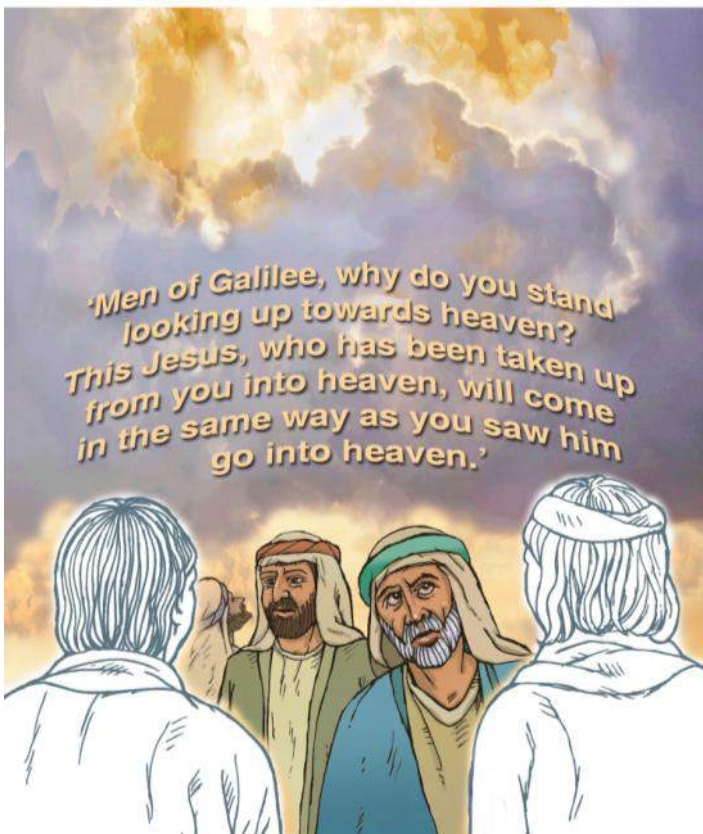


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Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Sundays

St Thomas's		St Luke's
9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Worship (2nd Sunday Family Communion)
10.45 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Parade & 4th Sunday Family Communion)	
6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th Sunday Holy Communion)	

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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Booking Baptisms and Weddings

We are now encouraging everyone who would like to book a baptism or wedding to come to the family service at either St Thomas (10.45am) or St Luke's (11am) and bookings will be taken afterwards. There will no longer be a Vestry Hour.

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.

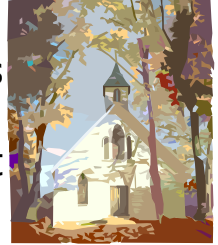
Funerals

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



Letter from the Vicar

We are called to play our part in the next stage of the journey that St Thomas' church building has taken since the first one was built over 500 years ago. Our worship community has journeyed through the rebuilding of the church in 1893, onward to our most recent refurbishment under our Open for You project, completed in 2010.



This journey is marked by God's provision, his faithfulness, love and blessing. It is a journey of people responding to Jesus, and learning to follow him sacrificially and with joy. In our Fit for the Future project we journey forward again aiming for the efficiency, flexibility and accessibility of our building; a building fit for this time, and for future people who will gather in community for worship, prayer, bible reading, service and outreach. A building that may be a central facility for our community.



We have included with the magazine this month our Fit for the Future brochure which outlines the plans for the project and the financial commitment required to achieve it.

In overview, the plans are to replace the failing heating system with an efficient and modern system - including flexible seating, and installing new audio and visual systems.



Letter from the Vicar

Support of this project will entail sacrifice once more. We may choose to sacrifice financially in giving to the project, and also for some, sacrifice some of the tradition that we value, but we do so in the knowledge that we are but one step on the journey of this building. As we seek to hand on the privilege of this space to the future church community - our children and grandchildren.



I pray that God will guide you and bless you as you consider your support for our Fit for the Future project. Please add your prayers to ours as we move forward with Fit for the Future. Do get in touch with us if you would like more information.

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 - May 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 **Gerrard Street shops (Odds and Evens), The Gerard Centre, Wigan Road shops (to the traffic lights)**

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Parish News



Parish Administrator



We are delighted to tell you that Jo Pollitt is our new parish administrator. She will be in the office at St Thomas' on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays mornings from 9-11am.

Church Hall

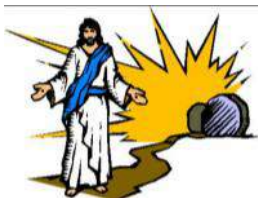
I must take this opportunity on behalf of us all in thanking Keith Whittle and his two volunteer assistants Peter and Valery, who are two of our asylum seekers, who took to their paint brushes and completed the glossing of the outside fascias etc of the two halls. This completes a task which Keith took on board last year when again assisted by asylum seeking volunteers they painted the outside with creosote.



There is always much maintenance work to do in and around all our buildings and the voluntary help of this nature provided by Keith Peter and Valery is indispensable. Can you help?

Malcolm

Thanks



In a church congregation such as ours at St Thomas and St Luke's we really rely on many people doing jobs on voluntary basis and it is important that we appreciate these sometimes individual and sometimes team efforts. Easter is a time when much goes on



Parish News



in the parish and I would like to use the medium of the magazine just to thank some of those involved in efforts which have come to my knowledge.

Without naming individuals (there were so many) thanks to everyone involved in the Easter Egg Hunt which culminated in some 300 adults and children arriving in church to be met with messy church type activities and acres of cakes etc.



Thanks to all who took any part in the memorable Easter Services beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with the joyous celebration of Easter Day.

Thanks to Maureen Cook who using her undoubted skills with the sewing machine has provided us with ten new purificators for use in the communion services. Not to forget the efforts of Maureen and David Dalton who volunteered for the unenviable task of ordering the fish and chips for Good Friday.



I know that this can only be a snapshot of what is actually being done in our parish but please be assured that you are all greatly appreciated.

Malcolm

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Mothers Union

DIARY

Wednesday 17 May in the Church Hall at 7.30pm the speaker is Angela Danby **"My life as a journalist"**

'Bucket and Spade Appeal 2017'

With the arrival of Spring our thoughts will no doubt be turning to warmer days and holidays and days out. The MU have suggested that it is an appropriate time to remind all members of the special Appeal which June launched at the MU Information day in October last year. The suggestion is that all branches provide a bucket - the sandcastle kind - to be displayed at all branch meetings for a coin collection.



There is the possibility that the understanding of the AFIA project can be extended to include all ages, maybe to include outings and trips for senior members of families. It was pointed out that our mission is to support FAMILIES in all their forms and we are increasingly aware of our ageing population. It is felt that maybe we could offer a trip to someone who would appreciate a break for a short time.



I do hope that at our Branch we can support June's appeal. It will not be costly but will hopefully be another demonstration of our faith in action.



Mothers Union

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the privilege is ours to be called to share in the
loving, healing
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our Lord, in
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Easter Messiness

For the last three years the Easter Egg trail around Ashton has ended in St Thomas' with drinks, cakes, prayer and Messy Church crafts. This year we welcomed over 500 people and had some great conversations!

Do you remember making chatterboxes? We made some with an Easter theme complete with bible verses. As always, we had to have an edible table, transforming plain biscuits into a crown of thorns with a coat of icing and a mixture of broken matchmakers and bran flakes. Messy but tasty!

The third activity was simple but effective – a cross was made with masking tape and then the page was coloured in enthusiastically with either pastels or crayons. Removing the tape revealed a vivid white cross against a colourful background.

Six families came back to Messy Good Friday which was encouraging for all the team.

We had ten different activity tables:

- Hammering a nail into a piece of wood and thinking about what it must have been like for Jesus as he was nailed onto the cross
- Making your own miniature tomb and the stone on a clothes peg – as you open the peg the stone 'rolls' away!

- Taking a fig roll and with help with a tube of icing transforming it into a bible – the best place to find out more about Jesus
- Thinking of as many words relating to Easter and writing them on an polystyrene egg to take home and think about
- Comparing the dull black side of a cross with the side that we coloured in the brightest of colours and then imagining the despair Jesus' friends felt on Friday compared to the elation of Sunday!



- Dipping our feet in paint and walking up and along Jesus' cross, thinking about the things that we've done wrong and the reason Jesus died
- Being prayed for as we had our feet washed
- Rolling marbles around in paint and then creating a crazy picture – of course tradition says that the stone in front of the tomb was rolled away
- Colouring in an Easter bookmark and having it laminated to take home and use
- Discovering and enjoying the different activities on the Easter Assortment table

After watching a game of noughts and crosses that was transformed into a picture of the empty tomb and three crosses on a hill, we worshipped together and prayed thanks for our food before tucking into fish fingers and chips!

On Easter morning a large team of children and their families hunted for almost 60 polystyrene eggs and swapped them for chocolate ones.

Thanks to our young people for helping to keep everyone safe and the great team of helpers of all ages at all our Messy Meetings over Easter!



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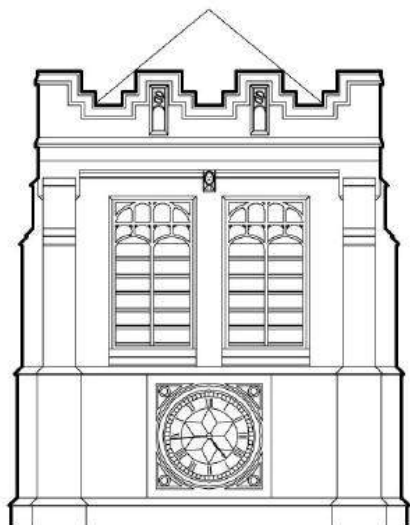
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21ST MAY	VACANT
28TH MAY	In Remembrance of Elaine Hibbert (25th May) from Ken Lockett



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From Pauline, Kevin, Susan, Nick, Jack and Scarlett

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Gordon Lyon, a loving Husband, Dad and Grandad (13th May).
Sadly Missed. From Marie, Barbara, John, Madolyn, Rob, David,
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Have you ever stood in a churchyard reading the inscription on a gravestone and wondering about the life story of the occupant of the grave? A grave with a very interesting story lies within St. Thomas' churchyard, Warrington Road. The inscription reads

"Beneath this Tomb are laid the mortal remains of John Whitley, The Younger, who was born in Ashton February 25th 1803 and died at Holme Island July 25th 1839".

John Whitley, the younger, like his father John Whitley the elder, was the owner and manager of a hingemaking business on Gerard Street, Ashton. After the death of John Whitley, the younger, successive generations of the Whitley family retained ownership of the hingemaking business until 1921. Few Ashtonians will recall the name of "John Whitley & Son" whose factory occupied the site on Gerard Street until it was taken over by a more familiar name in Ashton, "Thomas Crompton & Sons", in 1921.



John Whitley, the elder, was born in 1759 near Great Budworth, Cheshire. Arriving in Ashton in 1788 John became a partner with William Clowes, of Ashton, in the "Clowes & Whitley" lock and hingemaking business. William died in 1796 and the business became "John Whitley" hinge and bolt manufacturers, Gerard Street, Ashton.

John Whitley, the elder, owned a substantial house in Ashton but unfortunately no documents give its actual location. He owned property and lands in Ashton and had interests in coalmines in St. Helens and in salt works on the River Weaver in Cheshire.

"Whitley's Square" occupied the location of the present day Gerard Shopping Centre and was surrounded by warehouses, hingemaking workshops and smithies. The "Whitley Houses" on Heath Road, near the "Commercial Inn" provided housing at low rents for some of his workers.

John Whitley's son, John Whitley the younger, was born in 1803 and became a partner in the "John Whitley & Son" hingemaking business. In 1828 he bought the Abram Hall Estate, near Wigan, with the title lord of the manor of Abram.

John lived on the estate at Brookside House which still exists today on Bickershaw Lane, Abram. He retained his late father's business interests and in 1835, in partnership with Abraham Ackers of Bickershaw Hall, he established Bickershaw Colliery under the ownership of "Ackers & Whitley & Company".



In 1830, in Dublin, John married Olivia Connor. They had three sons, John Henry, died aged three months, John, died aged 8 months and Henry Jackson Whitley who later became the owner of the hingemaking business on Gerard Street.

Henry Jackson Whitley's son John Henry Arthur Whitley (1862 - 1940) in 1897, to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, provided the finance for four of the principal lights in the great East Window in St. Thomas' Church, Ashton.



John Whitley, the younger, died in 1839 at his recent acquisition of Holme Island, Westmorland. Holme Island is in Morecambe Bay, near Grange over Sands, Cumbria, and is connected to

the mainland by a causeway. John was buried in a vault in the Warrington Road churchyard of St. Thomas' Church, Ashton.

As you enter the churchyard through the gate in Heath Road, opposite Butchers Lane, the vault is immediately to the left. The vault occupies a corner plot and, probably intentionally, is the nearest grave to the former "John Whitley & Son" hingemaking factory on Gerard Street. On all sides of the gravestone is inscribed the Whitley family motto "Live To Live".

Three Greek symbols are above the inscription on the gravestone. The Greek letter A or Alpha the first letter of the Greek alphabet; the letter Omega, the last letter of the Greek alphabet, and the Greek symbol for Christ. The three symbols refer to the quotation in the Bible from the Book of Revelation 22:12: Christ said "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End".



David A. Fearnley

I am extremely grateful to David for providing this insight to a little of the history of our township and in particular to a family which made a real impact on our industrial heritage.

Malcolm



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Beauty and the Beast (PG) Directed by Bill Condon

Stars: Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans, Josh Gad, Emma Thompson, Ewan McGregor, Sir Ian McKellen, Kevin Kline, Stanley Tucci, Audra McDonald, and Gugu Mbatha-Raw

In a Nutshell: When something is so classic and so beloved and so revered in how much you grew up with it as did a whole generation, then where does one draw the line in whether or not it should be remade or not? There is a massive tradition of this and a lot it is very unwarranted (Elm Street or Point Break remakes for example) but Disney has been constantly nailing it with their live action re-treads of their finest hours so far (both Cinderella and Jungle Book were astonishing) so here comes their most treasured of all movies and it's remake and my word, we needn't have worried at all... even if it's attention to detail in remaking mercilessly every frame is both bad for some and in this case why it still works beautifully, especially in the new additions. All the cast are just perfect and spot on, with Evans especially standing out, acting the everything out of his layered and twisted villain Gaston, whilst Kline has a welcome return and is terrifically sweet and stoic as Belle's father... the effects and the sets are naturally flawless and perfect. Everything just clicks and works wonderfully, this is remaking done right because you're telling the story everyone loves and giving it layers and even more depth at the same time in expanding the story. There are things and moments here I've analysed because they tell a deeper side story which is cool when you notice things as well. I've seen this magnificent thing three whole times, and if that doesn't recommend it straight away then what more can I do? Do yourself a favour, go and get swept up in this magical classic in a new light and do it again and again... be my guest! **Rating: 10/10**



Logan (15) Directed by James Mangold

Stars: Hugh Jackman, Sir Patrick Stewart, Stephen Merchant, Richard E. Grant, Boyd Holdbrook, Dafne Keen, Eriq La Salle, Elizabeth Rodriguez, and Elise Neal

In a Nutshell: Playing a character for such a long period is a certain joy



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both for the actor and the audience, it can be tough on the actor to a degree but if they're playing that character for so long, they clearly love it. But when the time comes to call it a day do you ride into the sunset giving your character justice or do you make Spectre? Thankfully though when the time came to give Wolverine one last ride, the Marvel team and Mr Jackman really took it with both hands and aimed for the moon. By securing a higher rating and having the freedom to do the story justice and go where they want with it, the team behind this movie has secured it's place as a emotional masterpiece. Coming across as a visceral mix of western, action and drama... this hits every right note it possibly could, from top notch performances from Hugh, Patrick and Merchant through to unusual plot travels and it's own visceral dark tones. Believe me when I say this is not a family movie or a kids movie or anything near, it's horrifically dark and violent and visceral but it's what this story needed to work on the level it does, in showing Logan's turmoil and violent aftermaths it shows you why he wants it to be his swansong and finale. To say too much about this already-classic would be to give away plot points but suffice to say it's a beautiful dark masterclass in moviemaking, from the landscapes to the themes to the performances, everything works down and perfectly right till the gut wrenching final moments. If you've become weary of the same old thing, you're a massive Wolverine fan or just want pure and beautiful entertainment, get your claws out and experience it! **Rating: 10/10**



Also Seen:

Get Out (15) 10/10

Free Fire (15) 8/10

Power Rangers (12A) 7/10

Kong: Skull Island (12A) 9/10

Going in Style (12A) 8/10



Also Released in May: A Dog's Purpose (PG) (May 5th) Mindhorn (15) (May 5th) Sleepless (15) (May 5th) Alien: Covenant (18) (May 12th) Miss Sloane (15) (May 12th) Colossal (15) (May 19th) King Arthur: Legend of the Sword (12A) (May 19th) Snatched (15) (May 19th) Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul (U) (May 26th) Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge (12A) (May 26th)



St DUNSTAN

Dunstan (909 - 988) was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries, being famous for many stories about defeating the devil.

A story tells how as a monk Dunstan nailed a horseshoe to the Devil's hoof when he was asked to re-shoe the Devil's horse. This caused such pain, and Dunstan only agreed to remove the shoe and release the Devil after he promised never to enter a place where a horseshoe is over the door.



They say that is why people still hang horse shoes over doorways.

St Dunstan is the patron saint of blacksmiths and bell ringers as well as goldsmiths and silversmiths. His Feast Day is 19 May, which is why the date year on the hallmarks on gold and silver runs from 19 to 18 May, not the calendar year.

NOT JUST ON YOUR FEET....

The answers to these are all something you could wear on your feet, but the word also means...

1. A sure-footed pack animal
2. A thin sharp knife
3. A wobbly dessert
4. A poisonous snake
5. Isn't safe on ice
6. A gymnastic move
7. Equipment used to move water
8. An Irish accent
9. Part of a car used for storage
10. A sports coach



What do you call a shoe that looks like a banana?

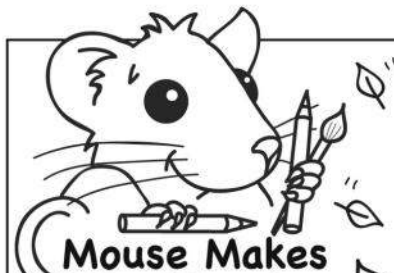
A slipper.

Who always goes to bed with his shoes on?

A horse.



- Answers: 1 Mule 2 Stiletto 3 Jelly
 4 Moccasin 5 Slipper 6 Flip flop
 7 Pump 8 Brogue 9 Boot 10 Trainer



Mouse Makes

S E E K L O S T S
 I G F O Z H M S A V E
 N I O T A X H A L F
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The Man in the Tree

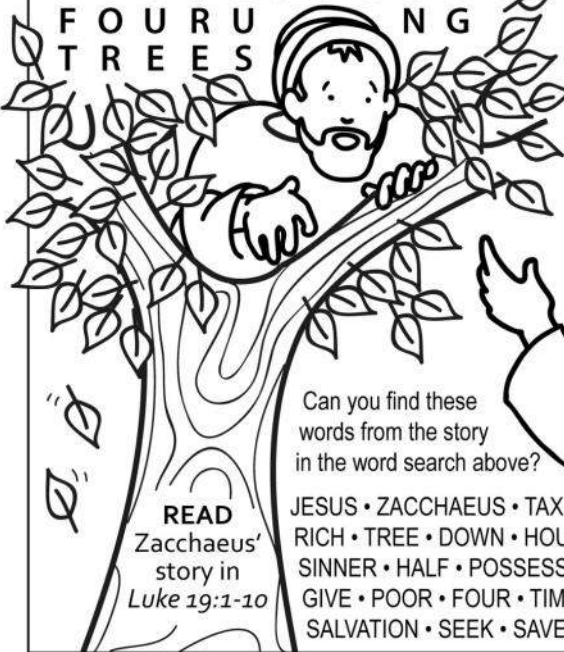
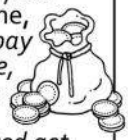
With Jesus passing through the town
 A crowd of people gathered round,
 But as Zacchaeus could not see,
 He ran ahead and climbed a tree.

Jesus stopped as he passed by,
 And saw Zacchaeus there up high,
 Said, "Dear Zacchaeus, come with me,
 I'm going to your house for tea".

Zacchaeus climbed
 down to the floor,
 And walked with Jesus
 to his door,
 Amazed the Lord would
 want to be
 With such a liar and
 cheat as he.

Zacchaeus, sorry for
 all he had done,
 Said, "Lord, I'll pay
 back everyone,
 Half I own I give
 to the poor,
 Those I've cheated get
 four times more."

Jesus said,
 "Today you're saved!"
 Zacchaeus replied,
 "May God be praised!"



Can you find these words from the story in the word search above?

READ
 Zacchaeus' story in
 Luke 19:1-10

- JESUS • ZACCHAEUS • TAX
- RICH • TREE • DOWN • HOUSE
- SINNER • HALF • POSSESSIONS
- GIVE • POOR • FOUR • TIMES • GOD
- SALVATION • SEEK • SAVE • LOST



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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

3rd April	Constance Margaret Peet	Roman Road	84
7th April	William Hewitt	Wigan Road	73
27th April	June Moffett	Belong NH	83

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



9th April	Gholam, Habib and Behrooz	Ashton
23rd April	Lucas Patrick Baxter	Heath Road
	Matilda May Duff	Martindale Crescent, Newtown
	Logan Thomas Rae Fairhurst	Firtree Walk, Lowton
30th April	Olivia Jayne Smith	Golborne Road

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