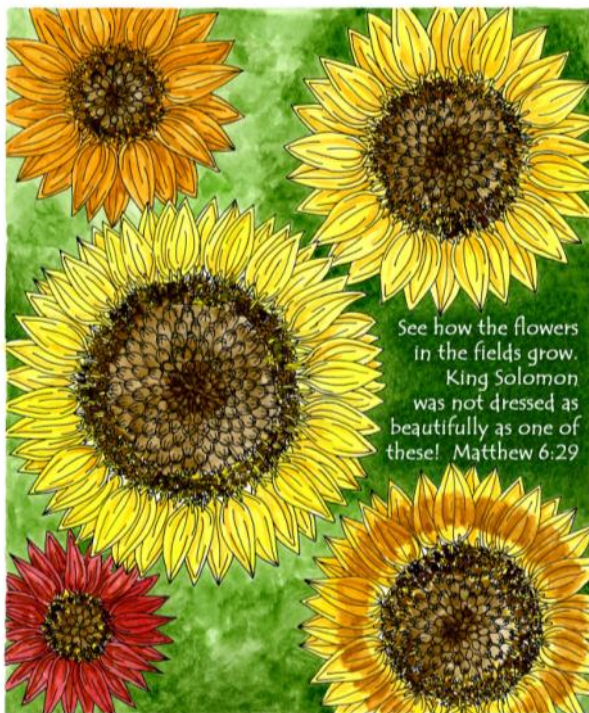


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Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas's		St Luke's	
9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday Only)
10.45 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Parade & 4th Sunday Family Communion)		11.00 a.m.
6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion)	4.15 p.m.	Holy Communion (3rd Sunday Only)

Weekdays

Thursday 9.45 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)	Other services and Saints' Days as announced. Please see weekly notice sheet or visit website for dates, details or exceptions.
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Parish Office: St Thomas's Church Vestry, **Thursday 6.30 – 7.30 p.m:** For all enquiries regarding church matters and arranging baptisms and weddings. Contact - 01942 721 484.

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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

Engaging with the Transforming Wigan programme and discerning the future for our churches, may sometimes seem that we are walking individually as parishes; seeking to adjust and to change to a new way of being church. With pride in our community, and with personal, emotional investment in our church buildings, we will have some unique, but mostly common challenges to deal with. In reality each parish, each church, each worshipping community is journeying the same route as every other.



Jesus gives us really simple instructions – to love God and love our neighbour, and to go and make disciples. Over many hundreds of years, we have translated the word 'go' to the word 'come', assuming that our often magnificent church buildings are attractional because they always have been. If we meet, people will come.



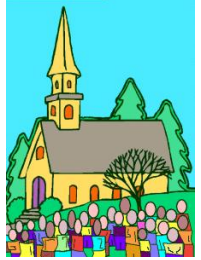
The reality of church attendance – numbers and ages, throughout the Church of England – shows that this model is not working any more. Transforming Wigan seeks to review, refresh and remodel our church – the people of God – to be followers of Jesus' Great Commandment and Great Commission.

We are working out how to be one church in Wigan, with several hubs and many worshipping communities. Simply put, for St Thomas and St Luke's churches, at present a worshipping community is one of our congregations. Our 'hub' is the developing leadership of our churches and our



Letter from the Vicar

partner churches: St Peter's, Holy Trinity, St Andrews and St Aidan's. One Church is the way that all churches in Wigan begin to not just work together in partnership, but to combine together on mission, practically, financially and structurally, establishing many new worship communities and refreshing our existing ones along Jesus commandment and commission.



If we look wider than Wigan, the picture is even broader than that. In the Liverpool Diocesan Growth Conversation document, one of its key tasks is to "continue with the Transforming Wigan initiative, ensuring that as a whole diocese we maximise and apply the learning from this flagship piece of work." As we work personally, in our individual parishes, in our hub teams, and as Team Wigan on Transforming Wigan, we journey a little ahead of other Deaneries and parishes within our Diocese. But we also journey together with them – all travelling in the direction of our growth aims – asking God for a bigger church to make a bigger difference.

Each individual has their own part to play in obedience to Jesus' commandment and commission. Pray continually for our personal contributions, for our parishes, for Wigan, for Liverpool Diocese and for the Church of England as we seek God and his way to a bigger church, in order to make a bigger difference in our world.



Jeremy Thomas



Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - July 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. (St Luke's)	10:00am— 12: 00pm
	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 **Salkeld Avenue, Lazenby Crescent, Melmerby Close, Renwick Square, Council Avnue, St Oswalds Primary School, Millingford Grove**

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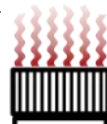
Parish News



Gift Day



Apologies that this message wasn't included in last month's magazine. We realise that we didn't let you know that our gift day offering this year – envelopes should have been received in last month's magazine – will be for the church heating fund. Our aim is to make St Thomas Church fit for future use in God's mission here in Ashton.



The Leprosy Mission

Reminder: Coffee Morning - Nepal Project



A reminder that the Coffee Morning will be held on 15th July 2016, 10.30 – 12.30, at 75 Woodedge.

All support welcome.

Margaret



Christian Aid



Every year the parish responds to this appeal so once again it is a great big thank you to all who helped in any way with Christian Aid week. Despite not having the usual number of volunteers to deliver and collect envelopes, those who did helped to collect the magnificent sum which amounted to £2752. Our school, as usual, also joined in the effort and added a further £958 to the total. I am sure that the ultimate recipients of this generosity will be ever grateful.

A special thanks to Hilda Bramwell and Maureen Cook who again took responsibility for the organisation this year with a guiding hand from Sue Thomas.

Malcolm



Mothers Union

DIARY:



Thursday 7th July: 140 year Anniversary Celebrations of the Mothers' Union at St Francis Kitt Green at 1.30pm followed by cream tea.



Wednesday 20 July: Summer Evening in the Church Hall 7.30pm. Entertainment by the Spectrum Choir plus refreshments. This year we decided to have tickets at £3.00 so that we know how many to cater for. Please get a ticket before the event.

For members who take Families First can I remind you that the annual subscriptions of £10.50 has to be sent to Liverpool by the beginning of August.

Advance notices

We will be having our Light Lunch on in the Church Hall 11-00am -1.00pm on **Saturday 13th August** Everyone welcome, contributions will be gratefully received to our cake stall, raffle, tombola. Please do come along and enjoy your lunch and enjoy the fellowship as you chat with your friends.

Sad News

It is with much sadness that I have to report that one of our members Elaine Hibbert died on the 15th June. It was a shock to all those who heard the news. Elaine had been a member of the branch for some 28 years and will be sadly missed by all our members but especially by myself personally as she was a great help to me preparing so many beautiful flower arrangements for our branch over the years. She was also a willing and enthusiastic helper at our brunches and a member of the MU Deanery choir until it was disbanded. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.

One day at a time

- To meet life one day at a time, one step at a time;
- to have the strength and the will to keep on keeping on;
- to have the wisdom to handle the affairs of life;
- to have the ability to make right and good decisions;





Mothers Union

to have the courage to let the past go,
 to forge ahead resolutely;
 to have the grace to meet each experience;
 expectantly, happily;
 to have the faith to know there is no loss or
 separation in God, that in Him I am forever with
 those I love;
 to have the vision to see the good in all things, the Christ in all persons;
 to have an awareness of God's presence, close, abiding; to know that underneath
 are the everlasting arms, that God will not fail me nor forsake me;
 this is my prayer.



Salisbury Diocese, England

***Love and prayers
Barbara***

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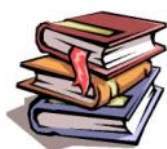
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Message from the Curate

Hello! My name's Sam and I'm really excited to come and join you all as your curate.

I grew up in Sheffield as one of three children where we lived for sixteen years before moving to Cumbria to live at a retreat centre.



After that, I spent a gap year working for two village churches in Hertfordshire, before moving on to study theology at Cambridge where I focused on New Testament and early Church doctrine.

I followed that with a year living as an assistant in a Christian L'Arche community in Jacksonville, North Florida where I lived with four adults with intellectual disabilities and three other assistants. I loved intentional community life and thinking about how it might shape the ways we are church together.

My identical twin brother James is ordained and is curate of St Paul's & George's in Edinburgh and my Dad was ordained three years ago. The Church is yet to decide whether we're an unusually holy family or just unimaginative.

My girlfriend, Flic, has another year of training for ordination before she gets ordained in 2017.

I enjoy running, cooking, and I'm exploring a new found passion for IKEA flat pack.



I can't wait to come and see what the next few years hold. I'm excited to come and learn from you, spend time with you, and see what God has in store for us together.

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9th July 2016

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Also feel free to bring chairs/tables/picnic blankets



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Christian Aid Week

On Monday 23rd May, our annual Christian Aid week started. With all the school exams over, the children were eager to have some well-deserved fun. Throughout this week, Years 3-6 took it in turns to set up fund raising stalls. These involved games, quizzes and lots of other fun activities for other pupils to take part in. The sunny weather allowed all the stalls to be set up outside on the playground. A particularly popular stall involved the opportunity to throw water balloons at some very brave Y6 pupils. It was a good job they put on a change of clothes for this event so their school uniform stayed dry! Throughout this whole week, lots of laughter was shared and fun memories were made.



As well as these afternoon events, every morning pupils enjoyed a range of delicious cakes as part of the daily cake sale. The cakes showed a lot of creativity and tasted just as good as they looked!

Thank you to all the children, family and staff for organising such a fun week. With all the generous donations, the total raised from school was £958.94. This will be added to church's total of £2,632. The means a grand total of £3,590.94 was raised for Christian Aid week.

Student Prayer of the Month
My Christian Aid Prayer

Dear God, thank you for Christian Aid.

Help us to remember all the poor people. I hope the children in other countries go to school and their teachers will help them to make the right choices. Please help people who need you, keep them safe and help them to have a better life.

God thank you for teachers everywhere in the world who teach us new things.

Help us to remember people who haven't got as much as we have.

Amen

Lucy Edwards Y1



Bible Verse: Psalm 37:26

At all times they give freely and lend to others, and their children are a blessing.

Have a lovely summer.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Elaine Mateus



Messy Noah—Thursday 26th May

A male and a female of each kind of living being went into the boat with Noah, as God commanded. Then the Lord shut the door behind Noah. The flood continued for 40 days and the water became deep enough for the boat to float.

Genesis ch7 v15-17

Messy stations

We made elephant bagpipes, which were so much fun. A bit tricky at first but with the right technique produced quite a deep sound. All from just a rubber glove, straw and a pipe!

Another craft, (which were less noisy!) involved making rainsticks. This was a tube filled with polystyrene and bird seed. Tipping the rainstick produces a sound like rain, which helped us to imagine the rain at the start of the flood.

Load up the ark was really enjoyed by everyone, as Noah and the animals were carefully coloured in and attached to the Ark using pegs. There would have every variety of animal and our versions had penguins, wolves, leopards and lots of other animals.



The food station is always popular and today was no exception. We made edible arks using cocktail sausages, cheese slices and cucumber. We were challenged to think about what food there would have been on the ark.

We made a giant 3D ark and using animal masks that we made,

attached them onto the ark. We talked about how he kept Noah and his family safe through the long flood.



Our animal puppets looked fantastic when completed. Card cut into shapes transformed plain brown paper bags into dog, cats and other animals. We talked about how wonderful the variety of animals we have in the world and how much God loves them.

We made Rainbow bottles by filling empty water bottles with coloured salt. We talked about how the rainbow was a sign of God's promise that he would never flood the whole earth again.

We also made doves from feathers, remembering that the dove is a symbol of peace.

Celebration talk and worship

Whilst the hall was cleaned up and prepared for the meal, Sue took all the children and parents into Juniors to talk about Noah. After the celebration talk, we went back into the hall for worship. We sang Israel's Houghton's I am a friend of God and Sue taught everyone the sign language as actions.

"Who am I that you are mindful of me, that you hear me, when I call..."

Celebration meal

For our celebration meal, we had sausages in rolls with tomato ketchup. Plain and chocolate mini doughnuts were handed round for dessert.

The next Messy Church is in the vicarage garden (weather permitting – if not, in St Thomas's church hall) on 14th July and the theme is the Good Shepherd.

Parish Giving Scheme

Another thank you to those Church members, now in excess of 50, who have set up the direct debits and a reminder of the efficiency of the scheme and an encouragement for others to consider joining.

giftaid it It is really a brilliant method of making regular donations especially if you are a tax payer and can sign the Gift Aid declaration which adds 25 pence to every pound that you give. The real plus is that we receive the Gift Aid in so short a time as 10 days after the donation is made. Yes on the 10th of each month the Gift Aid is in our Church account.

The Scheme is open to everyone who has a bank account. For those people who feel somewhat embarrassed at the thought of not putting collection on the plate we have tokens to replace envelopes or cash. These tokens simply say that your collection is given through Parish Giving.



I have included below an example of the token showing both sides:



Malcolm



Commemorating the Battle of the Somme

At St Thomas's Church there will be a gathering around the cenotaph in the Remembrance Garden at 7.30am on Friday 1st July when they will blow whistles to commemorate the start of the Battle of The Somme.

Nationally, all-night vigils are being held across the UK to mark the centenary of The Battle of the Somme, which began 100 years ago on 1st July and lasted until 18th November the same year.

It was arguably the most destructive battle ever to have taken place and was the first battle to use tanks. Over a million men were either killed or wounded, including nearly 60,000 Britons on the first day alone.

Named after the nearby French river, the battle exemplified the futility of trench warfare. The Britons who took part were largely volunteers who had no experience of battle.

The French army commander, General Foch, advised against it, and he was supported by some British commanders, such as General Henry Rawlinson. But they were ignored by politicians and more senior army commanders.

The ground gained by the Allies over the four months of the battle was only about six miles. In the course of the battle, 51 Victoria Crosses were won by British soldiers – 17 posthumously.

Here in Ashton, there is a display in the library (pictured) featuring information about the battle including 3 soldiers from Ashton who were killed in battle and which will be changed regularly. (with thanks to Neina Woodward for the image).





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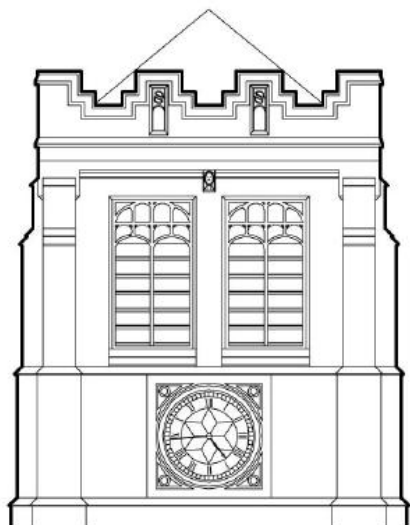
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23RD JULY	MRS EDWARDSON, MRS COOK, MRS PILLING
30TH JULY	MRS LYON, MRS LAITES, MRS DAVIES

FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING JULY		
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
3RD JULY	VACANT	VACANT
10TH JULY	VACANT	Birthday remembrance of Elsie Jervis a dear Mum from David, Elsie, Anne & families
17TH JULY	For our wedding anniversary from Janet and Doug Wildman	Birthday memories of Sheila Lester (22nd July) a much loved friend and Auntie from Joan, Dennis and Wendy
24TH JULY	VACANT	VACANT
31ST JULY	VACANT	Loving Birthday memories of Hugh Jervis, a dear Dad from David, Elsie, Ann & families



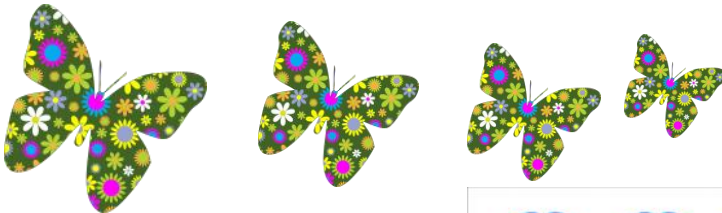
St Thomas' Flowers



IN MEMORY OF ELAINE HIBBERT

It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death of our dear friend Elaine.

She has been a talented member of the Flower Guild for over 30 years. She will be sorely missed by all the members of the Flower Guild and we send our love and sympathy to Susan, Alan, Alison and Kathryn.



St Lukes' Flowers



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DATE	
3RD JULY	VACANT
10TH JULY	VACANT
17TH JULY	In memory of her sister Connie Baxter from Sheila Baxter
24TH JULY	From Carole Pye
31ST JULY	VACANT



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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.

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Thank you.

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Alice Ashley,

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In Loving Memory of

Andrea Livesey from Mrs Rita Livesey

Andrea Livesey from her Mum

Birthday Remembrance of

Arthur Shaw (23rd July) a dear Dad and Grandad from
Barbara, Malcolm and Family

John Forster (3rd July) a dear Dad, from Brian and Barry

Anniversary Remembrance of

William Winstanley (8th July), a dear Father and Father-in-Law
From Nancy and George



St Lukes' Donations



Birthday remembrance of

A loving Mum and wife from Dianne and husband Ken
(17th July)



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Alice Through the Looking Glass (PG) Directed by James Bobin

Stars: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne Hathaway, Sacha Baron Cohen, Rhys Ifans, Matt Lucas, Voices of Stephen Fry, Michael Sheen, Alan Rickman, and Timothy Spall

In a Nutshell: When is Burtonesque not Burton? You might quickly point to *Nightmare before Christmas* as an example of Burton not directing... but to be fair, that is still mainly his film. Here though, the spirit remains to a degree in the design and shape but a new presence is behind the camera and boy does he do fun! Taking the characters and story from the first and giving everything a new twist... James Bobin, the genius behind both recent Muppet movies and *Flight of the Conchords* really injects a newer and zanier twist to proceedings in the shape of Time itself, or himself... here beautifully and ridiculously portrayed a top form idiotic Sacha Baron Cohen, just stealing the whole film. That section of the plot and film alone makes it worth it, because of all the time puns, his little robot servants, and all the juicy time travel plotting and mechanations... that said, let's not forget Alice... the amazing Miss Wasikowska again just takes the film and makes it her own, she's independent and free spirited and a force to be reckoned with and it's fabulous to see her really holding her own and taking no nonsense, a truly strong and fabulous female lead to be looked up to and a great role model to all. Speaking of which, also fabulous as ever is Bonham Carter as the Red Queen, just a utter delight and with even more to work with here too including a intriguing back story and some sympathetic moments... whilst Depp is as insanely dependable as ever as Hatter, here the focus of the story and more subdued than last time round but equally strong if quirky. Everyone else turns in fun turns too and it's sad to hear the final moments for Rickman on screen, he will be greatly missed. What I really love amongst the strong themes, cool plotting, fun moments and great cast though is the sumptuous visuals which feel real and cool and wonderfully unique... they really give this movie a fun feel. Which on top of all the fun and quirky unique things it does do... is more than enough to suggest falling back down the rabbit hole. **Rating: 8/10**



X-Men: Apocalypse (12A) Directed by Bryan Singer

Stars: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, Oscar Isaac, Sophie Turner, Nicholas Hoult, Tye Sheridan, Evan Peters, Alexandra Shipp, Josh Helman, Kodi Schmidt McPhee, and Rose Byrne



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



In a Nutshell: It's the weirdest thing, expectation. For example, say that you watch a whole franchise or a series of films with a cast of characters that you deeply love in all their different incarnations... and for all of the faults with some of the specific movies (and there's a few), you still love them plenty enough. So naturally, with a new movie coming out, the race is on to fulfill those feelings. So sure you enjoy the latest film all the same, but it does say something big about this particular movie, that you begin to start to notice some sizeable flaws in the fabric of the movie, not to mention that big nagging feeling that it doesn't hang together as well as you'd want... all this seemingly regardless of the sleepy nature of a midnight showing (cause you're such a fan). So it certainly is bravo then for the chance to have a second viewing... a second viewing which does bring the film into focus... and whilst it still has it's flaws, it does hang together a lot better. But that's the one huge problem with a film that is following First Class and Future Past... that factor of being merely enjoyable, fun and passable isn't really nearly enough... and neither is trading on former glories. Basic review premise set up, what does work then? The performances are as ever fairly solid ranging to pretty strong, both McAvoy and Fassbender are strong leads once more and Lawrence is as dependable as ever if a bit stuck in Katniss mode, whilst Sophie Turner makes a bold and dynamic debut as a young Jean Grey... fierce and troubled. Though Oscar Isaac opts to be a hamburger for the duration sadly and provides no real menace apart from being very blue and ugly.... and the basic story is fun enough if kinda just whatever, and there is plenty of action and quips.... sadly there are inconsistencies that don't work well either sadly. For a huge start, how with 20 years passing between First Class does everyone look even younger than ever... they must all be ancient by now, or soon anyway, plus others that involve spoilers. The big problem with the film isn't that it's not fun and exciting... because it still manages that... it's just that overall when you're used to coming out and going giddy with how exciting and terrific then film was... to just come out nodding and smiling and being agreeable somehow isn't enough... what happened? **Rating: 7/10**



Also Seen:

Money Monster (15) **8/10**

Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (15) **8/10**

Bad Neighbours II (15) **8/10**



GRANDPARENTS

July 26th is the feast day of St Joachim and St Ann – and you are probably asking, who are they? Legend says that these are the names of Jesus' grandparents, his mother's father and mother. If these are their real names or not it doesn't matter: what does matter is that Mary's parents brought her up to be a very special person; someone who was calm in a crisis and loved her family. And this comes from being part of a close-knit, loving family.



July 26th is the 'feast of grandparents'. It reminds all grandparents of their responsibility for generations to

come; to make family traditions and history live.

But the feast has a meaning for the younger family members as well. It reminds younger people that older people's wealth of experience is to be celebrated and appreciated. And we do, don't we?

IT'S ALL RELATIVE

All these people in the Bible are related. Do you know how? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Mary and Martha (Luke, chapter 10)
2. Saul and Jonathon (1 Samuel, chapter 14)
3. Naomi and Ruth (Ruth, chapter 1)
4. Lois, Eunice and Timothy (2 Timothy, chapter 1)
5. Joseph and Benjamin (Genesis, chapter 42)
6. Aquila and Priscilla (Acts, chapter 18)
7. Simon Peter and Andrew (Mathew, chapter 4)



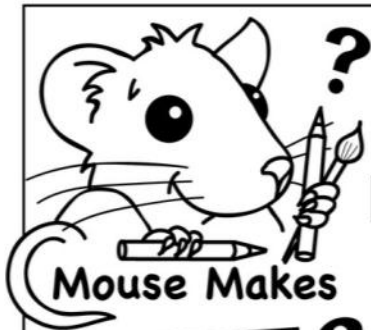
Why should Elijah's parents be remembered by all business people?

Because they made a prophet.

How long did Cain hate his brother?

As long as he was Abel.

- Answers: 1.sisters 2.father and son
3.mother-in-law and daughter-in-law
4. grandmother, mother and son
5.brothers 6.husband and wife
7.brothers



WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

J				S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary's first child <i>Luke 1:30-31</i> • Hannah's son <i>1 Samuel 1:20</i> 				

?				T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He wrote the third Gospel • Followed Elijah <i>2 Kings 2:15</i> 				

A				M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first man <i>Genesis 2:20</i> • Baby in a basket <i>Exodus 2:1-10</i> 				

				S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wise king <i>1 Kings 4:29</i> • He built an ark <i>Genesis 6: 13-14</i> 				

H				A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote the 28th book of the Bible 				



WHICH BOOK IN THE BIBLE...

- ... is the **first**?
- ... is the **last**?
- ... has the **most** chapters?
- ... is the **last** in the Old Testament?

How many books are there in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the whole Bible?



FIND THE BROTHERS



- | | |
|----------|---------|
| BENJAMIN | HARAN |
| ISAAC | MOSES |
| AARON | JOSEPH |
| GAD | SHEM |
| JAPHETH | JAMES |
| JACOB | ASHER |
| JOHN | ESAU |
| CAIN | ISHMAEL |
| PETER | ABEL |
| ABRAHAM | ANDREW |



DID YOU KNOW?

In the Bible there are: 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, 773,692 words.

The longest word is in Isaiah 8:1

The longest verse is Esther 8:9

The Bible was originally written

in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek



Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?



- ANDREW
JOHN • JAMES
THOMAS • MATTHEW
• SIMON • THADDEUS
BARTHOLOMEW • PETER
PHILIP • JAMES • JUDAS

J O J E S J U D P H T E J
M J U D M A T T H E W A E
A O D J A M E S S I M O N S
T H A D D E U S L E H D U
T N S I M S T H I W O R S
N O T H O M A S P E T E R
A B A R T H O L O M E W S



The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

26th May	Andrea Livesley	Peter Street	44yrs
26th May	Alan Clarkson	Wigan Road	79yrs

Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



18th June	Matthew James Heaton & Jennifer Kathryn Day
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Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



22nd May	Harvey Thomas Pennington	North Street
12th June	Brooklyn Connell Jones	Moxon Way
	Mya Eleanor Parkinson	Chelmarsh Avenue

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 (Thurs: 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 Tushingam (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

Mike Pye (517318)

Youth Work

Sue Thomas (727275)

St. Luke's Treasurer

John Boon

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

Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall

Ceri Mansell (727417)

The PCC Secretary

Dorothy Burgess (701542)

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Flower Guild

Meta Laites (723679)

Bowling Club

Henry Hunter (712709)

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