

St.Thomas' and St. Luke's Ashton-In-Makerfield Church Magazine

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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.

Deadlines: Handwritten material should be given to Malcolm Taylor, and email material to stthomasandstlukesmagazine@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

We invite and welcome people to church, those new and those who maybe once came and have been away for a while. The key to them feeling that they belong is much simpler, and more profound than just finding a loving community. We can only feel a sense of belonging to a Christian community when Jesus has not only been revealed to us but we have grasped who he is, why he came, what he has achieved and how we can know him for ourselves.

In his book 'The Cost of Discipleship', the German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer begins with the question "In the last resort, what we want to know is not, what would this or that person, or this or that Church, have of us, but what Jesus Christ himself wants of us." He asks "What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today? How can he help us be good Christians in the modern world?"

Christian faith is not one that removes the realities of life, but it is one that begins to make sense of them in the light of our knowledge of God through Jesus. When we begin to get answers to these questions, when we make our own faith commitment to Jesus, we find that although life becomes more purposeful, more focused and more fulfilled, it doesn't become easier.

Bonhoeffer paid the ultimate price in Germany as he resisted the Nazi dictatorship; particularly in it's persecution of Jews. He was executed two weeks before the end of the war in 1945. We hear today, in the news reports, of the persecution, displacement and destruction of Christian communities in the wars in the Middle East. Each report is not a story of unnamed strangers, but of brothers and sisters in our faith in Jesus.

When we belong to a local church, and find a loving faith community, we can enjoy the comfort of our worship and our weekly walk with other people like us. But we should never lose sight of the fact that to be joined in our faith to Jesus is to join us with every other Christian worldwide. Ultimately our



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belonging is in Christ. It is in the personal, local and global contexts of Christ's family that we may begin to find answers for ourselves to the questions "What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today? How can he help us be good Christians in the modern world?"

Jeremy Thomas

Thank You

It has now been three months since I was priested in Liverpool Cathedral. It was a wonderful occasion, one which I will never forget and I want to thank each one of you for your love, support and your prayers.

Before my priesting, I did have some concerns about how I would manage to fulfil my role as a priest from a wheelchair. However, I needn't have worried, because I have received so much practical help and encouragement from so many people at St Thomas's and St Luke's that I am able to cope with all that I am called on to do.

But, I would like to thank all those who help in so many ways; those who move the table into place when I am presiding, those who prepare the table and make it look so beautiful, those who assist at communion and help me to manage as I preside. I know all these people offer their service to God in a quiet and loving way and do not look for thanks, but without them our church would be a far less loving community.

I would also of course like to thank Helen and Jeremy for their advice and support as I learn from their experience and also the congregations of both our churches for their acceptance and support. I thank God that he has placed me in such a great community of Saints.

Love Izzy Schafer



Daily / Weekly Events in our Church – October 2014

<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 work and live in:
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Mothers Union

Diary Branch dates

Wednesday 1st October at St Luke's 7.30pm Speaker Paul Storey from Coops Foyer. This will be our last meeting at St Lukes' as mentioned in September Magazine so please do try to attend

Wednesday 15th October at St Thomas Church Hall 7.30pm Speaker Irene Kelly from the Magistracy.

Friday 3rd October

Women's World Day of Prayer at Canons Hall St Oswalds Church at 1.30pm

Advance notice

Wednesday 5th November at St Thomas' 7.30pm Gift Wrapping with a difference Demonstrations and workshops. This meeting is open to anyone who may be interested.

Thursday 20th November Liverpool Cathedral Day with Bishop Richard presiding.

At our Holy Communion Service on Wednesday 17th September I had the privilege of Enrolling 6 new members of the Mothers Union, Jan Cornthwaite, Morag Crossley, Vivienne Howarth, Avril Littler and Helen Stuart. I am delighted to welcome them to the organisation and in particular this branch. I sincerely hope that they will enjoy their membership.

Service

Father, we ask that you will help us to understand the wonder and diversity of service to you.

We remember Jesus washing the disciple's feet the night before he was put to death, and his command for us to do likewise.

Teach us to see the wonder of service to others through the Mothers' Union and the Church as an expression of your will. We ask you to make our lives,

and those we touch, more worthwhile and ask you to use us more and more as we grow in love for you and for each other.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

Love and prayers

Barbara

*Love and prayers
Barbara*

FREE WILL OFFERINGS - AUGUST 2014

DATE	AMOUNT	NO. OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE PER ENVELOPE
4/08/14	598.25	85	7.04
11/08/14	413.70	81	5.11
18/08/14	543.31	91	5.97
25/08/14	354.50	56	6.33
TOTAL	1909.76	313	
AVERAGE	477.44	78	6.10



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

Welcome to our new reception children and their families as they join our school community. All the new children have settled well and are making new friends and already learning new things.

Equally, last years' Y6 children have settled well in their new high schools, having left St. Thomas' well prepared for the next step on their learning journey.

School looked fantastic when we returned in September. Due to the hard work and dedication of all staff everything was in place to deliver the new curriculum,

Over the summer holidays extensive work took place on our outdoor learning area for reception children. It looks amazing with brightly coloured safety flooring, and astro turf. Sun shades have been fitted making the area accessible in all weather. This will really support children's learning.

Our new refurbished kitchen is now fully up and running, complete with dishwasher. This is making life much easier for Mrs Harrison and the rest of the kitchen staff who do such a wonderful job in preparing lunch for over 150 pupils.

At the beginning of term Mrs Crawley led training for the whole staff giving us the opportunity to reflect on the centrality of Christian values in our school. We looked at how the scriptures are used to support these values and beliefs. Anyone who knows our school well, we are sure, agree that these values are evident of everything we do.

As a whole school community we have chosen four core values to explore deeper. These values are: Respect, Forgiveness, Truthfulness, and service. The church and the governing body will, as always, support us with this work to enrich the Christian community of the school.

Our prayer for this term, linked to our value of forgiveness, is:

Lord God,

We thank you that you always forgive us. Help us when we are hurt to forgive others and to be fair even if others are unfair. Help us to be kind to people even if they have not been kind to us.

Help us to forgive them, as you forgive us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kath Crawley and Elaine Mateus



The man who wanted bigger barns

Do you remember the setting? Jesus was asked by a man to make his brother share their father's inheritance with him. Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that? Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Jesus went on to tell the man a story.

A rich man's farm produced a big crop, and he said to himself, "What can I do? I don't have a place large enough to store everything."

Later, he said, "Now I know what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I can store all my grain and other goods. Then I'll say to myself, 'You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come. Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.'"

But God said to him, "You fool! Tonight you will die. Then who will get what you have stored up?"

"This is what happens to people who store up everything for themselves, but are poor in the sight of God." (Luke 15:16-21 CEV)



This Messy Church we 'ploughed' a field (it was actually moist soil in a paddling pool and the ploughs were paint scrapers) and then took some soil and planted some crocus bulbs in a pot to take

home. We filled the barn on our collage with lots of different sorts of grains, rice and lentils and planted the fields too.



We built a barn out of a mixture of Magnetix, Jenga and building blocks and another out of different biscuits and

buttercream. They were tasty! A third barn doubled up as a money box, so that we can learn from the story and save money up to give away.



There were lots of different raw vegetables to try; mushroom, mange tout, beans, baby corn, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, peppers and some blueberries too. We also wrote prayers on cut outs of our favourite fruit, vegetables or fish.

You can't have Messy Church without some mess and although the soil was pretty muddy, the messiest activity was making tractor tracks by dipping its wheels in different coloured paint and then running them along the paper. They made some amazing patterns!

Our last activity was a challenge. Two people had to try to pack two piles of clothes into their rucksack with the fastest dedared the winner. There were so many clothes on the table and we wondered how many more dothes we have in our wardrobes at home? How often do we buy new clothes that we don't really need? It was sobering to think that many people in the world could fit all their clothes into a rucksack with ease. I'm not sure how many suitcases I would need!

The children acted out the bible story in their celebration time, with the rich man's servants planting, watering, waiting and then harvesting the abundant crops. They all decided that it was far better to share what they had rather than just store it up for themselves.

Our next Messy Church will be on November 27th in the church hall. We are always looking for people to help on the day. If you are coming with an older child and wouldn't mind helping a little until the young people arrive from high school, then please get in touch with Messy Sue on 07877 704645 or sue@stthomasstluke.org.uk. Don't forget that we welcome all ages to Messy Church - you don't have to bring a child!



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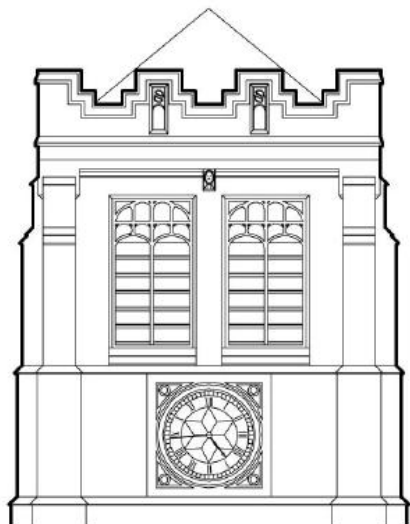
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DATE	ALTAR	LADY CHAPEL
5TH OCT	HARVEST—CONGREGATION	HARVEST—CONGREGATION
12TH OCT	HARVEST—CONGREGATION	HARVEST—CONGREGATION
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FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING OCTOBER	
DATE	
4TH OCT	VACANT
11TH OCT	VACANT
18TH OCT	Anniversary remembrance from Margaret Cook (21st October)
25TH OCT	Anniversary remembrance of my dear mother from Pat Roberts and family (26th October)



The Film Review With Rob Carson



Guardians of the Galaxy (12A) Directed by James Gunn
Stars: Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Bradley Cooper, Vin Diesel, Dave Bautista, Karen Gillan, Lee Pace, Michael Rooker, Josh Brolin, John.C.Reilly, Peter Serafinowicz, Glenn Close, and Djimon Honsou



In a Nutshell: When you think they can't possibly better themselves, after the terrific nature of The Avengers, The Winter Soldier and The Dark World.... oh look Marvel not only do their best movie yet but one of the best movies to come along in decades. From the wild and crazy yet beautifully relatable characters to the killer soundtrack, the whip smart dialogue and the wild references to 80s pop culture that all appeals not just to my favourite instincts but audiences worldwide. The cast is wildly eclectic, and even if actors like Honsou, Close and Serafinowicz are undersold they still have their moments of fun, and though Gillan and Pace may be a bit undercooked as the villains, they still menace enough to fit the bill... after all, this is called Guardians and it is the show of the big heroes from Saldana on reliable feisty form, the revelation of Bautista, both moving and very very funny, and not least Pratt, a bonafide star in the making.... both very charming, very dashing and good at it all... whilst Cooper's Rocket Raccoon is a scream and what can you say about Groot (Diesel)? He's adorable and a genius creation. There's cameos, great support actors and loads to treasure and savour throughout.. I could go on and on and on, but like the Lego Movie and many other wonderful wonderful movies, this really is a treasure to unlock for yourself, get hooked on this feeling and you'll be high on believing!

Rating: 10/10



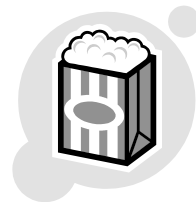
The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Sin City: A Dame to Kill For (18) Directed by Robert Rodriguez and Frank Miller

Stars: Jessica Alba, Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Eva Green, Josh Brolin, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Powers Boothe, Rosario Dawson, Dennis Haysbert, Juno Temple, Alexa PenaVega, Jamie Chung, Jaime King, and Marton Csokas



In a Nutshell: It's hard when there is a sizeable gap between movies, I mean none quite as big as the gap between the original Wizard of Oz in 1939 and the underrated and pretty terrifying Return to Oz in 1985 but still... bringing a second movie out so long after the first, will people be as bothered? There's been concern about how long it's been since the first Sin City almost ten years ago, but this is about what I think rather than what the general buzz is, and I'd say that isn't the big problem... the problem is continuity. In this follow on, characters die and do things both of which conflict with said characters actions in the first movie... and fair enough, it's a prequel AND a sequel, so it's allowed to do this... it's just so hard to tell where this falls in the timeline and if it adds up, so that does jar. Otherwise this is a really solid return to the world of the first that may not be as strong and gripping on the whole but is still great fun and pretty exciting and boasts some solid turns all the same, not least Mickey Rourke, once again wonderful as the insane Marv.... while Joseph Gordon Levitt proves he's the hot ticket as the hot head gambler whose luck might be about to run out... Eva Green is well, Eva Green... sexy and seductive and terrific at playing both innocent and the opposite, whilst Powers Boothe is a cackling wonder as the evil Senator Roark.... it goes without saying it looks stunning throughout, some of the finest effects and cinematography there is, utterly gorgeous. Basically, the short line is if you liked the first you'll this next installment just fine... if you weren't fussed first time round, you'll likely not be impressed this time. It does what it does, and what it does is great gorgeously shot fun with a great cast.... here's hoping for more in the future and sooner.... Rating: 8/10

Also Seen: The Inbetweeners II (15) 9/10 The Expendables III (12A) 7/10
Lucy (15) 8/10

Also Out in October: Dracula Untold (15) Gone Girl (15) Life after Beth (15) The Calling (15) The Maze Runner (12A) Kingsman: The Secret Service (15) The Babadook (15)

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31st OCTOBER – ALL HALLOW'S EVE

Many customs are linked with this day – most of them because this was the 'day before'. To the Celts it was the day before winter and the New Year officially began. In later years it became the day before, or eve of, the Christian festival of All Hallows, or All Saints' Day.

The Eve of All Hallows (Hallow's Eve gradually became the word 'Halloween') was the day for driving out evil – which makes it seem very strange now that some people 'celebrate' Halloween by dressing up as witches and monsters and having special parties.

Wouldn't it be better for us as Christians to celebrate by dressing up as angels and saints rather than as ghosts and devils?



BEFORE & AFTER

The answer to these questions are either 'befores' or 'afters'...

1. What comes before thunder?
2. What comes after red on traffic lights?
3. What comes after Advent?
4. What comes before green in the colours of the rainbow?
5. What comes after dusk?
6. What comes after revision?
7. What comes before a surname?
8. What book comes before the Book of Ruth in the Bible?
9. What comes after Lent?
10. According to the proverb, what comes before a fall?

Why did the angel lose her job?

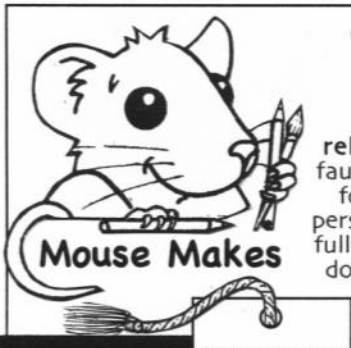
She had
harp failure.



How do angels greet each other?

They say 'Halo'.

Answers: 1. lightning 2. amber
3. Christmas 4. yellow 5. night 6. exams
7. fore or Christian names 8. Judges
9. Easter 10. pride



GOD'S WORD FOR US
 "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for **teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction** for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed."
2 Timothy 3:16-17



READ
 Psalm
 119:105
 Proverbs
 30:5,6

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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

28th July	Iris Bradshaw	Glendale Avenue	77yrs
18th Aug.	Peter Allcroft	Lowbank Road	75yrs
19th Aug.	Marie Isobel Auskahis	Wentworth	
20th Aug.	Muriel Hampson	Westwood Lodge	92yrs
26th Aug.	Barbara Jennings	Welland Road	73yrs
3rd Sept.	Ernest Albert Owens	Diane Road	71 yrs

Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



16th Aug.	Chris Rigby & Collette Roughley
19th Sept.	Darren Ashcroft & Nicola Harker

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



29th June	Maxwell Alan Summers	Townfields Avenue
	Rachel Deborah Summers	Townfields Avenue
17th Aug.	Daniel Bernard Church	Trent Road
	Keegan Geoffrey Moss	Trent Road
24th Aug.	Amelia Rose Hillin	Princess Road
	Isaac Stuart James Hindley	Tenbury Drive
14th Sept.	Brook Faith Taylor	Orchard Street
	Ruby Mae Jane Jennion	Ashwood Avenue

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

Boys Brigade

Captain: Gareth Hamlett (01744 752505)

Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 6.00 p.m.)

Olwen Wright (389595)

Junior Section (Wednesday: 6.30 p.m.)

Kevin Pennington (07894048476)

Company Section

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.) & (Friday: 7.00 pm)

Jonty Cornthwaite (721626)

Girl Guides

Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)

Anne Wooff (724207)

3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies

(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)

Irene Taylor (703410)

Susan Hughes (725291)

St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.00 p.m.)

Helen Hughes (748863)

3rd Ashton Guides & Ranger Guides

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)

Rachel Starkie (718350)

Music Group Mary Owen (203277)

Sunday – 10.45 a.m.

Practice – Monday : 7.30 p.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

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Friday Drop In

Friday - 8-9.30pm (Y7-Y11)

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

Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall

Ceri Mansell (727417)

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1st Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Bobbie Masnyk

(718473)

St Thomas' Mothers' Union

3rd Wed: 7.30 p.m.: Barbara Taylor (205136)

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Bowling Club

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