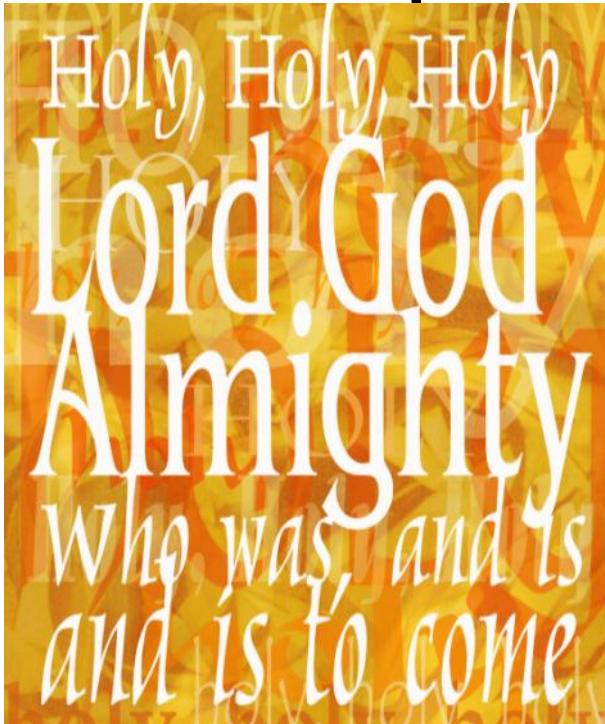


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Church Services in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield

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 721484.

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Important Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at St Thomas Church at 12.45 on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11 am on the 3rd Sunday.

To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's/St Luke's. Parents and Godparents should also be prepared to undertake baptism preparation classes.

Marriage

You can marry in a C of E church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the vicar or call in at Vestry Hour on a Thursday evening.

Funerals

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



Letter from the Vicar



Talking with children and young people will tell you, if you didn't know it already, that culture is changing. Things that were common only 30 years ago are now less common, things today that we take for granted we hadn't even heard of 30 years ago. Then again, have your life and experiences been the same as your parents - or your

grandparents?

One of the things that is happening gradually in our culture is that the focus is more and more away from God. The author Francis Chan, in his book *Crazy Love*, writes: "It may sound 'un-Christian' to say that on some mornings I don't feel like loving God, or I just forget to. But I do." And he is a well-known, experienced church pastor. The problem is that if that happens to us the next morning too, it is not long before it becomes a habit and then a lifestyle.

Despite the decisions that we make each morning, one constant is the love that God has for each one of us. It is a love that is unchanging, ever true and always available. Culture and society may change. Technology and engineering may give us experiences that we couldn't even imagine. The person and the love of God in his son Jesus is eternally unchanging. Whatever culture or age we are in our true hope can be found in Him.

We stand at a crossroads as a church, one where God has given us a great opportunity. We could go down one path that says 'look at us and come and be just like us, we will show you how we do church, the way we have always done it'. Or we could go down the path that sees the church go out into the culture and point people to the hope that we have as





Letter from the Vicar

Christians, and to shine a light on what makes the Christian faith special - Jesus.

Our Transforming Wigan movement seeks to respect the foundation of the church we have inherited, but to see afresh how church may be relevant and offer the hope of Jesus to all. Our task is twofold: to model and offer true Christian community in what we already do, and to prayerfully and lovingly seek to go and build new communities of faith. In both instances the reason and the focus is Jesus and the hope that he offers. Following our call to 'make disciples who make disciples', our task is simply to offer the path of light and of hope in Jesus that brings transformation to individuals and to communities.

Jeremy Thomas

Africa Fund Brunch

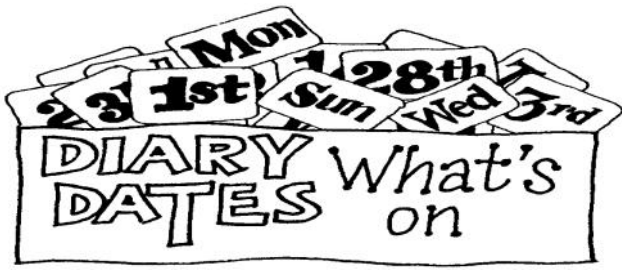
On Saturday 14th November from 10:30am until 12:30pm, we are holding our annual brunch to raise much needed income for our Africa Fund.



The fund supports two Christian projects: a children's home at Rukungiri in South West Uganda and the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Project which provides outlying communities with access to clean water and proper sanitation. Both projects play a massive part in saving and changing lives.



Please come along on 10th to enjoy a delicious lunch and take a look at some of the stalls we will have in place.



Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - November 2015

<u>Monday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	Morning Prayer. Coffee Morning. (Church Hall) Church open for prayer.	9:00am 10:00am - 12:00pm 7.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Morning Prayer.	9.00am
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Communion. Princes Pantry. (St Luke's) Vestry hour.	9:45am 11:30am - 1:00pm 6.30-7.30 pm

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 **Lincoln Drive, Lichfield Grove, Hereford Close and Monmouth Crescent**



Parish News



Book of Remembrance



As a Church we love to remember our friends no longer with us and the names of those who are interred in our Garden of Rest are recorded in the Book of Remembrance. Keeping these treasured records up to date is in itself a work requiring a certain skill with the written word.

There is a ministry waiting for a volunteer who enjoys writing and has that necessary skill. If you feel that this person is you please contact the wardens who will explain what is required.

Africa Fund Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 22nd August we held a sponsored walk to raise money for our Africa Fund. The walk took us from the church hall car park to Billinge Hill and then back to Ashton via a different route. The walk realised an amazing total of £1,866. This is an incredible achievement which was achieved thanks to: the commitment of the 21 people who turned out on the day, the kindness of those who came out to support us and the wonderful generosity of the many sponsors. After gift aid has been added this amount should be worth almost £2,300. The picture was taken at the halfway point at the summit of Billinge Hill.



Each month a number of generous donors support the Africa fund with standing orders. However, the monthly income does not match our donations from the fund to the projects we support.

Events like this sponsored walk therefore play an invaluable part in helping us to meet our commitments.



Mothers Union

DIARY:

Wednesday 18th November Church Hall 7.30pm. Speaker Joan Ogden.

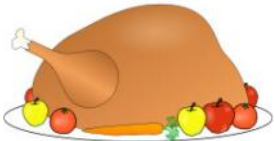
Saturday 28th November Advent and end of Triennial Service at Liverpool Cathedral at 3.00pm.

Advance Notices

Thursday 3rd December Deanery Advent Service in Wigan Parish Church at 2.00pm



Friday 15th January Believe it or not it is already time when I need to tell you about the Mothers Union and Friends Christmas Meal at Bryn Masonic Hall. If you would like to join us on this very enjoyable evening, which is, as always, open to all ladies of the Parish and their friends, we would love to see you. If you wish to come please sign the list at the back of Church and I will let you have a menu so that you can make your choice. I will need the choice of menu at the latest by the 4th January 2015 along with the cost of the meal which is £19.00.



Talking about our Christmas meal reminds me that we shortly need to be thinking about the Christmas gifts that we make to the young people living at Coops Foyer. I will mention this again in our December magazine.

At our Holy Communion Service on Wednesday 9th September I was delighted to enrol 2 new members of the Mothers Union, Claire Hayton and Kayleigh Speakman and to welcome them to the organisation and in particular our branch. I sincerely hope that they will enjoy their membership.



God is my compass
Tho' the wind howls round about me,
I shall not be afraid,
as He cradles me e'er securely
in the hollow of His hand.
Nestled beneath the feathers
of His protection;
surrounded by His Peace, Stillness and Calm.

His banner over me is Love,
channelling the wind like a huge white sail;
the gentle Holy Spirit guides me on,
in the ebb and flow of the tides of life;
transforming even the fearsome breakers,
into beautiful ripples for my good.



His mighty tower of refuge,
like a lighthouse 'gainst the storms;
built with foundations deep
in the Rock of my Salvation.
You promised to be with me
when I pass through the waters,
I will be still and I will know
that You are near Lord;
and that You will teach me the way to go.
Margy

Love and Prayers
Barbara

Apologies to all members of the MU I forgot to send in the article for inclusion in the October Magazine.

FREE WILL OFFERINGS— AUGUST 2015

DATE	AMOUNT	NO. OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE PER ENVELOPE
03/08/15	235.25	58	4.06
10/08/15	431.41	65	6.64
17/08/15	270.10	58	4.66
24/08/15	341.71	62	5.52
31/08/15	362.20	54	6.71
TOTAL	1640.67	297	
AVERAGE	328.13	59	5.52

FREE WILL OFFERINGS— SEPTEMBER 2015

DATE	AMOUNT	NO. OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE PER ENVELOPE
07/09/15	295.37	67	4.41
14/09/15	332.00	60	5.53
21/09/15	208.60	60	3.48
28/09/15	367.00	66	5.56
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AVERAGE	300.74	63	4.75

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Ashton Festival Concert 2015



On Thursday 24th of September, St Thomas's school pupils performed at Byrchall High School, raising funds as part of the annual Ashton-in-Makerfield festival. Years 1 to 6 took their places on stage ready to show the audience just how hard they had been practising. Opening with Queen's 'We Will Rock You', it was clear the hard work had paid off.

The evening included whole school performances, year group performances and soloists; Alisa, Keira, Matthew, Lucia and Rowan. A particularly notable performance included 'Anything You Can Do' which involved half the stage singing the lyrics towards the other half of the stage, a brilliant performance! In other songs, some of our children thought the music was so awesome that they couldn't contain themselves and had to produce some fun dance moves!



All the pupils sung exceedingly well, making their families and teachers very proud! It was a privilege to be in the audience seeing our brilliant young people of St Thomas'. The concert ended with a thoroughly deserved standing ovation from the audience. We would like to thank Byrchall High School, parents, teachers and of course the children themselves who should feel very proud of themselves. St Thomas' has got talent!

New Ethos Group

At the start of the new academic year four enterprising students joined our Ethos Group. Rowan, Thomas, Katie and Hannah have already demonstrated great enthusiasm and passion for helping with our worship

and other activities. They have already helped Mrs Kelsall and myself with our Friends Together Club which explores Christian values through different activities and bible readings, as well as helping Mrs Jones with the Harvest Festival service in church.

We will keep you updated with future projects and events.

Student Prayer of the month

Dear God

Thank you for my loving family, caring friends, brilliant school, amazing teachers, cuddly pets and warm houses.

We are sorry for all the things we have done wrong in our lives.

Please help us to look after our wonderful world and love it as we love you.

Amen



From Eve Johnson, Year 3.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father”.

James 1:17

God bless you all

Elaine Mateus



St Wilfred's Brunch



On Saturday 5th December, please come along and join members of St Wilfred's Church for Brunch in St. Thomas' Church Hall between 10am and 1pm.

The event is to raise funds for the Children of Bethlehem and a school for disabled children in Columbia supported by the church.





Escape - Thursday 8th October

Bible reference: Exodus 14:5–14



The Messy Church session was set in the Old Testament. We discovered a group of people who had trusted God to set them free, but now found themselves in danger once again. And yet God is always in control, bringing the Israelites their true freedom, showing us that we too have nothing to fear, as God is always with us.

This session was a fun session! We made balloon swords and cardboard shields just like the Egyptian soldiers would have had. We thought about how well prepared the Egyptian army were when they came chasing the Israelites, and yet their shields could not defend them from the waters that crashed over them. This made us think about the Israelites as well, who had no weapons. Yet God kept the Israelites safe, and they did not need to fight.

The parting of the red sea was such an amazing event, that we had two different stations for this. First we created a scene with sand paper and blue sugar paper. Just how amazing it would have been to see the sea move when it was parted.



We also created a large fishy collage. We had to imagine what we thought the Israelites would have seen as they walked past the walls of water? Possibly fish, shells, crabs and seaweed. It must have been really strange yet amazing to see.

God used Moses' very ordinary walking stick to separate the waters when Moses held it up so that the Israelites could cross between them. We created a walking stick of our own from bamboo, decorating it with colourful tape.

We created pebble prayers, which included words or pictures of things we

are scared of. We talked about how the Israelites would have felt as they ran away from the Egyptians, and the things they would have found scary. God was with the Israelites, keeping them safe, and he does the same for us too!

On two different stations, a horse and then a chariot could be made. The activity was a little time consuming but we were very proud of our creations when they were completed.



The food station is always a popular station. We created an edible pillar of cloud and fire made with a cornet, butter cream and strawberries – delicious! This lovely food represented how the Israelites followed a pillar of cloud by day which became a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21). The night the Egyptians were chasing the Israelites, God set the pillar between them to protect his people.



As the hall was tidied and cleared, Sue took the children into another room for a sing, and a talk which they all enjoyed. The parting of the red sea was acted out by everyone, and the children were encouraged to think about how the Israelites must have felt. Amazement as the sea moved and terror as the Egyptian army chased behind them.

We finished with fish fingers, baked beans and a bread roll. Pudding was a little iced cake.

Maybe you know someone who doesn't go to church? An invitation to Messy Church may bring them closer to knowing Jesus. Please think about and pray for anyone you could invite along.

Our next Messy Church will be on Thursday 3rd December from 3.30 to 5pm in St Thomas's Church Hall and is a Party/Nativity theme.

Clare Hayton



The Church in the News

Archbishops encourage the Church to welcome those seeking sanctuary

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have spoken out on the refugee crisis affecting tens of thousands of people.



Archbishop Justin urged a compassionate response and called for joint action across Europe to help those in need. “This is a hugely complex and wicked crisis that underlines our human frailty and the fragility of our political systems. My heart is broken by the images and stories of men, women and children who have risked their lives to escape conflict, violence and persecution.

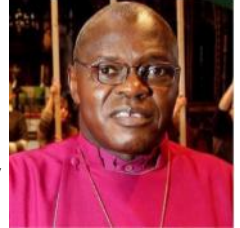
“There are no easy answers and my prayers are with those who find themselves fleeing persecution, as well as those who are struggling under immense pressure to develop an effective and equitable response. Now, perhaps more than ever in post-war Europe, we need to commit to joint action across Europe, acknowledging our common responsibility and our common humanity.

“As Christians we believe we are called to break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves (Leviticus 19:34), and to seek the peace and justice of our God, in our world, today.”

In response to the Prime Minister’s statement on Syrian refugees in the House of Lords, Archbishop Justin highlighted work done through the overseas aid budget and the work of the Royal Navy. But he said that the Government’s commitment to receive 20,000 refugees over the next five years was “still a very slim response in comparison to the figures given by the UNHCR and the European Commission, and to the other needs we see.”

He also encouraged the Government to consider the implications of not dealing with the conditions in the camps.

The Archbishop of York also wrote personally reflecting on his circumstances of seeking sanctuary within the United Kingdom.



“Having spent 41 years of my life in this country - more than in the country of my birth, I have become more than what I once was – a sanctuary seeker from a country torn apart by a brutal dictator... The current situation has rightly been described as a refugee crisis. But it is also a time of opportunity for us as a country and for our wider continent. The opportunity before us is to rise above narrow self-interest, however defined, and to embrace the highest parts of our humanity...

“As individuals, as a nation and as a continent we have an opportunity to do great things in response to this crisis. Now is the time. Let our leaders show they have heard us. May they respond with a compassionate heart and a cool head. May they not only pull people out of the water and save them from drowning but also go to the source and stop those who are pushing them in. Those countries people are fleeing from and the people smugglers and human traffickers must be held to account. The International community must be engaged!”

Read more by following the links below: Archbishop of Canterbury - bit.ly/CanterburyRefugee Archbishop of York - bit.ly/YorkRefugee





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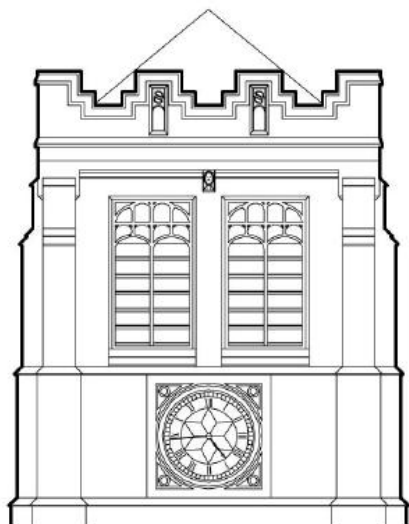
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14TH NOV	Mrs Laites, Mrs Malley, Mrs Vella, Kayleigh Speakman
21ST NOV	Mrs Edwardson, Mrs Cook
28TH NOV	Mrs Hibbert, Mrs Lyon, Mrs Davies

FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING NOVEMBER		
DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
1ST NOV	VACANT	In memory of all loved ones from Jean and Les Johnson
8TH NOV	In memory of Annie and Frank Leyland and all loved ones from Hilda Edwardson	In memory of Dad from Allen and Pauline Rowe
15TH NOV	VACANT	VACANT
22ND NOV	Anniversary remembrance of Allan Deluce (23rd Nov) from Elsie and family	Anniversary remembrance of Susan Cherrington (23rd Nov) a dear wife, Mum, daughter, sister and Auntie
29TH NOV	VACANT	In loving memory of Beatrice Brown a much lived Auntie from Joan, Dennis and Wendy



St Thomas' Flowers



FLOWER GUILD DONATIONS

Thanksgiving for the Baptism (11th Oct) of Sophia Marie Melling from Great Grandma and Great Grandad Melling.

In loving memory of Robert Hedley Hilton and Robert Ian Hilton (Anniversary 26th Oct and Birthday 14th November) from Margaret, Alison, Adrian, Rebecca and Christopher

In memory of all loved ones from Marion Bullen



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The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Everest (12A) Directed by Baltasar Kormakur

Stars: Jason Clarke, Josh Brolin, Jake Gyllenhaal, John Hawkes, Emma Watson, Keira Knightley, Sam Worthington, Martin Henderson, Michael Kelly, Elizabeth Debicki, Robin Wright, Mia Goth, and Tom-Goodman Hill

In a Nutshell: One of the big things about movies is they allow for the chance to transport you to places you'd either only dream of going to in real life or that you'd think twice about going near unless you were really brave. There's another movie that does this very very well but you can hear about that next month... for now we can talk about Everest, which also does this remarkably well too... and after seeing this film, you wouldn't want to really climb the mountain anyway. The first thing that's extraordinary is the cast which is a great thing because to engage with all the stories going on of all the people, you want high quality names you either know or recognize to help you through and basically care about what happens to them in the end. So you can nice sterling support from Brolin, Jake, Hawkes and Worthington whilst Jason Clarke is tremendous in the leading role... and there's fantastic support from Watson and Knightley as the ladies caught up in the drama amongst many others, all pretty terrific too with special mention to Jake Gyllenhaal, so likeable and fun as always. The scenery and the camera work is amazing and along with what has to be some effects and sheer effort, the spectacle of being up that moment in those hard terrains in tough times is flawlessly recreated to stunning effect. It's the real drama of the story that's the draw though and it really does deliver... this is a dramatic and heartwrenching tale of people and their lives and how it's affected by the devastating trek up this perilous peak... if you don't know the story, I won't say much except it's really moving and emotional... and this heart wrenching drama mixed up with heart stopping visuals and a great cast equals a movie mixture well worth giving a taste. **Rating: 9/10**



American Ultra (15) Directed by Nima Nourizadeh

Stars: Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Topher Grace, Connie Britton, Bill Pullman, John Leguizamo, Walton Goggins, Tony Hale, Stuart Greer, and Nash Edgerton

In a Nutshell: Some films just flat out refuse to be held down and be easy to



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review. You just can't get the words right, it could be a simple premise or simply a simple film.... but you get stuck on summing it up all the same. The same can be said for this action comedy thriller... a paranoid CIA thriller that is also about loser teenagers being a bit clueless and loads of crazy violence that is basically what happens when you mix the two genres and you get the revelation of someone who is basically thought to be incapable of much being a efficient spy and killing machine. This is a film of all over the place craziness, all sorts of things... so where can you begin? Well the cast is impressive and all doing fun work.... both Eisenberg and Stewart are really bringing their A-Game and are both absolutely marvellous, whilst Leguizamo steals the film in a short space of time and Topher Grace does a fantastic fightropo job of smiley charming and then full blown rage... whilst the rest of the support are fun too, though give Bill Pullman more to do, he's Bill Pullman! But yeah, tough to really sum this up in a decent way.... the drama and the characters hits surprisingly well... though it jars sometimes when trying to be mixed with the crazy action fest, but the laughs manage to be had (what there are of them, for a supposed comedy it only really even tries to hit a high gag watermark a few times, simply settling on being fun and quirky and that's fine) and the action is terrifically done... in the end, it's a fun and insanely quirky movie (the end credits are some of the most insanely bonkers wonderment ever) that is simply that, something solid to enjoy and then it'll probably be a bit forgotten by most. Check it out though, cause it can be wonderful at times. **Rating: 7/10**



Also Seen: Legend (18) 8/10

Also Out in November

Kitchen Sink (15) (Nov 6th) Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse (15) (Nov 6th) Kill Your Friends (15) (Nov 6th) Burnt (12A) (Nov 6th) The Hollow (15) (Nov 13th) The Lady in the Van (12A) (Nov 13th) Steve Jobs (15) (Nov 13th) The Dressmaker (15) (Nov 20th) The Hunger Games: Mockingjay- Part II (12A) (Nov 20th) Black Mass (15) (Nov 27th) Bridge of Spies (15) (Nov 27th) Carol (15) (Nov 27th) The Good Dinosaur (U) (Nov 27th)



St Thomas' November Donations



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.

Please make any cheques payable to **St Thomas' PCC**. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

Thank you.

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With Thanks for Home Communion:

Alice Ashley, Jean Brown, Brenda Percival, Marion Bullen, H Winstanley, Mary Shaw, Georgina Jones,

Other Donations:

Africa Fund (JFJ Training, Mr and Mrs J Cain, S Barker, Anon), Jennifer Hickey

With effect from the **May** magazine we will only be showing the total of all donations made in the month, not the breakdown across the different funds. A record of the amounts for each fund will still be kept for accounting purposes.

Funds currently in use are: Africa Fund, Audio Visual, Building & Maintenance, Church Hall, Garden of Rest, General, Grave Maintenance, Heath Road Graveyard, Heating and Youth worker

Unless otherwise stated donations will go into the General Fund.

**TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY ST THOMAS'
FOR NOVEMBER 2015 £835**

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Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of Elizabeth Alice Winstanley (7th and 19th Nov) and **William Winstanley** (18th and 19th Nov) from Nancy and George

In Loving Memory of Robert Hedley Hilton and Robert Ian Hilton
From Margaret, Alison, Adrian, Rebecca and Christopher

Anniversary Remembrance of Graham McLaren (20th Sept) a dearly loved Dad and Grandad, from Pauline, Kevin, Susan, Nick, Jack and Scarlett

Allan Deluce, (23rd Nov) a much loved Husband and Dad from Elsie and Family

A Dear Brother, **Allan Deluce**, (23rd Nov) from Jean

Peter Raymond (8th Nov) from Margaret and Family

In Memory of Catherine Hurst from David Hurst

Anniversary Remembrance of Susan Cherrington (23 Nov)
- a dear wife, mum, daughter, sister & auntie

Brian, Samuel & Matthew	Mum
Karen, Jimmy, Laura, Andrew, Gary, Leah & Mason	Janet, Victoria, Rachael & Jonathon
Craig & Nicola	Wendy, Adrian, Michael & Bethany

Tracy, Ian, Ethan & Jessica

St Lukes' Donations



For Dylan's Thanksgiving service from Peggy and John



POPPIES

Poppies flower in the summer, don't they? So why poppies in November? You will see them everywhere in the next week or so, and everyone from the smallest Rainbow or Beaver to the Queen will be wearing a poppy on Remembrance Sunday.

We wear poppies because, among all the mud and chaos of the battlefields of the Great War, men were amazed to see the humble field flower of home spring up where the earth was disturbed – a blood red splash of colour in a sea of khaki.



When the British Legion started an appeal to help those whose bodies or minds had been smashed by war, the poppy seemed an ideal symbol. And even now, when World War I and II seem so far away, our troops are fighting, being wounded and dying; reminding us that the poppy is also a symbol of sacrifice.

PRINT A POPPY

How? Well the answer lies in your own hands. You will need a white paper plate, red and black finger or poster paint and two margarine lids or saucers to put the paint on.

Put some newspaper on the table and start. Squeeze some red paint onto one lid or saucer and put black paint on the other one. Put your thumb into the red paint and use it to make 5 overlapping petals in a circle on the edge of your plate. Put your index finger into the black paint and use it to stamp a centre for your poppy.

Continue printing poppies all round the edge of your plate to make a wreath. Leave it to dry and then you can write 'Lest We Forget' or 'Remembrance' in the middle of the plate. You could hang the plate in your front window to share with others.



When is the first food fight mentioned in the Bible?

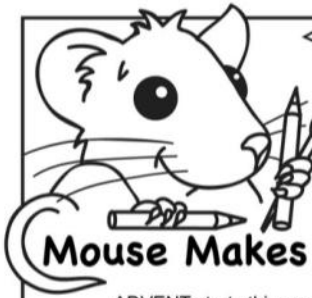
'I looked and behold a flying roll!'
(Zech 5:1 KJV)

Do you know the phone number for the Garden of Eden?

Adam 8-1-2

Did you know that Paul was the 1st surfer in the Bible?

Remember in Acts when he 'came ashore on a board'?

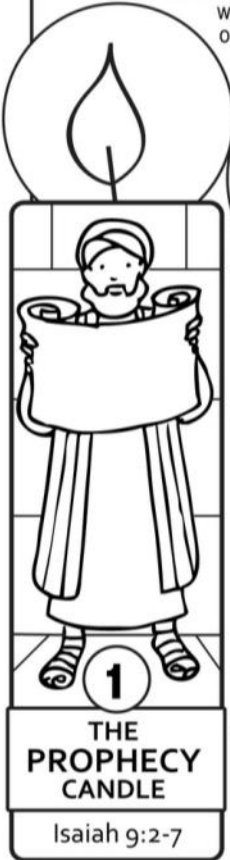


THE FOUR CANDLES OF ADVENT

The **Prophecy** Candle reminds us God's prophets fortold Jesus' birth. The **Bethlehem** Candle reminds us Jesus, our Saviour, was born in an ordinary town among ordinary people. The **Shepherd's** Candle reminds us that the first to worship Jesus were the Shepherds. The **Angel's** candle reminds us that it was the angels who announced the

ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

birth of Jesus and will be with Him at his return.



☆ Colour in one candle each Sunday in ADVENT and countdown to Christmas ☆

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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

5th Sept.	Lesley Shaw	Ware Close	49yrs
8th Sept.	Winnifred Carter	Bedford Place	80yrs

Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



5th Sept	Joshua George & Kirsty Deluce
26th Sept	Daniel Bird & Rachel Morris

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



13th Sept.	Imogen Rose Mitchell	York Road
	Ellie May Lexie Scriven	Downbrook Way
	Harris Peter Broxton	Thompson Street
11th Oct.	Sophie Grace Bowen	Mansart Close
	Sophia Marie Melling	Greenall Street
18th Oct	Joshua Hickey	Spindle Hillock

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

<p><u>Boys Brigade</u> 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</p>	<p><u>Girl Guides</u> 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)</p>
<p><u>Music Group</u> Mary Owen (203277) Sunday – 10.45 a.m.</p>	
<p><u>St Thomas' Choir</u> Sunday - 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m. Paul Tushingam (711085)</p>	<p><u>Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'</u> Tues - 10 a.m. Thurs - (after 9.45 a.m. communion) Barbara Taylor (205136)</p>
<p><u>Children's Sunday Clubs – 10.45 a.m.</u> Bubbles (Pre-School) Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6) Bell Tower (Y7-Y11) Sue Thomas (727275) sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk</p>	<p><u>St Luke's Over Sixties</u> Monday – 2.00 p.m. Meet at Stubshaw Cross Labour Club</p>
<p><u>Wednesday Weenies</u> Wed – 1.00 p.m.: Jan Cornthwaite (721626)</p>	<p><u>St. Luke's Donation Secretary</u> Mike Pye (517318)</p>
<p><u>Youth Work</u> Sue Thomas (727275)</p>	<p><u>St. Luke's Treasurer</u> John Boon</p>
<p><u>Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)</u> Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall Ceri Mansell (727417)</p>	<p>The PCC Secretary Dorothy Burgess (701542) dottib1@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p><u>St Thomas' Mothers' Union</u> 3rd Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Barbara Taylor (205136)</p>	<p><u>Flower Guild</u> Meta Laites (723679)</p>
<p><u>Bowling Club</u> Henry Hunter (712709)</p>	

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