in **Windsor Road (Odds to 73 and from 75) (Evens to 98 and from 100)**



Parish News

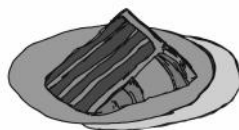


Home Communion



Our thanks to Thursday Coffee for the two new Home Communion cups donated to the team from the funds raised on Thursday mornings. We should also thank the ladies on the coffee rota for their dedication in providing the refreshments week by week and of course the members of our congregation who support this effort and enjoy the fellowship.

MOTHERS UNION LIGHT LUNCH



**Come and join us for lunch on
Saturday 15th 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

Saturday 15th 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.

Wednesday 19th August Church Hall 7.30pm speaker Judith Walmsley

Wednesday 9th September (please note change of week) in Church 7.30pm Holy Communion plus Enrolment

We had a very successful Summer Evening in June being well entertained by the Celebration Choir with a selection of popular chorus which everyone enjoyed. Perhaps a few more songs would have been welcomed by all. We were taken by surprised when more than thirty singers turned up and with the dancers in the other hall every chair plus the ones borrowed from school were put to use. Thanks to everyone who help on the night especially with the provision of refreshments and raffle prizes.

Annual Subscription for Families and Friends First Magazine is due in Due September &10.00 for six copies.

Wave of Prayer this year takes a different form - please pray for our links printed on the back of the postcard between the 17th and 19th August and if you can post it to St James House. Postcards will then be displayed at the Triennial Service on Saturday 28th November at 3,00pm

We had a call from Celia's daughter Jill who had just been for a walk with her mother. Celia wanted to thank her many friends who sent cards when she celebrated her 90th birthday on the 21 June. The family celebrated the occasion with a buffet lunch at a nice hotel.

Jill wanted us to know that her mum is very well and is enjoying Tea Dances in the home, along with visits from church members and trips out.

Lord God we hear your word;
let us be doers of your will.

As we walk with you through life
lead us to play our part
in modelling actions of justice and mercy
that your people may flourish.

Lord God you have shown us what is good;
let us act with righteousness.

As we walk with you through life
lead us to play our part
in championing causes of justice and mercy
that your kingdom may advance.

Love and prayers

Barbara

FREE WILL OFFERINGS— JUNE 2015

DATE	AMOUNT	NO. OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE PER ENVELOPE
7/6/15	172.92	50	3.52
14/6/15	702.00	70	10.03
21/6/15	229.89	58	3.96
28/6/15	282.25	60	4.70
TOTALS	1390.06	238	
AVERAGE	347.52	60	5.84



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School



Goodbye, Adeus, Adios, Au Revoir, Arrivederci.

Mrs Jones, Mrs Crawley and all the staff would like to say goodbye to all Year 6 children. We wish them the best of luck in their new secondary school life and in all that they set to achieve.

We are proud that after seven years attending St. Thomas' School they have acquired the knowledge and skills to face the next chapter of their educational life with confidence.

The leavers' assembly took place on Friday 17th July and it proved to be a momentous occasion. Pupils recalled and shared their experiences within school over the past years, some of which being very funny and causing lots of laughter and some of which being quite emotional and moving (tissues were required at times).



We are sure that all our children know that they will be sincerely missed by everyone at the school, but we have great faith that they will excel in their next stage of learning.



God's blessing be with them all.

Congratulations

Four of past St. Thomas' pupils have become Head Boys and Head Girls at Cansfield High School this year and we would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations and well done. We are all very proud of you.



Student prayer of the month

*Dear God,
Thank you for the plants and trees,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers,
Thank you for the vegetables we eat,
Thank you for the sun and rain to help them all grow,
Thank you God for everything.*

Amen

Neve Byrne
Year 1.

Mark 10:4 *"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these".*

Wishing you all a great summer,

Elaine Mateus.



Down through the Roof - Thursday 2nd July

Do you remember the paralysed man who had to be let down through the roof because of the crowds? They just couldn't get him to Jesus. The man's friends carried him up to the roof and lowered him down to Jesus. He healed the man because he could see the faith they had.

'I tell you, get up, pick up your bed and go home' Luke 5 v24b

This Messy Church session focussed on two themes: the role of the man's friends in the story who cared enough to bring their friend to meet Jesus, and the miracle performed by Jesus, both in healing the man and in forgiving him. We explored how to bring our friends to 'meet Jesus', as well as taking the opportunity to pray for our friends and family members.



We were in the church hall as the weather prevented us from being in the vicarage garden as planned, but a good time was still had by all.

Jesus told the man to pick up his mat and walk. We wove pieces of material and card to create a mat just like the man would have had. A colourful woven mat was made, and is displayed on the notice board in the church hall if anyone would like to see it.

The houses in Jesus' time in that part of the world would have been quite different from our own houses today. We made a house out of cardboard which came complete with steps up to the roof. The man's friends climbed the outside steps up to the flat roof to let their friend down through the hole they had made.

The house was so crammed full of people that the man's friends couldn't get him in the door. They were very determined to bring the man to Jesus. How determined are we to bring our friends to Jesus? On this station we were trying to squeeze as many buttons into a box.

Another popular station was the food station. We created an edible model of the scene using biscuits, icing, fruit winders and jelly babies. This

helped us think just how creative the man's friends were in getting him to Jesus.

Don't drop the egg was a fun station that really gave us all something to think about. We were in pairs and had to work together to carefully lower the egg down to the floor. This was done using cord and a plastic dish with an egg balanced inside the dish. This helped us realise just how difficult it would have been for the people lowering down the man and trying to prevent him from being tipped out onto the floor. How much faith and determination they had!

On another table we could decorate and then build our very own cardboard man, whose arms and legs moved in any direction. The man would have been able to do this after being healed by Jesus and would have felt wonderful to be able to move again.

Prayer station is a favourite station for us with the opportunity to be prayed for and to listen to what Jesus might be saying. As well as being anointed with oil we could take home a pebble or diamond with a cross on it. Have you ever put raisins inside a glass of lemonade? Why don't you try it at home? The raisins move and dance about in the liquid. How would the man have felt being able to dance after all this time not being able to move?

Beautiful flower arrangements were made with help from ladies from Flower Guild. The flowers could then be given to someone we care about, just as the man's friends cared about him.



As the hall was tidied and cleared, Sue took the children into the other hall for a sing, dance and a talk which they all enjoyed.

We finished with hot dogs and ice pops, which were a welcome relief in the warm weather. We all sat around one long table, chatting and eating together.

Our next messy church will be on Thursday 8th October from 3.30 to 5pm in St Thomas's school. Maybe you know someone who doesn't go to church? An invitation to Messy Church may bring them closer to knowing Jesus. Please think about and pray for anyone you could invite along.

Clare Hayton



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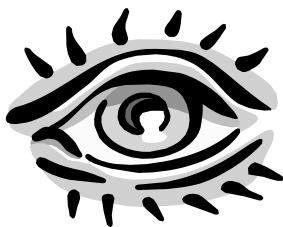
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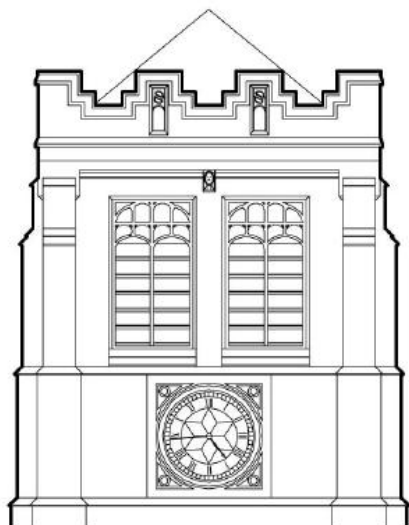
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FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING AUGUST

APOLOGY—FLOWERS IN LADY CHAPEL FOR 12TH JULY should have read Birthday remembrance of a dear Mother Elsie Jervis from David, Elsie, Ann and their families

DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
2ND AUG	VACANT	Birthday remembrance of a dear Dad Hugh Jervis from David, Elsie, Ann and their families
9TH AUG	Wedding Anniversary remembrance of Mum and Dad, Elsie and Stanley Robinson from Janet, Doug and family	In loving memory of Eva Bailey from Barbara Burton
16TH AUG	Anniversary remembrance of Muriel Hampson from Irene, Eric and family	In loving memory of John Jolley (14th August) from Gladys, David, Philippa, Gena and Alicia
23RD AUG	VACANT	VACANT
30TH AUG	VACANT	VACANT



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Jurassic World (12A) Directed by Colin Trevorrow

Stars: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Ty Simpkins, Irrfan Khan, Nick Robinson, Omar Sy, Vincent D'Onofrio, Jake Johnson, Katie McGrath, BD Wong, and Judy Greer

In a Nutshell: The tagline and the trailer for the first Jurassic Park movie told us it was 'An adventure 65 million years in the making'... well thankfully this time around, it has only took them 14 years. And truly time is a friend to us all. I'm not ashamed to say that this might just be a ramble and jumble and a lot of excited praise because Jurassic World is a triumph in every way. It's an easy place to start by saying that while the character development isn't note perfect, the performances and the fun they're having definetly helps to sell the adventure, and the tension and most certainly the character.... not to mention that these are just simply great people to spend time with and to will on to survive and do good things, or simply to boo at because some of them are evil. Performance wise, Pratt particularly cements his status as a superstar with a role that's half serious hero and half likeable cad, whilst Vincent D'Onofrio does a wonderful line in slimy characters that you instantly take against... whilst Jake Johnson steals scenes life right and centre from simply behind his computer. The effects are flawless like it needed to be said, doing the best to blend the CGI with practical effects like in the glory days, and it's something to behold once more and will make you feel oh so young again. Like that first Jurassic Park movie (and to mild degrees it's sequels) this makes the thrill ride grade on the simple basis that whilst it's thrilling, it's also manages to be totally terrifying and scary in the best way possible... the way kids love to be scared! The simplest advice I can give regards Jurassic World is just to go and see it... it does everything you'd ever want a new film like this to do.... it beautifully recaptures the mood and energy of the original with a new very likeable cast, fabulous resources and effects and so many flashbacks and homages to the original movies....this all boils down to it being basically one big rollercoaster ride and a great homage to the original! No expense was spared.... **Rating: 10/10**



Spy (15) Directed by Paul Feig

Stars: Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham, Rose Byrne, Peter Serafinowicz, Miranda Hart, Bobby Canavale, Jude Law, Allison Janney, and Morena Baccarin

In a Nutshell: Doing a movie that works both as a great action film and a superb comedy is up there with doing the similar genre of horror comedy also. Trying to tie those elements together into something that works as both

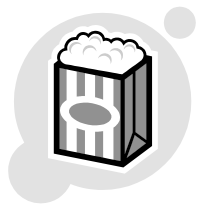


The Film Review

With Rob Carson



is a big rarity.... good thing then that Spy fits this bill beautifully and flies past any barriers and obstacles with maximum ease. Granted I don't want to go off on one and suddenly make it seem like a perfect movie, it's not up there with the greats like Austin Powers but this is still one of the best action comedies to come along in a long time, because whilst the comedy is just great, the action and the story matter too and aren't just in there to move everything along. You care for the characters, and the mission they have to achieve and how they behave and how others behave towards them, and that distinction is important... it's good to care about something in a film that could just be hilarious fluff. Heart to this is the wonderful lead turn by Melissa McCarthy, who is at turns her hilarious self but also imbuing a sense of wanting to do right and a real character as opposed to simply a comic character. She is ably supported by a great support cast featuring fun work by Byrne, Law, Janney, and the wonderful Serafinowicz as well as a fun sidekick role by Miranda Hart... but by passing all these is the amazing Jason Statham, not a complete stranger to comedy but excelling here in a fantastic comedy performance is simply wonderful in all ways as a delusional hard man secret agent... it is he who scores the biggest laughs and indeed needs his own movie. All adding up to a great fun action comedy but one that remembers that character and plot can go alongside spectacle and hilarity.... it's one heck of a fun time! **Rating: 9/10**



Also Seen:

San Andreas (12A) 7/10

Minions (U) 8/10

Terminator: Genisys (12A) 8/10

Also Out in August

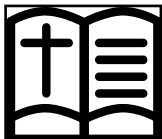
Fantastic Four (TBA) (August 6th) Max (12A) (August 7th) Pixels (PG) (August 12th)

Absolutely Anything (12A) (August 14th) The Man from U.N.C.L.E (12A) (August 14th)

Trainwreck (15) (August 14th) Paper Towns (12A) (August 17th) Sinister II (15) (August 21st)

Vacation (15) (August 21st) Hitman: Agent 47 (15) (August 27th) American Ultra (15) (August 28th)

Masterminds (12A) (August 28th) Straight Outta' Compton (15) (August 28th)



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Please place your donation in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please hand in at church or post to the vicarage.

Please make any cheques payable to **St Thomas' PCC**. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

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Brenda Percival, Mary Shaw, Alice Ashley, H Winstanley, Marian Bullen

Other Donations:

CAF, Tony and Barbara Heaton, Olive van der Boon, St Thomas's School

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 Youth worker

**TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY ST THOMAS'
FOR AUGUST 2015 £915**

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

Anniversary Remembrance of

Peter Allcroft (7th August), a loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad from Barbara,
Karen Mark Jonathan Becky Dylan Kai
Barbara Kenny Nicholas Jacqui Leah Isabella
Robert Debbie Thomas Jessica Amy Sebastian

Birthday Remembrance of

Raymond Bullough (4th August), a dearly loved and loving Husband, Dad and Grandad from
Avis, Alison and Stephen, Philip and Michelle,
Rachel and Kate, Luke and Amy

My dear wife **Jean Millington** from her loving husband Harry

My dear wife **Nora Heaton** (August 22nd) from her
loving husband Fred

In Memory of

Dorothy Delaney from Jean and Les Johnson and Gladys Jolley

Raymond Bullough from Joyce Smith

In Loving Memory of

A very dear friend **Dorothy Delaney** from
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My loving husband **Albert Topping** from Emily Topping

My dear friend **Len Sheedy** and
my dear friend of 70 years **Ted Baxter** from Fred Heaton

In Loving Memory of Thomas Tagg	
Ron and Jean Boon	Mary Hardman
Meta, Ken and Family	Sharon, John, Daniel and Family
Margaret and John Makinson	Margaret and Alison
Jannette, Donald, Jessica and Ethan	

St Lukes' Donations



In memory of a dear Aunt an
friend Mary Roberts

From Rose and George

TANGO

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Haydock support and resource families within the
Haydock/Ashton area by providing food; clothing;
furniture and household items.



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St. Thomas Boys Brigade

Apologies for no newsletter since Easter.



Anchor Boys – we raised £160 for Comic relief from our “Wheelathon”. Well done boys, and all who helped and a special mention to our top fundraiser Owen Bullen.

The summer session has passed very quickly with the boys working hard for their badges. They visited our Church and learnt about the windows and the font etc. They planted sunflower seeds and heard the story of “The Lost Sheep”. We ended the session by going 10 pin bowling.

Juniors and Company Sections also worked hard to complete their badges. They went away for a weekend planned by Company boys who organised team building games involving lots of water. They did tent craft in preparation for next years camp, had a “pub” quiz,, a movie night with popcorn, and a BBQ with toasted marshmallows and lots of hot chocolate. They all appeared to have had a great time! They also ended the session with 10 pin bowling.

The year culminated in our awards night.

Anchor boys were awarded their badges, either red, green or blue. 5 boys were promoted to Junior Section, which was just as well as all the Junior Section boys were promoted to Company Section These boys were also awarded their various badges.

Best boy of the year – Anchor Boys – Flynn Smith

Best boy of the year – Junior Section – Jason Naylor

Best boy of the year – Company Section – Will Lundy

This year the Granville Hardy Shield was also awarded. This is given to a boy who shows all the attributes of our motto:

- Obedience, reverence, discipline and self respect.

Although only very young, we decided that one of our Anchor Boys fulfilled this and the Shield went to Owen Bullen. Congratulations!

We were able to welcome 4 new recruits to Anchor Boys.

We are always glad to welcome new members at any time in any of the Sections. We re-open on September 8th at St Thomas’ School. If you are interested, please ask and you will be pointed in the right direction.



St Thomas and St Lukes

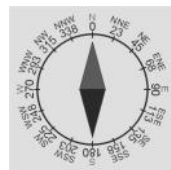
Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre

We have had another successful year in our Duke of Edinburgh Group at St Thomas' and St Lukes. This year we have run a Silver Group with 7 participants. All are progressing well in the sections that contribute to achieving the award and have successfully completed their Qualifying Expedition.



We have seen the young people develop new skills over the last nine months and how the group have worked together to overcome challenges together.

The Expedition Practice weekend took place in Scorton/ Garstang area. During the practice expedition weekend at the beginning of May the weather was not kind, but the group did well with their map reading and navigation skills. They coped well in difficult conditions with their camp craft too.

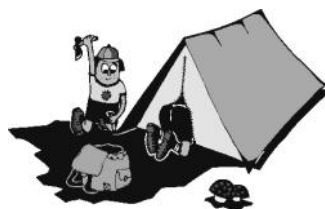


The weekend was not without its challenges, in which our minibus broke down. The recovery vehicle and minibus had to be towed off the campsite by our friendly farmer and his tractor.

The Qualifying Expedition took place over the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May and was over 3 days in North Yorkshire, the weather was much kinder. All participants worked well as a team and navigated the route very well.

We are starting a new group for Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Award in September 2015 and the programme normally lasts about 9 months.

We invite young people starting in year 10 and above in September 2015 to come and join us in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Award.



The award comprises of 4 sections:

Physical Activity

Volunteering

Skills

Expedition - which comprises an overnight camping experience.

The programme requires that participants show commitment over the 9 months in order to achieve the award.

Why participate in the award?

The award promotes in young people:

- Increased self belief / self confidence
- Improve team working abilities and negotiation skills
- Develop leadership skills
- Improves decision making ability
- Opportunity to try new experiences
- Provides a challenge that is achievable
- Learn important life skills can take forward into adult life
- Employers and further education institutes value completion of D of E award

Anyone interested is invited to an introduction session on Sunday 6th September 2015 @ 6.30 – 8.00pm in St Thomas Church Hall.

It is important that young people interested in participating in the award are accompanied to the introductory session by a parent or guardian.

Learn more about the award and meet the leaders.

We have limited places and can cater for up to 14 candidates and will be on a first come basis.

If you require further information or are unable to attend this event but are still interested in the award contact Ceri Mansell 727417.



UNLUCKY NUMBERS

Some people think that the number 13 is unlucky but did you know that other countries and traditions have different 'unlucky' numbers?

The numbers 4 and 9 are considered unlucky for the Japanese. Why? Because the Japanese word for '4' sounds exactly like the word for 'death' and the word for '9' sounds like the word for 'suffering'. There are no rooms numbered 4 or 9 in many hospitals or hotels in Japan.

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JOE: I'm so unlucky; my plastic fruit went mouldy.

JIM: I'm more unlucky than that – my stuffed bird flew away.

JACK: That's nothing. When I went ice-skating the rink caught fire!



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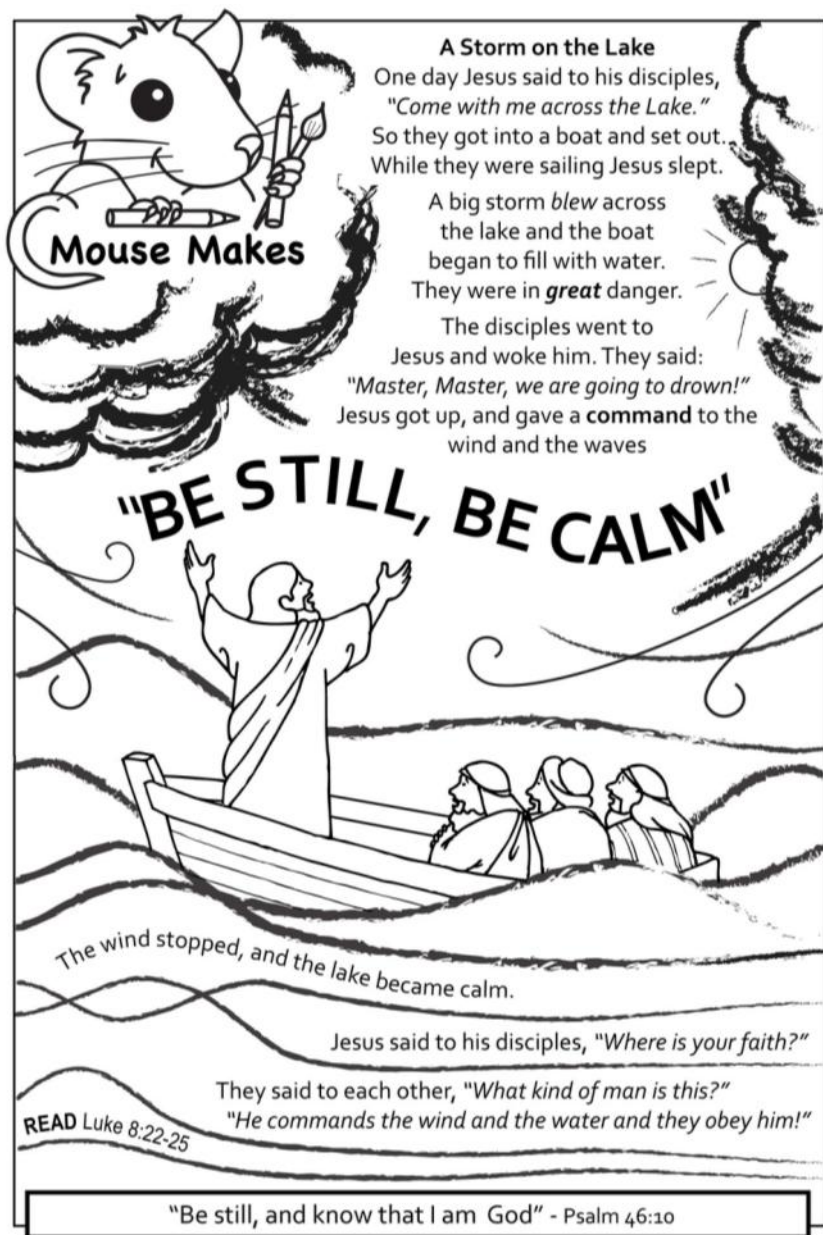
BIBLE NUMBERS?

The answer to each of these questions about the Bible, is a number.



1. How many psalms are there in the Book of Psalms?
2. How many days did Jesus spend in the wilderness (Matthew, chapter 4)?
3. How many times did Peter deny Jesus (Luke, chapter 22)?
4. How many daughters-in-law did Naomi have (Ruth, chapter 1)?
5. How long did Methuselah live (Genesis, chapter 5)?
6. How many days did Joshua march around the walls of Jericho (Joshua, chapter 6)?
7. How many provinces did Ahasuerus rule over (Esther, chapter 1)?
8. How many sparrows were sold for 2 pennies (Luke, chapter 12)?
9. After how many years did Paul go again to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus (Galatians, chapter 2)?
10. How many people were saved from the ship that Paul travelled on when it was shipwrecked on the island of Malta (Acts 27)?





Mouse Makes

A Storm on the Lake

One day Jesus said to his disciples,
"Come with me across the Lake."
So they got into a boat and set out.
While they were sailing Jesus slept.

A big storm **blew** across
the lake and the boat
began to fill with water.
They were in **great** danger.

The disciples went to
Jesus and woke him. They said:
"Master, Master, we are going to drown!"
Jesus got up, and gave a **command** to the
wind and the waves

"BE STILL, BE CALM"

The wind stopped, and the lake became calm.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Where is your faith?"

They said to each other, "What kind of man is this?"
"He commands the wind and the water and they obey him!"

READ Luke 8:22-25

"Be still, and know that I am God" - Psalm 46:10



The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

16th June	Elizabeth Hughes	Ullswater Avenue	80yrs
25th June	Dorothy Delaney	Ashtree House	86yrs
30th June	Ellen Karnila	Hilton Street	80yrs
1st July	Thomas Brown	Old Road	78yrs
6th July	Thomas Jacob Tagg	Windsor Road	2yrs
16th July	Maureen Westhead	Ellesmere Road	65yrs

Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



20th June	Ryan Adam Green & Kimberley Elizabeth Pasquill Bailey
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Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



28th June	Skyler Rose Walsh	Monmouth Crescent
	Eden Olivia Ness	Belvedere Road
	Talia Rose Ness	Belvedere Road
	Lizi Louise Ness	Belvedere Road

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

Boys Brigade

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Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 5.45 p.m.)

Olwen Wright (389595)

Junior Section (Tuesday 6.45 p.m.)

Kat Duckworth (07517486188)

Company Section (Tuesday: 7.30 p.m.)

Contact Gareth Hamlett

Girl Guides

Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)

Anne Wooff (724207)

3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies

(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)

Irene Taylor (Wednesday) (703410)

Susan Hughes (Thursday) (725291)

St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.00 p.m.)

Helen Hughes (748863)

3rd Ashton Guides & Ranger Guides

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)

Rachel Starkie (718350)

Music Group Mary Owen (203277)

Sunday – 10.45 a.m.

St Thomas' Choir

Sunday - 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.

Paul Tushingham (711085)

Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'

Tues - 10 a.m.

Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)

Barbara Taylor (205136)

Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.

Bubbles (Pre-School)

Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6)

Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)

Sue Thomas (727275)

sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk

St Luke's Over Sixties

Monday – 2.00 p.m.

Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club

Wednesday Weenies

Wed – 1.00 p.m.: Jan Cornthwaite

(721626)

St. Luke's Donation Secretary

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Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)

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Bowling Club

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