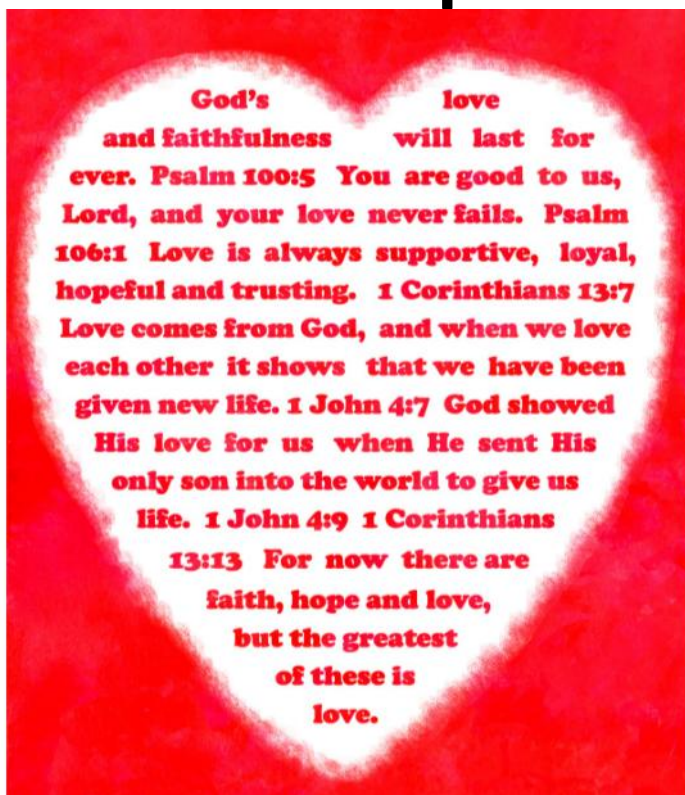


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Sundays

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 Vicar



We are exploring 'The Creed' in our current sermon series. This statement of belief is something that is very familiar, said in one form or another in all of our services every Sunday. It begins 'I believe in God'.

Looking up 'creed' in the dictionary gave the definition as '*a formal statement of Christian beliefs*'. The words that we say affirm our belief in God as Father and creator of all, in Jesus, that he is Lord, he is God's son, that he lived on earth in a particular part of history, that his birth was miraculous, that he died, was buried and he rose again, that he is now in heaven, that he will return. We say that we believe in the Holy Spirit, we believe in the worldwide Church that Jesus founded, that we are forgiven and we will claim eternal life.

The second part of the dictionary definition is key to a faith that is lived and not just stated - '*a set of beliefs which guide someone's actions*'. This is more of a challenge. For this to be true, the words of the creed are not just statements, they are a mirror to reflect on our own lives.

In the minor ups and downs of life, the day to day living, the words can sometimes be approached in a complacent way, in an over familiar way - a statement and not a guide. At times of personal joy, like the birth of a baby, in the special moments in our relationships,



like the wonder seen in God's creation, the words may be approached with thanksgiving and connection.



At times of deep distress, either personal, or on behalf of others, then the words may be approached in a searching and even challenging way.



Letter from the Vicar



The point of a summary of faith is that the words 'I believe in ...' live. They make a difference, and guide my actions.

If the words *are* more than just a statement, how then will the wonder of a faith in which 'I believe in God as Father, I believe in Jesus as Lord of my life, I believe in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, I believe I am part of God's family, I believe I am forgiven and made new, I believe that my home is in heaven', direct each and every task or decision that I face today?

Jeremy Thomas



Verse for the Year

'Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together'

Hebrews 24-25a (NLT)





Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - February 2017

<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
	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 **Campion Drive, Trinity Gardens, Peterhouse Walk, Crescent Avenue, Grove Street, Low Bank Road**

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Parish News



Freewill Offerings

The new envelopes will as usual be available at the beginning of April. Due to the number of church members who have very kindly changed to the Parish Giving scheme I have been able to reduce the order for the number of envelope sets required for the coming year. This itself has enabled us to make a sizeable saving. The effect of this reduction means that those continuing to use envelopes will have a different number on their envelopes than perhaps they are used. Please do not try to identify your sets by reference to your old number.

Can I add that the Parish Giving scheme is proving so helpful both in ensuring an instant receipt of gift aid and also helping the work of our Treasurer that I would like to encourage you to give serious consideration to your joining the scheme in place of the envelopes. You can get further information from Malcolm Taylor or Sarah Riley our Church Treasurer.

Jackie Wilson

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Mothers Union

DIARY

Branch dates:

Wednesday 15 February: Annual General Meeting takes place this evening in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. I cannot over stress the importance of this meeting to our Branch. Also explaining that there is no better opportunity of hearing all about what our Branch has done throughout 2016 and of course the work done by the Mothers Union in this country and throughout the world. I should make clear is open to all, not just our current members.



I also like to take the opportunity that this meeting gives me to remind everyone of the **Mothers' Union's mission and values:**



Wherever Mothers' Union is we will express our Christian faith in the transformation of families and communities worldwide.

We will achieve this by promoting the importance of marriage, supporting families and nurturing faith; with members sensitively spreading the news of a God who loves and cares for us all.

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organization working with people of all faiths and none. We are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centered on mutual respect and collaboration.

Our governance, leadership and activities are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide

Mothers Union

In our last edition I did mention the sad loss of three of our members. I did receive a lovely letter from Alison, Adrian, Becky and Chris thanking everyone who provided the delicious food for the refreshments after the funeral of Alison's Mum Margaret Hilton. Alison said the it would have been her Mum's wish to have her friends and family gather together in the hall.

I would also like to record the receipt of a legacy for the Mothers Union from the estate of the late Lily Eales and a kind donation from Eric Gibson in memory of Joyce.

I took all the Christmas presents generously provided for the young people at Coops Foyer. I must say that they were very much appreciated.

Saturday 18 February: Our Annual Brunch in the Church Hall 11.00am to 1.00pm. As always we warmly invite everyone to join us for soup, bacon barmcakes, sandwiches and cakes etc. There will be the usual tombola, cake stall and raffle. This is our major fund raising event for



the work of the Mothers Union and there is no better time to enjoy the fellowship of all your friends at St Thomas and St Luke's.

We only just seem to have got over Christmas and here I am talking about Mothering Sunday, which is on the 26 March, and the alternative Mothering Sunday gift. There are a range of 'Make a Mother's Day gifts' for Mums' and Grandmas' and in memory of a loved one priced from £6.00 to £100. This years theme is 'Gifts that put Mothers at the heart of everything' . So please place your orders by Wednesday 110th February so the card will arrive in time.



Mothers Union

The booklet with details and form enclosed will be at the back of Church. This ethical gift is a very commendable way of supporting the amazing work which the MU is doing to change the lives of countless families throughout the world.

Advance Notice: Friday 3rd March: Woman's World Day of Prayer at the Independent Methodist Church Victoria Road Garswood at 1.30pm

Unconditional Love

Lord God, you love us unconditionally.

Help us to love one another in the same way.

When things are not easy, when things go wrong,

Help us to see both sides of the question.

Help us to love and support each other without attaching blame,

And be with us as we seek to forgive and be forgiven.

Amen



***All my love and prayers
Barbara***



**The
Children's
Society**

I would like to give you some facts about The Children's Society. Last year thanks to the donations of supporters the society was able to work with over 18,000 vulnerable children and young people. This includes helping families trapped in poverty and debt, providing support to young carers and combating the evils of child sexual exploitation. Thanks to your support the society can help children to escape from potentially harmful surroundings and lead the happier lives that they deserve. Your support is very much appreciated.

This work requires a lot of money to support and because there is an increase in the number of families requiring this assistance, the Children's Society are always looking at ways to fund their work.

About 85 parishioners of St Thomas's and St Luke's churches and people in this area know about and support the work of the Children's Society. During 2016 these faithful supporters raised the total of £1800.00. This donation will help to maintain and support all the work the society does, and I would like to say thank you all very much.

We also held our Christingle service along with the Toy Service in December 2016. This is a lovely service and if you missed it last year please do try and attend this year. St Thomas's school take part in our fundraising by distributing collecting candles which were returned to aid our support for the society. I am sure that everyone who attended the Christingle service enjoyed it. The combined service and school funding raised £272.08. Thank you very much on behalf of the society.



I am always looking for new supporters so if you think that this is something that you would like to support then please contact me on 712709, or at church and I will let you have a box or arrange to collect a donation. On behalf of the society I would like to say thank you all for your continued support.

Valerie Hunter

Senior Citizens Christmas Party



The 13th January and it was again the time for the Parish to come together to provide our Senior Citizens with the Christmas meal and post dinner entertainment. The ground work had already been done by the time the first of our guests arrived and were offered a glass of sherry or fruit juice.



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The invitations had long since been delivered and were necessary transport arranged. The turkey ordered and thanks to our old friend Dave Hamlett for sorting that aspect for us. The morning of the 13th was a real hive of activity as the many volunteers turned up to set the tables and prepare the halls for the occasion. We were delighted to welcome Don Hodgkinson armed with his electric carving knife who then set about his carving duties. Thanks as always to Don for his help.

A short break in activity before early afternoon saw the arrival of Jan Cornthwaite and Carol Pye as they set about the necessary preparations for the serving of some 70 meals at 6.30pm. I am very grateful to them both but particularly Jan who has for many years taken full responsibility for the organisation of the food and the volunteers who help provide the meal.

By the time all our guests are accounted for the whole evening is in full swing with happy chatter filling the hall. Shortly after 7.00 the parents start to arrive with the children from year 2 at St Thomas school ready to deliver the performance of the Christmas Nativity play as the first item of our



evening's entertainment. I just love to see the smiles on the faces of the audience as the children perform. A great thank you is due to the children, staff and parents for taking the time and trouble to provide this entertainment outside school hours.

Talking about entertainment, which falls on me to organize and does cause me a degree of anxiety, I must thank our little gymnasts Scarlet and Jacob, our singers Shannon, Kelsey and Lucy and Antonia for her delightful dance. What about the sketch, I do need to thank the eight volunteers who, I must say, took less persuasion than I thought would be necessary to join me in embarrassing themselves in the name of entertainment. The feedback which I have received leads me to believe that our efforts to entertain were indeed well appreciated.



9.00am Saturday morning and it was time to put the halls back to there former state. Much work had already been done after the conclusion of the party on Friday but thanks David and Tony for the help with the chairs and tables.

There are so many people involved with the event that it would be impossible to list them all by name without the fear of missing someone out. Please be assured that without your involvement big or small this party could not happen and so for whatever part you played give yourselves a big pat on the back and as always accept a genuine vote of thanks from Jan, Barbara and me and I am sure also from the senior members of our congregation who came along to party.



Malcolm



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Lights, Camel, Action!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge "CONGRATULATIONS" to all our year 2 class on their spectacular Christmas nativity performance of *Lights, Camel, Action*, which took place in church on 13th December, along with two dedicated, enthusiastic producers, Mrs Blackledge and Mrs Bragg. The production itself celebrated our Lord Jesus' birthday and was full of humour and love.



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We were welcomed by Mrs Jones and Reverend J. Thomas and the evening started with beautiful singing, wonderful dancing and meaningful prayers.

Every child who took part in this wonderful celebration gave absolutely 100% and everyone would like to say "Thank you to all our wonderful performers". It was a magnificent evening.



Psalm 127:3

Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a real blessing.

Student Prayer of the Month

Dear God,

Thank you for everything you have done for us, we know we can pass our worries onto you. Let us all have a wonderful year and please bless each one of us.



Amen

Thomas Oakes, Year 6

Bible Verse: Mark: 24

Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours.

God bless all our wonderful children,

Elaine Mateus





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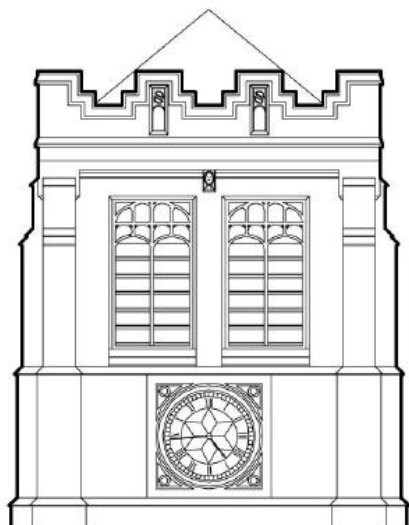
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2 Corinthians 9:7

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An additional way to support our churches is to give one-off donations to our church funds. You can make donations to the following funds:-

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- General
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- Building and Maintenance
- Church Hall
- Garden of Rest
- Grave Yard Maintenance
- Heath Road Graveyard
- Asylum Seeker Fund
- Church Flowers

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Madge Twist	Margaret and John Makinson
Hilda Edwardson	Isabel Bowen and Family
Mary Hardman	Ron and Jean Boon
Meta and Ken	Edna Smith

St Lukes' Donations



In Memory of

Mary Roberts

A much loved Auntie and friend from Rose

For the Christening of

Sienna Ann (16th December)



St Thomas' Flowers



DATE	LADIES ON DUTY
4TH FEB	MRS EDWARDSON, MRS COOK, KAYLEIGH SPEAKMAN
11TH FEB	MRS LAITES, MRS VELLA
18TH FEB	MRS LAITES, MRS VELLA
25TH FEB	LENT—NOFLOWERS

FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING FEBRUARY		
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
5TH FEB	In loving memory of son Stephen (10th Jan) and loving husband Norman (9th Feb) from Edna Leyland	VACANT
12TH FEB	Memories of Mum, Dad and Harold from Doug and Janet Wildman & family	VACANT
19TH FEB	In ever loving memory of Raymond Bullough (14th March) a dear husband, dad and granddad from Avis, Alison & family and Philip & family	In ever loving memory of Raymond Bullough (14th March) a dear husband, dad and granddad from Avis, Alison & family and Philip & family
26TH FEB	LENT—NO FLOWERS	LENT—NO FLOWERS

THANK YOU

The Flower Guild wish to thank everyone who gave so generously towards the cost of Christmas flowers to decorate our Church to celebrate the birthday of our Saviour Jesus Christ



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Moana (PG) Directed by Ron Clements and Don Hall

Stars the Voices of: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House, Temuera Morrison, Jermaine Clement, Alan Tudyk, Nicole Scherzinger, and Louise Bush

In a Nutshell: Can you really believe that in the same year we were given the gift of Zootopia and now this animated gem too? Those guys at Disney really have been busy at being amazing. Your typical standard tale of adventure and finding yourself whilst also not being standard or clichéd at all... it's an amazing and beautiful story of everyone of every age. Sumptuous animation, terrific characters, snappy dialogue and terrific songs by Lin Manuel Miranda the genius behind the musical phenomenon that is Hamilton... this film just gets everything just right. Dwayne Johnson steals the whole thing wholesale as demi god Maui, blending that unique mix of charm and smarm just right and proving a fantastic foil for our heroine, also stealing the show mainly with his signature tune 'You're Welcome' a really catchy ditty that will never leave your head. All isn't completely stolen though as newcomer Cravalho is just phenomenal as our lead, feisty and fabulous and really holding it all together while there is a fabulous cameo by Clement as one of the film's baddies in a standout musical sequence that pays homage to Bowie, so I was immediately sold. As well as elements such as Hey Hey the comedy chicken voiced by everyone's favourite Alan Tudyk, there was the major element of the sea as a character which is blindingly brilliant, it's beautifully animated and has to be seen to be believed. Basically everything you'd want a thrilling family adventure story to be, this does it... it's Disney at it's absolute finest... making something unique and thrilling while still filling their formula out beautifully. Do not miss it! **Rating: 10/10**

Also Seen:

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (12A) 9/10

Bad Santa II (15) 6/10

Why Him? (15) 8/10

Passengers (12) 8/10





The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Review of the Year 2016!

Best Movie: The BFG (PG)

Worst Movie: Grimsby (15)

Best Actor: Mark Rylance- The BFG (PG)

Best Actress: Brie Larson- Room (15)

Best Supporting Actor: Luke Evans- High Rise (15)

Best Supporting Actress: Angourie Rice- The Nice Guys (15)

Worst Performance: Oscar Isaac- X-Men: Apocalypse (12)

Best Director: Ben Wheatley- High Rise (15)

Best Special Effects: The Jungle Book (PG)

Best Soundtrack: Popstar- Never Stop Never Stopping (15)

Best Trailer: The Jungle Book (PG)

Best Poster: High Rise (15)

Best Scene: Would that it t'were so simple- Hail Ceasar! (12)

Funniest Movie: Popstar- Never Stop Never Stopping (15)

Most Enjoyable Movie: Popstar- Never Stop Never Stopping (15)

Biggest Surprise: The Girl with all the Gifts (15)

Biggest Disappointment: X-Men Apocalypse (12)

Best Song: Can't Stop the Feeling- Justin Timberlake: Trolls (PG)

'Why the Hate' Award: Ghostbusters (12)

The Retro Award (10 Years Later): Pan's Labyrinth (15)





COUGHS & SNEEZES

February seems to be the coldest time of the year – and most of us get a cold, complete with runny nose and sore throat.

Well, 3rd February is the right day to have a sore throat because it is St Blaise's Day. Legend says that St Blaise was on his way to be martyred when he saw a young child choking with a fishbone stuck in his throat. The saint touched the child and the bone was dislodged. This led to a custom of Blessing the Throats on St Blaise's Day which continues today in one London church.

Another way to celebrate the day was with big bonfires (before the Bonfire Night we keep in November was thought of) and that is probably why we say that bonfires blaze.

So you can sit in front of a blazing fire, sniffing into a tissue and think about the patron saint of sore throats.

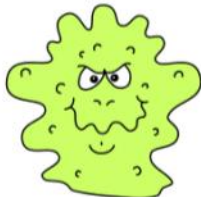


A COLD PUZZLE

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with winter sniffles. Can you find them all?

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shivers sniffles tablet throat
tissues winter

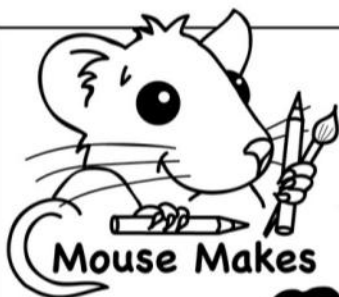


What happen if your nose runs and your feet smell?

You're built upside down!

What sort of transport gives people colds?

A-choo-choo-trains.



Read Jesus' teaching
on prayer in
Matthew 6 : 9-15



THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Father in heaven:

May your holy name be honoured;
may your Kingdom come;
may your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have done,
as we forgive the wrongs that
others have done to us.

Do not bring us to hard testing,
but keep us safe from the Evil One.

AMEN



Write a
prayer of
praise to God



LORDS
PRAYER
OUR
FATHER
HOLY
NAME
HONOURED
KINGDOM
COME
WILL
DONE
EARTH
HEAVEN
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Can you find all
the words from
the list in the
wordsearch?



ODSFOODH
TODAYGCW
AFXTBPOR
MOMHKVMO
ERHEAVEN
NGORISBG
KINGDOMS
LVOEARTH
OEUNAMEO
RPRAYERS
DTESTING
SNDTEHLF
AEOTVOUR
FENWILLD
EDEHLYGR





The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

28th Dec	Annie Santus	Bedford Place	96
30th Dec	Frank Harrison	Longmeade Avenue	77
13th Jan	Florence Johnson	North Street	97
13th Jan	Vivian Rigby	Hardwick Road	68
18th Jan	Frederick Lockett	Windsor Road	82
25th Jan	Alexander Bridge	Rookery Avenue	91
27th Jan	Keith Fox	Alderton Drive	74
27th Jan	Marian Bullen	St Oswalds Road	88

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



22nd Jan	Elliot James Grimwood	Duke Street
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Church Organisations in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in Makerfield

Boys Brigade

Captain: Gareth Hamlett (07903866501)

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 (Tues: 6.15 p.m.)

Susan Hughes (725291)

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)

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St Luke's Over Sixties

Monday – 2.00 p.m.

Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club

St. Luke's Donation Secretary

Mike Pye (517318)

Wednesday Weenies

Wed – 1.00 p.m.: Jan Cornthwaite

(721626)

St. Luke's Treasurer

John Boon

Youth Work

Sue Thomas (727275)

The PCC Secretary

Dorothy Burgess (701542)

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

Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall

Ceri Mansell (727417)

Flower Guild

Meta Laites (723679)

St Thomas' Mothers' Union

3rd Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Barbara Taylor (205136)

Bowling Club

Henry Hunter (712709)

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