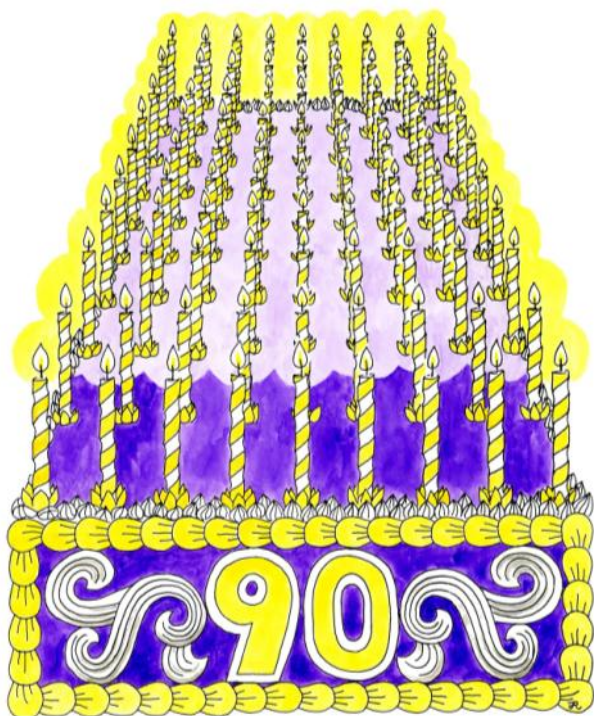


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# Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

## 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)		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.

**Deadlines:** Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to [stthomasandstlukemagazine@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasandstlukemagazine@gmail.com)

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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

Sadly, as I write, our partner church St Peter's closes its building this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with each person affected by this – and there will be many. We can only imagine how difficult this decision has been. As we support our brothers and sisters in Bryn, we may take time to wonder what such a step would mean for us if we were in their situation.



If we are displaced from the familiar building that we have worshipped in for decades, one of the first things that we would have to consider is 'where do we go to church?' And then maybe, 'what does it mean to go to church?'



A good starting point will be the definition of church as 'a group of Christians; church is a biblical word for assembly.' Remember also Alison Morgan's definition of church as 'the plural of disciple.' The church is the people who have made Jesus the leader of their lives - we don't go to church; we are the church. We read in the book of Acts that the first Christians didn't have church buildings, they met as church in people's homes. The houses didn't become churches – the church met in them – worshipping communities, gathered in praise of God.

St Peter's Church will gather in a different place for the moment. Whether meeting in a school or other building, they



## *Letter from the Vicar*

will still be church. As partner churches we look to see how we can be open to support and encourage our friends at St Peters and find new ways of working more closely together.



Archbishop Justin Welby said that we are called to be so rooted and familiar with our tradition that we are able to improvise. St Peter's experience over the coming months can be an influence and encouragement to others within our partnership and within the wider Transforming Wigan movement as we seek God's will in establishing many new worshipping communities – meeting in new locations and on different days of the week.

I pray that in this time of change and renewed discovery of identity, that focussed on Jesus, St Peter's will find a real blessing in fellowship, be creative in working out new ways of being church and continue to thrive.

**Jeremy Thomas**





## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - June 2016**

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) Church open for prayer.	10:00am- 12:00pm 7.30-8.30pm
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Holy Communion. Princes Pantry. (St Luke's) Vestry hour.	9:45am 10:00am— 12:00pm 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 **Berrington Grove, Woodedge, Dawley Close, Calverhall Way, Orton Way**



# Parish News



## The Leprosy Mission

### Postponed Coffee Morning - Nepal Project

The postponed Coffee Morning will be held on 15th July 2016, 10.30 – 12.30, at 75 Woodedge. I am pleased to say that Barbara is now home, after breaking her hip.

All support welcome.

**Margaret**



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# Mothers Union

## DIARY:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** Trip to Manchester Cathedral leaving the Church Hall car park at 1.45pm. The cost is £16.00 payable by the 5th June.



The Summer Evening and Supper Church will be held in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on the 13 July when we will be entertained by the Spectrum Community Choir.

## Advance notice

To celebrate 140 years of the Mothers' Union the Deanery is having a Thanksgiving Service Festival at St Francis, Kitt Green on the 7th July at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea.



Tickets for the tea will be priced at £4.00 and will include a raffle ticket. If you intend to come please sign the list at the back of Church. I need to know no later than the 10th June.



As previously mentioned in the magazine we have a vacancy on the branch committee and I delighted to say that Carole Pye has expressed a wish to join the committee. It is with great pleasure that I welcome her as a new member.



# Mothers Union

## ***A prayer for the Queens birthday***

As members of the Mothers Union we bring you our gratitude for the long life and reign of Elizabeth our Queen.

We thank you for her support of our work and vision through her patronage of the Mothers' Union.



We look to her example of selfless service as we seek to live out our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. Amen.

***Love and prayers  
Barbara***

## FREE WILL OFFERINGS— APRIL 2016

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25/04/16	239.25	58	4.13
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<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>£254.15</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4.44</b>



## St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

### The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> April, we celebrated the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The day started with a full school assembly consisting of a fun quiz full of facts and trivia about the Queen and the Royal Family. Prayers were read in prelude to an honourable day.



Later in the day, celebrations took place in true St. Thomas' style. All of the children, teachers and staff were invited onto the school field for a garden party. Wearing red, white and blue, the whole school certainly looked the part. There were even a few Queens and Princesses at this party!

The sun shone brightly whilst we all enjoyed delicious cake and cooling drinks. To commemorate the occasion, we finished the day with a loud rendition of the national anthem; God save the Queen.



## Student Prayer of the Month



Dear Lord,

Thank you for my friends and family.

Please bless everyone who attends our 'Friends Together' club where we learn more about you and your love.

It was the queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, please bless her with good health and happiness.

Amen.

Ava Jennings Y4.

## Bible Verse: Psalm 117:2

His love for us is strong and his faithfulness is eternal.  
Praise the Lord!

God's blessing be with you.

Elaine Mateus



## New Wine conference (Harrogate): Saturday 23rd April

On Saturday 23rd April, nine women from the parish boarded a minibus and set off to Harrogate for a New Wine\* conference specifically for women.



We entered the conference centre and were given a free goodie bag, which included a New Wine music CD, hand lotion and sweets.



We had a fantastic speaker on the day a lady called Jo Saxton. She was a truly inspiring and motivational speaker, who really encourages. Her talks focussed around being an oak of righteousness, and

how wonderful it is when God transforms and the positive effect on lives, families and communities. We were then encouraged to consider the things God has called us to do, that we have forgotten about or dismissed.

We heard from a two charities; Boaz charity and Project Paddington. Boaz spoke about the work they do with refugees. The founder of Project Paddington shared how the idea of Project Paddington was a response after seeing the horrors that refugee children were enduring.

Worship at New Wine is a key part of the conference and there are several times of worship. God of Angel armies being sung out across the conference centre was amazing.



Within the venue were stalls selling a whole range of Christian items such as books, art, jewellery, gifts as well as stalls promoting charities such as Compassion and Boaz trust.

New Wine hold a number of events across the year, aimed at the whole church (not just women). We had a fantastic day, and I do really encourage you to think about coming along next year. For those who have done the Alpha course, can you remember how special the Holy Spirit day was? It was a day to put aside all troubles, to focus on God, to enjoy great fellowship and some great worship. For me the New Wine conference is also a special day, and has become an annual feature in my calendar.

\* New Wine is a movement of churches working together to change the nation through a network of church leaders, national gatherings, training events and resources. Their vision is to see church renewed and strengthened.

**Clare Hayton**



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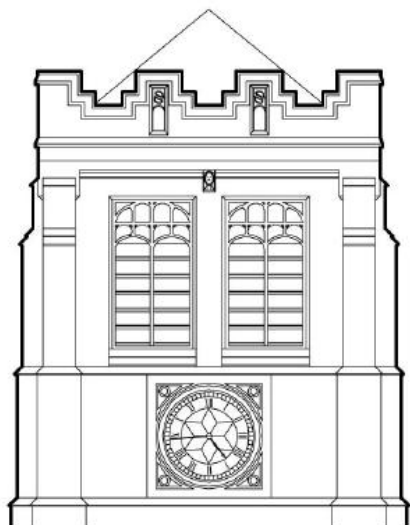
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19TH JUNE	Birthday remembrance of Hilda (6th June) a dear Mum and loving Grandma from Vivienne and Claire	Birthday remembrance of John Jolley (22nd May) from Gladys and family
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**Frank Hardy** (12 June) a dearly loved and greatly missed husband, dad and  
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# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



Captain America: Civil War (12A) Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo

Stars: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr, Scarlett Johansson, Paul Rudd, Anthony Mackie, Sebastian Stan, Tom Holland, Chadwick Boseman, Elisabeth Olsen, Paul Bettany, William Hurt, Daniel Bruhl, Frank Grillo, and Martin Freeman

In a Nutshell: How exactly do you start a review of this film? So hotly awaited, so epic in it's ambition and scope... and with what has gone before, it's go a lot to live up to and expand upon in terms of continuing the story, fulfilling the back story of the many parts of the Marvel universe and then furthering the emotion and story arcs into the next bold and blistering chapter... to say it does all of this with flying colours and then so may not really be a surprise as it is what is genuinely to be expected but oh boy, all the same it is a treat to witness anyway. I won't go into detail as to what the events of the movie involve as the biggest treat is discovering the plot as it rolls along at a fantastic pace, never letting up or slowing down and keeping the plot threads coming thick and fast, both existing plot lines and some new ones intersect beautifully to create a tapestry that really does send the story hurtling forward whilst also weaving in plenty of existing plot threads to be resolved or left to carry on, it really is a dazzling achievement... the effects are top and the action is blisteringly fantastic. Character wise, everyone has their great arcs and turns into great performances... not least the leads. In what is now his sixth turn as Iron Man, Downey Jr is fantastic... really wracked with guilt and pain and in trying to turn a leaf becoming more dangerous than ever and worryingly more arrogant than ever, it's a tricky thing to get right but he nails it and it's terrific, whilst Evans further hones his terrific turn as the all American Mr. Perfect who has a dark edge and a dangerous streak which is always on the verge of toppling into vigilante... and out of the others, Boseman really shines as the complex Black Panther, whilst Tom Holland steals the film as the new Spider-Man, the most perfect version of the character yet which is all I'll say.... whilst Olsen, Stan and Bruhl turn in really complex and terrific turns too. This is a film that a review won't do justice to... so I won't go on, suffice to say it's everything you want and more... probably not the really, really best but right up there with the best there's been in the genre.....



Rating: 10/10



# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



The Jungle Book (PG) Directed by Jon Favreau

Stars: Neel Sethi and the voices of Idris Elba, Ben Kingsley, Bill Murray, Christopher Walken, Scarlett Johansson, Giancarlo Esposito, and Lupita Ny'ongo

In a Nutshell: Imagine the most upmost joy and fun and wonder you could experience or feel.... then as that joy rises, jolt a little or a lot to the side as something flies past.... then sing a song or two and take a deep breath and then smile a lot. Congratulations, this is a lot like the experience of witnessing this new wonderful version of the classic Disney tale. From it's stunning vistas and photo realistic animal effects through it's superb voice cast and terrific lead performance, via it's tension, humour and fun adventure... this is a bonafide treat from start to finish and could well be one of the best family adventure films of so many years past. All this rests nicely on the shoulders of the young lead, who is just wonderful... really throwing himself into the role, he simply is Mowgli... all the mannerisms and attitude and appearance, just perfect... and given he is the single live action lead in an otherwise computer world... it's stunning to behold and key to making you believe fully and wholeheartedly. Helping the cause is the wonderful voice cast too, with Murray predictably being a true highlight as Baloo, while Walken is simply superb as Louie... a great mix of utter menace with craziness and soul whilst Idris Elba is a utterly terrifying Shere Khan. This terrific pedigree of cast and effects and storytelling blends wonderfully to tell a new take on the story that does the usual beats but adds a realistic sheen to proceedings that is darker but altogether more terrific and rounded... turning this from a classic into even more of a masterclass in family storytelling.... dark at times and thrilling but something oh so very special, and those songs are still there too.... in new forms. This is as perfect a version of this story as you can get.... a new spin for a new generation, and somehow, somehow... they've managed to make something that may just maybe surpass it's predecessor... now that's something worth swinging about....

Rating: 10/10





## THE SAINT & THE MONSTER

St Columba, whose feast day is 9th June, was born in Ireland and came to Scotland to be a 'pilgrim for Christ'. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona in 563. The monastery at Iona became a centre of learning and many missionaries were trained there. Columba carried the message of God's love throughout Scotland and monks from his monastery carried the message into England.

St Columba wrote a number of hymns and is said to have transcribed, or written out by hand, some 300 books in his lifetime.

And what has he got to do with a monster? Well, it wasn't the Loch Ness monster but a monster that was living in the River Ness. St Columba is said to have driven away this monster who was attacking a swimmer, with the sign of the cross and the words "Thou shalt go no further, nor touch the man; go back with all speed."

## MONSTER MUNCHIES

- 75 g (3 oz) margarine
- 3 normal size Mars Bars (thinly sliced)
- 3 large tea cups Rice Crispies
- 100 g (4 oz) chocolate cake covering (melted)



Grease and line a swiss roll tin. In a heavy based saucepan, gently melt the margarine. Add the Mars Bar pieces and stir until no lumps are left.

Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies – adding more if the mixture will take it. Spread the mixture in the tin and press it down evenly with the back of a spoon.

Cover with the melted chocolate and leave to set. Cut into 24 bars when cold – or cut into less

bars if you are feeding a very greedy monster!

How does a monster count to 17?



On it's fingers.



## Mouse Makes

When **Pharaoh**, the King of **Egypt**, let the **Israelites** go free, God led them across the desert to the **sea**. But Pharaoh changed his mind and came after them with his **army**. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the **Lord** for help. **Moses** told them, "*Do not be afraid*". He held his hand out over the sea and the **water** divided to leave dry land.

Read **Exodus**  
chapters 14-15

Unscramble the letters in the pebbles to find the words in **bold** from the story



# The Registers

**Funerals** - "May they rest in peace"



20th April	Alice Waterworth	Ashton Heath	88yrs
25th April	Clifford Unsworth	York Road South	71 yrs
27th April	James David Johnson	Blenheim Road	67yrs
9th May	John Francis Wilson	Chatsworth Close	77yrs

**Holy Baptism** -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



24th April	Cora-Rae Houghton	Dunsdale Drive
1st May	Harry Thomas Dewhurst	Tintern Avenue
	Harry Rae Houghton	Wigan Road
	Mollie May McGregor	Old Road

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## 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 Tushingham (711085)

## Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'

**Tues - 10 a.m.**

**Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion)**

Barbara Taylor (205136)

## Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.

**Bubbles (Pre-School)**

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

**Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)**

Sue Thomas (727275)

sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk

## St Luke's Over Sixties

**Monday – 2.00 p.m.**

**Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club**

## Wednesday Weenies

**Wed – 1.00 p.m.:** Jan Cornthwaite

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## 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**

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Meta Laites (723679)

## Bowling Club

Henry Hunter (712709)

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