

# Wigan South Parish Magazine

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**St Thomas' and St Luke's edition**

*I am the  
Light of  
the World*

*Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but  
will have the light of life.*

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# Parish Information

## Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

## Funerals

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

## Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

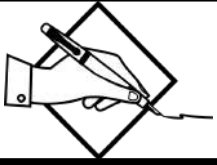
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If you would like further information or to book a wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine. Funeral Directors will book any funerals.

# Magazine Deadlines

Please send any material for the magazine to your local assistant editor (see contact details at the back) or [magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk).

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# A Letter from Jeremy

I loved the story this week on the BBC news of the quiet generosity to his community of a man called Hody Childress, a farmer from Geraldine, Alabama.



Granted, that is a long way from our parish, but we surely must still be inspired by his response to his Christian faith - his family described him as a humble and God loving man.

His gift to his community was kept so secret by him that even his family didn't know what he was providing until he died. Every month, for nearly a decade, he donated money to the local pharmacy for anyone who couldn't afford to pay for a prescription. His generosity came with one condition – don't tell anyone. He insisted “Don't tell where it came from, and don't tell me who needed it, just say it's a blessing from the Lord.”

Like so many examples in our own communities, his generosity was an outpouring and thanksgiving of faith in God's provision, and therefore what we have to offer to others.

There must be so many be follow-up stories of those who have benefited from his generosity that we will never know. For us too, how many stories are out there waiting to be told of the ways that you, God's people, have blessed others with your generosity.

In 2023, in our Deanery, we are exploring the theme “Overflowing – A Year of Generosity”, seeking to understand and experience the generosity of God and to express generosity in our lives as individuals, and more importantly as Worshipping Communities.

Through His gift of Jesus, the abundance and generosity of God and his kingdom pours into the world. Through his life and ministry, we are guided, taught and commanded to live as his disciples in the world now.

How may we respond to a generous, loving God, who calls us as followers to believe and step out in faith?

Surely that's easy? To be generous in return.

Time, talents, finance, prayer? What may we offer?

We are called always to consider, to discern and to pray for the answers to the challenges we face in our own generosity – individually or as a community.

Time with God will guide us. Together, let's ask Him – and then respond in love and faith, in Jesus' name.

There, in our loving response, we may humbly and personally experience the ordinary of our lives join with the extraordinary of the divine as we join with God in blessing our world.

*Jeremy*

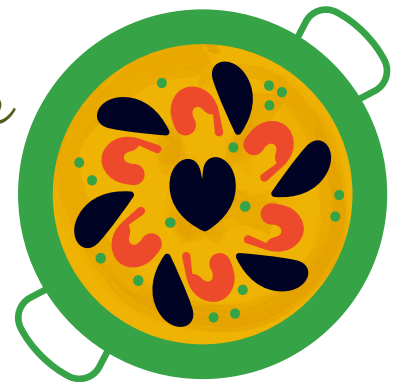


# Parish News

## Tapas & Platter Evening



*to raise money for  
church funds*



St Thomas' Church

Saturday 11th February | 7:00pm - 11.00pm

£12.50 per person

Choose from meat, cheese, Greek meze or fish platter, including 1 hot tapas dish.

Bring your own drinks



To book a place and a platter contact

Helen Weavers (07796334457)

or Jan Cornthwaite (07764357403)

# Services in February

Wednesday 1st	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 2nd	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 5th	9.00am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Worship 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Family Worship	St Thomas' St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's
Wednesday 8th	10.00am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 9th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 12th	9.00am: Holy Communion 10.00am: Sta's4all 10.30am: Morning Prayer 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Holy Communion 4.00pm: Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
Wednesday 15th	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 16th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'



Sunday 19th	9.00am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Morning Prayer 10.30am: Morning Worship 10.45am: Holy Communion 11.00am: Family Worship 6.30pm: Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 23rd	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 26th	9.00am: Holy Communion 10.00am: St Aidan's Beacon 10.30am: Café Church 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Family Worship 4.00pm Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's

A date for your diary:

A concert will take place at Holy Trinity church on Friday 10th March 2023 given by Wigan Ukulele Band.

Tickets £7 including refreshments.

Tickets available mid January from

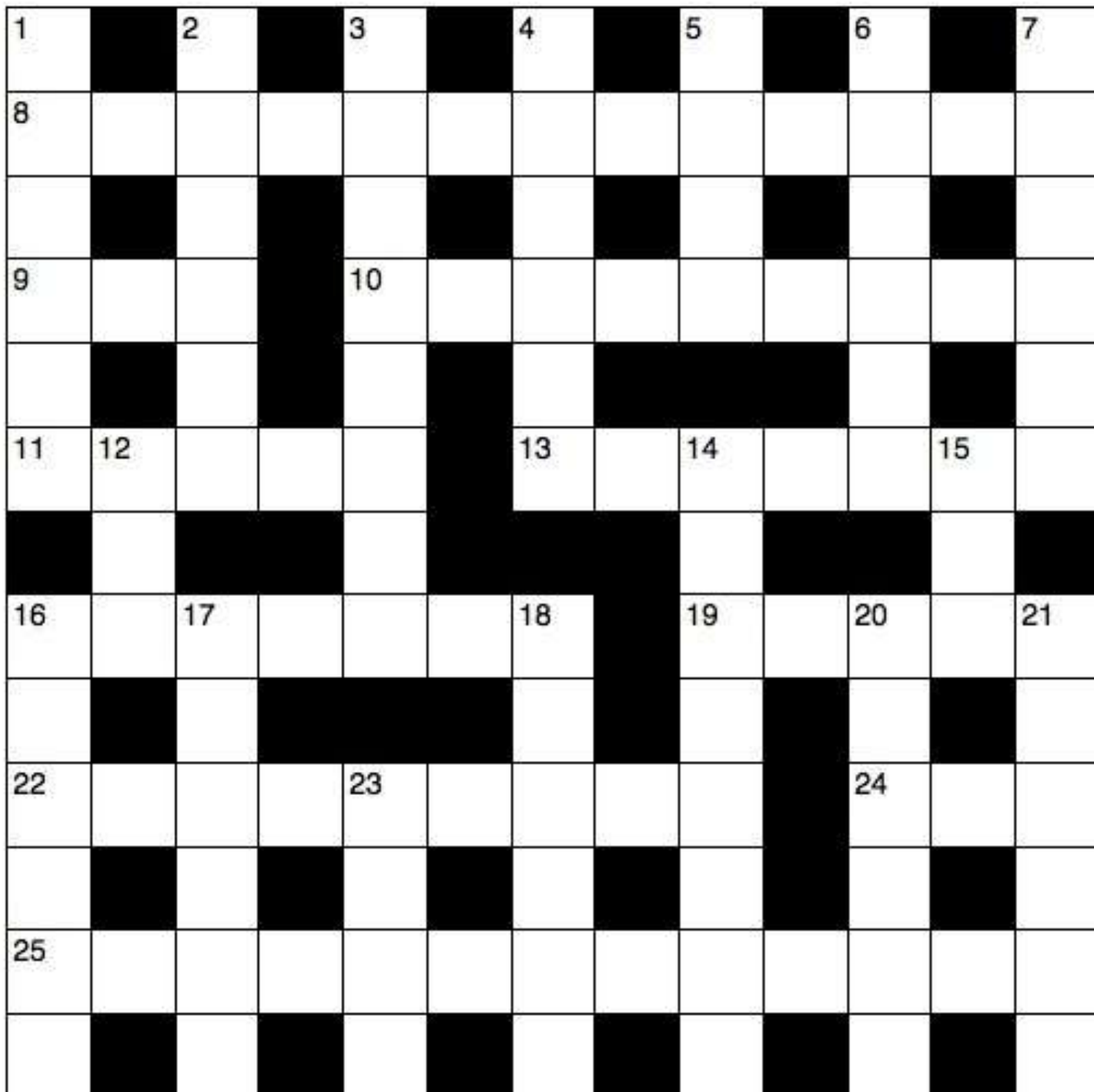
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or from any Committee member.

Please come along for a lively evening.



# Crossword



Answers on page 16

## Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)

9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)

10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)

11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)

13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)

16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)

19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)

22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

## Down

1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)

2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)

3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)

4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)

6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)

7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)

12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)

14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)

15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)

16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)

17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)

18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)

20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)

21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)

23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

## **Cost of living crisis: 2.6 million seek help from churches and faith groups**

Nearly three million adults in the UK are estimated to have sought help from church or other religious organisations since the start of last year, as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, according to research published.

New findings show that, overall, almost four in 10 (38 per cent) of UK adults sought help last year because of the squeeze on living costs. Family and friends were the most common source of help, at 24 per cent and 14 per cent respectively.

However, the polling by Savanta, for the Church of England, also found that five per cent of UK adults, approximately equivalent to 2.6 million people, sought help from churches or other religious organisations.

Six in 10 of those who sought help from churches and other religions said they had received free food or groceries (60 per cent). Half said they received low-cost food or groceries (50 per cent) or hot food (48 per cent), and four in 10 (40 per cent) said they had been provided with warm spaces.

The survey showed that, overall, 61 per cent of UK adults said they had not sought help in 2022 as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, but this figure fell to 24 per cent of 18-to-24 year olds and 30 per cent of 25 to 34-year-olds.

When early last year the Warm Welcome campaign was launched, it was supported by thousands of churches and other public buildings, which are opening their doors this winter to provide a warm space for people amid surging energy bills.

The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, who speaks for the Church of England on welfare issues, said: “Churches have been providing a lifeline to people struggling to balance their household budgets and provide for their families through food banks and food clubs and other forms of hospitality for many years.

"The cost-of-living crisis has seen churches step up this support, with many providing warm spaces through the Warm Welcome campaign this winter for people struggling to heat their homes.

"The figure of nearly three million people seeking help from church or other religious organisations since the start of this year is almost certainly an underestimate of the extent of the support, as many visit church-run food banks and food clubs in order to provide for their families and wider households."

## **Fairtrade Fortnight 2023**

This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs 27th February to 12th March. It comes with a sombre reminder: climate change means that soon some of our favourite foods, such as bananas, cocoa and coffee could be harder to grow. And if that is combined with deeply unfair trade, then communities growing these crops will be pushed to the brink. This makes Fairtrade all the more vital – for all of us.

You can help three ways during this Fortnight.

First, why not join an online Big Fairtrade Get Together? Hear Fairtrade farmers and other experts explain what needs to change, for a sustainable future. Secondly, let your friends know of any Fairtrade event in your area, from a coffee morning to a quiz night. Thirdly, buy Fairtrade whenever you can, from flowers to coffee, clothes to teas, plus lots else.

For more information, visit <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk>



# February Holy Days

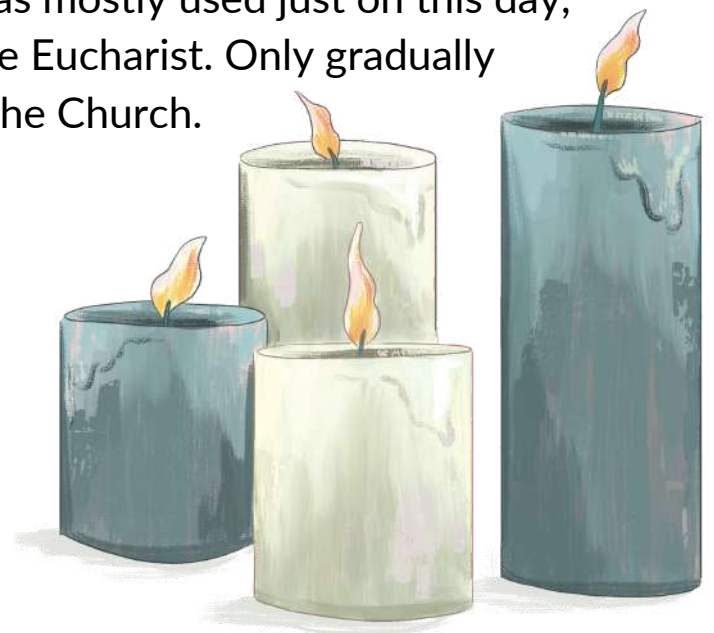
## 2nd Feb: Candlemas, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So, where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.



## 15th February - Sigfrid , apostle of Sweden

If you have something big to forgive, Sigfrid may be the saint for you. This monk from Glastonbury was sent by King Ethelred to Norway and Sweden in 995. The King of Norway, King Olaf, had recently converted to Christianity, and wanted help in converting his people.

Sigfrid went first to Vaxjo in Sweden, taking along his three nephews. There he built a small church, commissioned it, and consecrated his nephews as bishops. Then Sigfrid left them, in order to evangelise the more remote regions.

So far so good, but when Sigfrid returned, he found the church had been burned to the ground and his nephews murdered. The attackers had been caught, and the king was about to put them to death. It would be an act of justice.

Instead, Sigfrid pleaded with the king for mercy. It was agreed that a large fine should be paid to Sigfrid. He did not keep a penny for himself, but used it to rebuild the church, and continue the mission. Sigfrid went on to minister in Sweden, Norway and Denmark for many years, until his death in 1045. He was remembered with love and credited with many miracles.

# Crossword Answers

### ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

### DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

## **What the temptations mean for us**

Immediately after His baptism in the River Jordan, Jesus faced and resisted three powerful temptations during 40 days in the wilderness of Judea. This time of testing and temptation was His preparation for the work God had sent Him to do on earth. It's the principle behind the season of Lent, which begins on 22nd February. Although the temptations were personal to Jesus, many of us will recognise their relevance in our own lives.

The first was simple. 'You're hungry. You can do miracles. Well, turn these hot stones at Your feet into loaves of bread'. It sounds quite plausible, but in fact it's an invitation to put one's own needs first. Temptation rejected.

Then came the second: 'throw yourself off a pinnacle of the Temple. You know that God will send His angels to catch you before you hit the ground'. Again, it's plausible (there was even a verse from the Bible to back it up). But this would be to substitute one spectacular publicity stunt for the hard slog of travel, preaching, healing and touching individual lives. Temptation rejected.

The third was outrageous. 'Fall down and worship corrupt and evil power, and You will have infinite worldly power and success'. In other words, the divine Son of God should deny His Father and worship the devil, to glean success without going to the Cross. For the third time, temptation resisted.

I know these temptations were tests of the Messiah Jesus, but can't we see in them temptations that come to all of us from time to time? Look after number one, and all will be well. Take the short cut to success and avoid all the hard slog. Compromise your integrity, in order to fulfill your ambitions. Or choose the hard way: walk the narrow path of honesty, commitment, and truth. That's really the Lenten choice.

Why not use your time of reflections over the 40 days of Lent to gather items to donate around Easter time? This could include food, clothes, money or house hold items and would be greatly received at local pantries, charity shops and donation points.





Together with local businesses, we are working to reduce the amount of food going to land fill. The pantry is regularly stocked with food that is near its sell by date but can still be used to feed bellies not bins.

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# February Services

	St Thomas'	St Luke's
<b>Thursday 2nd</b>	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Worship Together	11.00am Family Worship
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<b>Sunday 26th</b>	9.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together	11.00am Family Worship

## Help with Audio Visual Support

We urgently need more people to run the sound and video systems during our 9am and 10:45am Sunday services in St Thomas'. We currently have too few volunteers and are almost at the point where we can't continue as we are. The system is not as scary as it looks and new volunteers will be properly trained and supported. If you think you can help, then please contact Chris Wooff on 01942 724207.

# News from our churches

As we move into a new year and the completion of the Generosity sermon series we can look forward to further opportunities of discipleship in our community. Generosity does not only relate to our financial support of our church. This is of course very important, but we can also be generous with our time and undoubted talents.

There are always openings for those wishing to join our many volunteers and help us make our church a growing lively vital and energetic church in the service to our Saviour Jesus. We are still recovering from the setbacks of the Covid pandemic, and the challenges brought about by the Transforming Wigan project but you can help this recovery.

Two areas where support is need have been mentioned recently. Firstly, our music group, which is an essential part of our weekly worship, is really in need of musicians both to enhance our worship experience but also to relieve the stress of the small number of current members. There must be guitarists, drummers and other instrumentalists out there able to answer our call. Please contact Mary Owen with your interest.

The second opportunity to help relates to our sound desk. We have the tremendous benefit of our new sound and vision system but really do need more volunteers to join the rota manning the desk during our weekly services. See overleaf for further details.

Towards the end of 2022 a number of social events were held with great success, and we are grateful for the work done by those involved in the organisation of those events.

I am delighted that we are continuing this trend by holding a Tapas event in church on the 11th February 7.00pm to 11.00pm. This is a new venture, and anyone interested in joining us should contact Helen Weavers or Jan Cornthwaite to book a place and a plate.

As we enter into February, it is only now that we can reflect on what a wonderfully busy time we had as a church over the Christmas period.

- The Christmas Craft Fayre, held mid - November, was a roaring success and raised over £1,500 towards church funds.
- Maurice and Alison opened their home to welcome many people for their sold out Advent Teas and Suppers. The gatherings brought people who might not normally worship at the same services and events, together to reflect during advent.
- At the Toy Services we received hundreds of kind toys and gifts donations to be distributed across Wigan and further afield.
- Our children got stuck into the Nativity story and dressed up to deliver the story in our churches.
- Many enjoyed the competitive nature of the 'Snowman Drive' at St Luke's. Thanks to Karen for organising this.
- All in attendance were treated to wonderful music and carols at the Carol Services and Mothers' Union Carol Service.
- Over 50 people gathered to make festive wreaths, expertly led by Helen Weavers.
- We joined with the Salvation Army to sing Christmas carols at the entrance to the Gerard Centre.
- The children (and adults!) enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party at Weenies with soft play activities and a visit from Father Christmas! The Sunday school clubs also had great fun celebrating at their party too.
- In the week leading up to Christmas we delivered 103 Christmas bags to our senior citizens. The bags were filled with tasty home baked cakes and cookies, festive tree decorations, sweets and a Christmas card. A huge thank you to the wonderful team who delivered the bags far and wide.

- On 22nd December, we held a Christmas Story Trail where children made their way around St Thomas' to find out about the nativity story. On their route they came across very convincing and expertly portrayed characters who I am sure had as much fun as the children did!
- We opened the doors to the children and families at Byrchall High School and St Thomas' school to present their beautiful Christmas carol service.
- Over a hundred adults and children came to the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve and kindly donated to the Children's Society.
- The Pantry served many people in the lead up to Christmas and even had to open at more times to accommodate more food and customers. It continued to provide parcels to those in need, be a warm space for all and serve as a beacon in our local area.
- Alongside friends from St Peter's, we continued to provide holiday lunch bags for children in the local area. We received kind donations of biscuits and breakfast bars to go with these lunches.
- Byrchall High School started a breakfast club for which Chris from the pantry kindly agreed to make flapjacks and oaty biscuits.

And all of this (I am sure to have missed something out - I apologise!) was on top of the regular activities, clubs, outreach events, social activities, meetings and services that we see every month. How wonderful!

Whilst we still continue to endure the hardships faced by all at the moment, it is good to be able to see what we can achieve when we come together to use our time, skills and spaces in service. We are so blessed with these opportunities which in turn we can, and do, use to spread God's word. And what a fantastic example of how versatile our spaces and worship can be.

Of course, this is all only possible due to the hard work of all those working tirelessly behind the scenes to organise and run these events and the support of all those who attend. May we continue with this enthusiasm in the year ahead.



# Mothers' Union



## **Diary - Branch dates:**

Wednesday 15th February: this is the planned date for our Annual General Meeting which takes place in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. As always this is an important meeting in the life of our Branch, please do your best to attend.

Before our AGM I am taking the usual opportunity of reminding 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 organisation working with people of all faiths and none. We are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration.*

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

Saturday 18th February: Winter Brunch in the Church Hall 11.00am to 1.00pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for fellowship and friendship we will be having soup, bacon barmcakes, sandwiches and cakes etc. There will be the usual tombola, cake stall and raffle and of course contributions to these events will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you.

Monday 13th February: Indoor Members Service will be held at St Francis Kitt Green at 2.00pm

Thursday 25th May: The Deanery Festival will be held at St Elizabeth's Aspull

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Carol Service on the 21st December. It was good to see our members well supported by the members of our congregation and from other churches in Ashton. My thanks to those who assisted with the refreshments and the cleaning up afterwards. Also to Paul for playing the organ and the members of Spectrum Choir who added their voices to the service.

It is with very much sadness that I find myself writing to inform of the death, in the last few weeks, of three of our indoor members, They are Helen Francis, Madge Twist and Winnie Cooper and together total many years of service to the Mothers' Union. On behalf of our members I wish to express our sympathy to their families and friends

We praise our saviour Jesus Christ,  
Who came to earth to bring transformation to his people,  
As we follow in our Lord's footsteps, may we with kindness and  
Understanding, also bring transformation to our communities.

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

This month gives us the opportunity to read the second part of David Fearnley's description of the Wood Pit disaster with the details of those who lost their lives at this time.

#### THE WOOD PIT, HAYDOCK, DISASTER 7/6/1878 (Part 2)

Burials at St. Thomas', Ashton -

13/6/1878

Thomas Waterworth, 12, Haydock; (drawer, Old Boston)

James Hindley, 19, Haydock; (drawer)

Thomas Whittle, 17, Haydock; (drawer)

Thomas Wood, 25, Ashton

14/6/1878

William Roberts, 35, Ashton; (Heath Lane)

James Roberts, 15, Ashton; (Heath Lane, son of William, above)  
Daniel Gittings, 35, Edge Green Lane, Ashton  
Isaac Boon, 21, Penny Lane, Haydock; (son of Nathan Boon)  
William Boon, 15, Penny Lane, Haydock ; (drawer, son of Nathan Boon)  
Thomas Boon, 16, Penny Lane, Haydock; (drawer, son of Nathan Boon)  
James Hickson, 19, Ashton; (drawer, Dig Nook = off Chapel Street/behind  
"Cross Keys" pub, Ashton)  
George Cunliffe, 24, Ashton. (drawer, Old Road)

15/6/1878

Edmund Richardson, 35, Ashton (Heath Lane).  
John Boon, 42, Lodge Lane, Ashton; (brother of Nathan Boon)  
William Leyland, 46, Haydock; (28 Row, Haydock)  
Peter Sharples, 35, Haydock; (Kenyon's Lane, stepfather of James & William  
Owen, below)  
James Owen, 14, Haydock; (drawer, Kenyon's Lane, Peter Sharples' stepson)  
William Owen, 12, Haydock; (drawer, Kenyon's Lane, Peter Sharples' stepson)  
James Whittle, 62, Haydock. (dataller, Old Boston)

16/6/1878

Thomas Pimblett, 36, Haydock; (Lyme Street, father of John Pimblett, below)  
John Pimblett, 13, Haydock; (drawer, Lyme Street, son of the above)  
Edward Pimblett, 43, Haydock; (Lyme Street, brother of Thomas Pimblett)  
John J. Pimblett, 21, Haydock; (drawer, Lyme Street, son of Edward Pimblett)  
Joseph Twiss, 22, Haydock; (Smithy Row, brother of James, below)  
James Twiss, 27, Haydock; (Smithy Row)  
Edward Byrom, 16, Haydock; (drawer, Old Fold)  
James Winstanley, 18, Haydock; (drawer)  
Samuel Winstanley, 51, Haydock; (Battersby Row)

25/6/1878

Nathan Boon, 45, Haydock.(Penny Lane, father of Isaac, John, Thomas, William  
& Joseph Boon)

4/7/1878

Joseph Boon, 14, Penny Lane, Haydock. (drawer, son of Nathan Boon)

**David A. Fearnley**

# Donations Information

**Regular Giving:** We have traditionally taken envelope donations in our plate offerings and these monies help towards the payment that has to go to the diocese each month. If you are unable to get to a service and wish to still use your envelopes, please deliver them, to Malcolm and Barbara's (32 Townfields). In the alternative, please consider switching to the Parish Giving Scheme by phoning 0333 002 1271 as we can get the tax back much quicker this way.

**Donations:** Please place any donations in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please post this through the Vicarage door. Please make cheques payable to St Thomas' PCC. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

**Gift Aid:** If you pay tax in the UK and would like church to be able to claim 25p for every £1 you donate, please complete a Gift Aid form or state on your envelope that you are a UK tax payer, would like church to claim Gift Aid and include your full name and address.

**Wills and Legacies:** If you wish to discuss any issues around Wills and Legacies please ring the Parish Treasurer, Sarah Riley, on 01942 722747.

Funds currently in use are:

- Africa Fund
- Asylum Seek
- Audio Visual
- Church Hall
- Buildings and Maintenance
- Food Ministry
- Garden of Rest
- General
- Grave Maintenance
- Heath Road Graveyard
- Heating
- Fit for the Future

Unless otherwise stated, donations will go into the General fund

# Donations & Remembrance



In memory of Hilda Edwardson

In memory of Ronald Boon  
From Jean Doran  
From Christine, June & Norma

In memory of a much loved and missed father, Eric Hurst  
who passed away on December 2nd 1992  
From David Hurst

Anniversary remembrance of Stanley Brown (17th February)  
a much loved Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad & Brother. Sadly missed  
From Geoff, Denise, Julie & family

Donations given with thanks for Home Communion

Donations to General, Heating, Pantry & Kitchen Build Project, Africa &  
Asylum Seeker Funds



# The Registers



## Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

9th January	Albert Ivan Magee	72
11th January	Roy William Glover	61
12th January	Freda Collins	82
16th January	William Bernard Matthews	76
17th January	Albert Harry Millington	86
18th January	Donna Salisbury	40
18th January	Joyce Griffiths	88
24th January	Helen Margaret Francis	85
26th January	Myla-Mae Robinson	newborn
27th January	Carole McClymont	65

Bless those who mourn, eternal God,  
with the comfort of your love  
that they may face each new day with hope  
and the certainty that nothing can destroy  
the good that has been given.  
May their memories become joyful,  
their days enriched with friendship,  
and their lives encircled by your love.

**Amen**

# St Thomas' and St Luke's Organisations

## Coffee Mornings

Tues 10am–12pm at St Thomas'  
Barbara Taylor  
205136

## Wednesday Weenies

Wed 1pm–2.30pm in Church Hall  
Jan Cornthwaite  
721626

## Mothers' Union

3rd Wed 7.30pm at St Thomas'  
Barbara Taylor  
205136

## Fairtrade Stall

3rd Sun 11.45am at St Thomas'  
Anne Wooff  
724207

## Litter Pick

3rd Sat 10am–12pm from Church Hall car park  
Chris Wooff  
724207

## Flower Guild

Meta Laites  
723679

## Asylum Seeker Support

English Class  
Thurs 2pm - 3pm  
Social Drop in  
Sun 1pm - 3pm

## Bowling Club

Henry Hunter  
712709

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724207

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Thursday & Sunday 3pm - 4pm

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Sunday 10.45am

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Guides: Tuesday 7.00pm

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