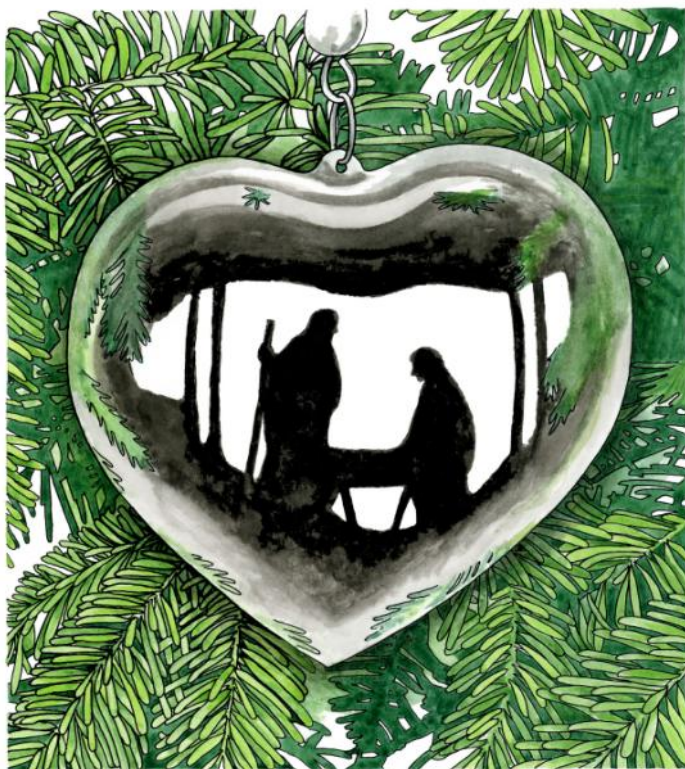


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Sundays

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.

Christmas Message

Make a bigger difference this Christmas

Nearly everyone will utter, at some point over the festive season, the well-known phrase "It's the season for Goodwill". Most of us agree that Christmas, amongst other things, is a time to do something for someone else. Something well-meaning. Something that will bring, as they say, a bit of Christmas cheer.

And goodness knows there's nothing wrong with that. Jesus endorsed doing good things for others. He taught about it, spoke parables about it and modelled it in his own life. He showed, commanded and implored us all to look out for our neighbour, to speak up for justice and walk alongside those in need.



This is the "bigger difference" I have been talking about wherever I go. The real difference that Christians make across our area day in and day out. I applaud, commend and thank God for all of you who are doing that - who make a difference.



Because the real story of Christmas is a story of the difference that one child made to the world. A child who even in his birth taught the world about love, poverty, humility, grace and service. A child who was worshipped then as we worship the saviour now. This is the difference-making story that outlasts the Christmas baubles, tinsel and turkey. A difference that

lasts for ever.

If we believe in that then we need to act. So I give the challenge to myself and I give it to you. What difference will you make this Christmas?



Christmas Message

And who will you make that difference for? Because our faith becomes attractive more through the deeds we do than the words we utter. People are touched by kindness, compassion and love. That's what Jesus did. He healed and fed, often before he taught.



I have always said I want to see a bigger church. But why bother with that? Because the church we want to see is full of people who have felt the difference that knowing Jesus brings and who want to make a difference to others. This is the life-changing message that has echoed down the centuries from the nativity crib to the Calvary cross.

I shall be trying to make a bigger difference this Christmas. Will you try also? What difference will you aim to make?

Have a happy, peaceful, difference-making and grace-filled Christmas! God bless you.

Bishop Paul





Letter from the Vicar

Last weekend it was a privilege to perform a marriage blessing for a couple immediately after their civil marriage ceremony. Words that turned out to be meaningful for many people were in the introduction where, unplanned, I said that we didn't now come to a time where we welcome God in the blessing, because God has been with us in the vows, in bringing the bride and groom together, and in the love that they have for each other. In conversation with a number of people afterwards, often preceded with 'I'm not religious, but...', they were encouraged with the idea of God's presence in the secular, as well as being moved by the contrast with the spiritual, commenting on their favourite part being the blessing.



In God's world, it is clear that he is at work, going before us in the secular, in the ordinary and in the everyday. One of the ways that we can share him with others is to help them to recognise this, of course first recognising it ourselves.

Joining the places, people and situations that seem to be without God or despite God, *with* him helps to draw people *to* him. Although not my specific intention in the wedding to do so, it was a pleasant surprise then to be able to have spiritual conversations with family members and friends, who were connecting with the thought of God's presence. Once the presence of God is known, then that person, situation, place or challenge may be transformed.

Advent is a season when we have probably the easiest time connecting people with the presence and the reality of God. It is an evangelistic and missional gift that at this time of year the world looks towards Christmas Day. Although there are many motivations for this, Christians know the reason and the reality of what the birth of Jesus means not just for our own faith but for God's purposes for the transformation of the whole world. As we prepare to





Letter from the Vicar

welcome Jesus into our midst this year, may we have many opportunities to offer the presence of God into the times, places, situations where he may not necessarily be seen, and then take the opportunity to offer the peace, love and purpose of the coming King.



"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Jeremy Thomas



SERVICES DURING DECEMBER



4th December	Toy Service and Christingle	St Thomas 10:45am St Lukes 11:00am
11th December	Crib Service	St Thomas 10:45am St Lukes 11:00am
18th December	Carol Service	St Thomas 6:30pm
24th December	Meet at Salvation Army at 3:45pm to sing carols through Ashton to Posada service	St Thomas 4:15pm
	Midnight Communion	St Thomas 11:00pm St Lukes 11:00pm
25th December	Christmas Communion	St Thomas 10:30am St Lukes 11:00am



Message from the Curate



There's a story in the Old Testament that I love. Jacob has just set off from his family home to go and find a wife from a neighbouring tribe. As you do. He travels for a day out beyond the boundaries of where his family has made their home and heads to Haran.

That sounds like a tiny detail: he goes from one place into another, but it matters.

People in Jacob's time thought that gods were in charge of geographical regions. Jacob's tribe has Yahweh, but you go to the tribe down the road and they're worshipping Baal, the next one over has taken Asher. It's like thinking that the people in Bryn worship one god and everyone over in Golborne worships another. Jacob goes into a place where everyone says his God isn't.

Jacob leaves his home and after a day of travelling he falls asleep. And he has a dream. In the dream angels are going up and down a ladder and God, who's at the top of the ladder, speaks and says: 'I am the Lord your God.' When he wakes up Jacob says 'Surely God is in this place and I did not know it.'



This moment changes Jacob's understanding of who God is: God is in the places you don't think you'll find Him.

Right here, in the middle of the wilderness, Jacob, a few thousand years before Jesus arrives, Jacob touches on part of the mission the Church. We're called to go into new places, beyond the traditional boundaries of Sunday morning services and home groups, to the places that it looks like God has forgotten and point people to the presence of God in their midst.

Here's the thing: I think God might want to take us into a space we've not been before, across a line of some sort out and beyond 'the Church'. I think we might need to go into the places that make us uncomfortable so that we can say 'surely God is in this place.' I think that might start by loving and serving the people around us in Ashton.



That's where I need your help.

In the next few months I'd like to discern a new project in our community where we can be a sign of God's presence and love in our community. The problem is I don't have any more ideas than that. So I have a question for you: have you seen somewhere in our community where people have slipped between the cracks and we can bring something of the hope and love of Jesus? Maybe you've seen people in need as you walk around our neighbourhood – you've stopped, seen, and wondered whether anyone is going to do anything about it. Maybe the answer to that question is that we are.



If you think you know of a place we could start come and find me after a service or email me on curate@stthomasstluke.org.uk.

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Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - December 2016

<u>Tuesday</u>	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 Reunion	
	Christmas Lunch (8th Dec)	12:00-1:30pm
	Vestry hour.	6.30-7.30pm

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 **Cranbrook Avenue, Tenbury Drive and Girton Avenue**

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Parish News



Senior Citizens Christmas Party— Reminder



A reminder that the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party will be on Friday 13 January in the Church Hall and support is needed preparing and serving the food, providing transport or entertaining our guests after the meal. It is getting more difficult year on year to find volunteers to help with the entertainment. Singing, dancing making us laugh, whatever you feel able to do please let me know in plenty of time to put together a great programme.

Malcolm

Ashton Churches Together Food Bank Celebrates 4 Year Anniversary

The Mayor and Mayoress Ron and Janet Conway came to help us celebrate our 4 years of existence. He praised the work of the churches and people in the community who are helping to meet the needs of those in crisis.



Church Magazine

Well we have managed another year in the life of our Church Magazine and it is thanks to the many hands involved which make it light work. Many thanks must go to Rachel our Magazine editor and Jack and Helen Stuart who see to the administration as well as to all involved in the production and distribution.

Malcolm



Mothers Union

DIARY:

Wednesday 21st December Christmas Carol Service in St Thomas Church at 7.30pm. This special Service is open to all ladies of our Church and also the ladies from other Churches in Ashton. Come and enjoy fellowship you will be made welcome and encouraged to join us for Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies in Church after the Service.



On Friday 20th January as I mentioned in the November magazine our belated Christmas Meal is once again at Bryn Masonic Hall. The occasion is open to all ladies of the Parish and friends and we look forward to seeing our friends old and new at what is always a very enjoyable evening. If you wish to

come and haven't already let me know please sign the list at the back of Church. I will need the choice of menu at the latest by the 8th January 2017 along with the cost of the meal which is £19.00



Coops Foyer We are proud that in our branch and for many years we have at this time of year given thought to the young people at Coops and their Christmas celebrations. If you would like to donate a gift for this Christmas I will be delighted to deliver it. Please mark the parcel male or female.

The end of another busy year in the life of our Branch. I must take this opportunity to again thank our Secretary, Treasurer and the Committee and all the members of our Parish for their continued support throughout the year.

Mothers Union

At Christmas time, dear God,
we remember your birth as a baby;
in a manger lying on straw,
the cattle and donkey close by,
and Mary and Joseph looking at you
in amazement and love.

We thank you for coming to the earth
and pray that the joy of Christmas Day
may bring peace and hope to all the
world.

Amen

Wishing you and your families a very peaceful and happy Christmas.

Barbara



***Love and prayers
Barbara***





St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Friends Together Club



As we are entering into our fourth year of our 'Friends Together Club' run by Mrs Kelsall, Mrs Caldwell, myself and with some fantastic help from pupils on our ethos team (Thomas Oakes, Sophie Naylor and Sophie Hunt), I would like to update you on our activities.

We meet every Wednesday after the school day finishes. Starting off with refreshments, we take the time to reflect on the week so far. After this, the next activity changes each week. This could be a number of things from craft work, watching short video clips, dancing to music and outdoor activities. Most importantly, every week the pupils learn about Jesus and enriching friendships. In 'Friends Together', the 'F' also stands for Faith and 'T' stands for Talks. Each one of our wonderful children talk freely about their faith. God bless each one of them.



Our future project will be sharing artistic ideas to create a large wall display of God's love for us all. This will also include a prayer area which all the pupils can use.



Monthly Student Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for my Wednesdays at my Friends Together Club. Let us learn more about you and bless everyone at St Thomas's school and church.

Amen.

Josie Jones Y3

Bible Verse: Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Elaine Mateus.



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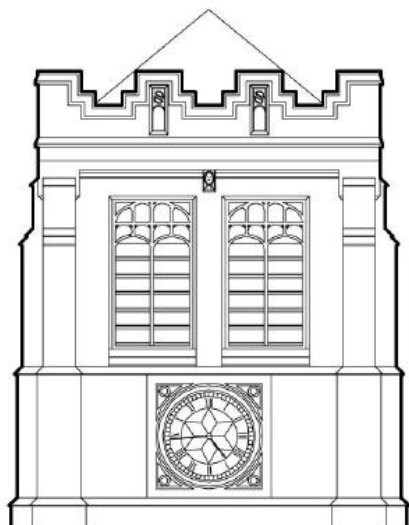
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Christmas is coming.

In the crowded shopping centres and frantic purchasing of presents,
Christmas is coming.
Through the jam packed TV schedule and favourite Winter flicks, Christmas is coming.

With that well loved suited figure and his whiskered cheery grin, Christmas is coming.
During the overindulgence on turkey and that extra glass of wine, Christmas is coming.



In the buzz of the office party and our infectious merriment and cheer, Christmas is coming.
Through the sobs of proud parents and the timeless school nativity, Christmas is coming.



With the colour coordinated decorations and houses decked to bursting,
Christmas is coming.
In the carols sung with gusto and the age old festive hits, Christmas is coming.

During the countdown to the season and those tasty chocolate treats, Christmas is coming.
When the presents are all wrapped and the children sound asleep, Christmas is coming.

As we crash out on the sofa and thank goodness we're all ready,
Christmas is coming.



In the busyness of our lives and yet the stillness of our hearts,
Christ must come!

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The Film Review With Rob Carson



Doctor Strange (12A) Directed by Scott Derrickson

Stars: Benedict Cumberbatch, Rachel McAdams, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Tilda Swinton, Mads Mikkelsen, Michael Stuhlbarg, Benedict Wong, Benjamin Bratt, and Scott Adkins

In a Nutshell: Well it's another Marvel movie, what more can you say than that to start with? It's got huge shoes to fill and big steps to follow in so surely no pressure then? All good again to report then that this is basically another winner... doing so much right in every single category. True, I'll place it low maybe in the ranking but that's only because there's so many good movies in the MCU timeline... that's no slight on this character or movie at all. For the first thing it beautifully aces, it's the casting... Cumberbatch is his usual fantastic self in the lead, that mix of arrogance but a true goodness that will come through in the end and makes for a terrific lead, whilst both Chiwetel and Tilda are solid as ever and Mads makes a really enjoyable villain and Benedict Wong makes a fantastic foil and sidekick for Strange.... even if McAdams is sadly underused. Secondly the effects are probably some of the best in any film ever, if Inception was awesome this takes it to whole new heights and can't even be described.... SFX Oscars abound as well



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as jaws left on cinema floors the world over. The plot is fun and different too, adding new depths and layers to the Marvel universe which will open new doors as that big story unfolds and continues.... in the end overall, this is exactly what it needs to be... very well cast with astonishing effects and the perfect mix of fun and mystery and coolness to continue the Marvel story and leave everyone impressed and as always, wanting to come for the next chapter.... **Rating: 8/10**



Trolls (PG) Directed by Mike Mitchell

Stars the Voices of: Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Jeffrey Tambor, Christine Baranski, Russell Brand, James Corden, John Cleese, Christopher Mintz Plasse, and Zooey Deschanel

In a Nutshell: Animated family movies are everywhere all the time, so to create a new one that is truly special is a pretty big achievement... to manage to stand out in such a big marketplace is something else entirely. Now, I'll say straight away that's not what I'm saying that Trolls is... sure it's fantastic and wonderful but truly special in the way Toy Story or How to Train Your Dragon or LEGO Movie is? Maybe not that far, but it is utterly fantastic the same. For one thing, it's visual style is unlike anything else.... hysterically colorful and bonkers fun to look at, it's truly something for your eyes to behold! Everything looks fantastic and scrumptious and colorful and that just sets the tone for the rest of what's to follow... from the fabulously offbeat tone and characters and music and plot and one liners... it's a treat for all ages, funny and irreverent and sweet and twisted and so much fun! I truly dug this movie on every level and it's just so much fun.... the cast on all fronts are just fabulous whether its Anna Kendrick on manic fun form as Poppy or Justin as the wonderfully downbeat lead and then the lovely support from Brand or Corden or a really lovely turn from Zooey and a wickedly scary turn from Baranski as the baddy... the easiest way to review this movie is just to say it's an utter utter delight, a twisted and fun and colourful treat for everyone! Just go see it and then be so surprised you almost shed a tear at one of the musical moments which is one of the best judged and moving musical moments in a movie in some time... it's just perfect! This film is just so much fun, just give yourself over to the colorful fun and be happy! **Rating: 9/10**

Also Seen:

Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (12A) 7/10

The Girl on the Train (15) 9/10

The Accountant (15) 7/10



NATIVITY PLAY

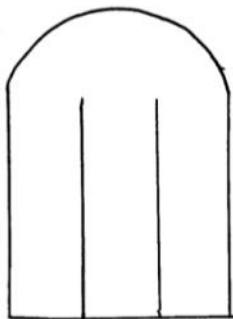
To see the story of the first Christmas through the eyes of little children makes it fresh and new. I like the story of the little boy who so wanted to be Joseph but was picked as the inn keeper instead. All went well until the nativity play started and Mary and Joseph arrived at the inn. The boy playing the innkeeper greeted them with 'Come in Mary love, there's plenty of room for you, but Joseph can get lost!'

Mary may insist that her teddy is the Baby Jesus, the angels may trip over their robes made from sheets, but every nativity play shows the wonder of the story of the first Christmas when the son of God was born a baby, like us. Tea towels used as shepherd's headdresses and angels' haloes made from wire coat hangers only serve to underline the humanity of it all. A baby born in a stable – a simple story that changes the world.



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Time to make some Christmas decorations? Cut out two shapes like the pattern below, one in red card, one in green card. Don't forget to cut the slits.



Interlock the 2 shapes by weaving the strips under and over their opposite



colour. This will give you a heart shape. Use a little glue to hold them together if needed. Punch a hole in the top at the centre and thread with cord to hang your decoration. You can make lots in different colours and decorate them with sequins or stickers too. Nice symbols of love to decorate your Christmas.

The Cat's Christmas Hymns:

Oh, Come All Ye Fishful
Silent Mice
Joy to the Curled
The First Meow





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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

10th Nov	Gloria Postle	Westwood Lodge	71
23rd Nov	Joyce Gibson	Rookery Avenue	89
25th Nov	Fred Griffiths	Eskdale Road	85
28th Nov	Nora Hart	Violet Street	81

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



20th Nov	Katie Jane Palmer	Lichfield Grove
27th Nov	Joseph William Jones	Wigan Road
27th Nov	Emily Catherine Freya Bentham	Wigan Road

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Contact Gareth Hamlett

Girl Guides

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(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)

Irene Taylor (Wednesday) (703410)

Susan Hughes (Thursday) (725291)

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3rd Ashton Guides & Ranger Guides

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)

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Sunday – 10.45 a.m.

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

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Tues - 10 a.m.

Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)

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