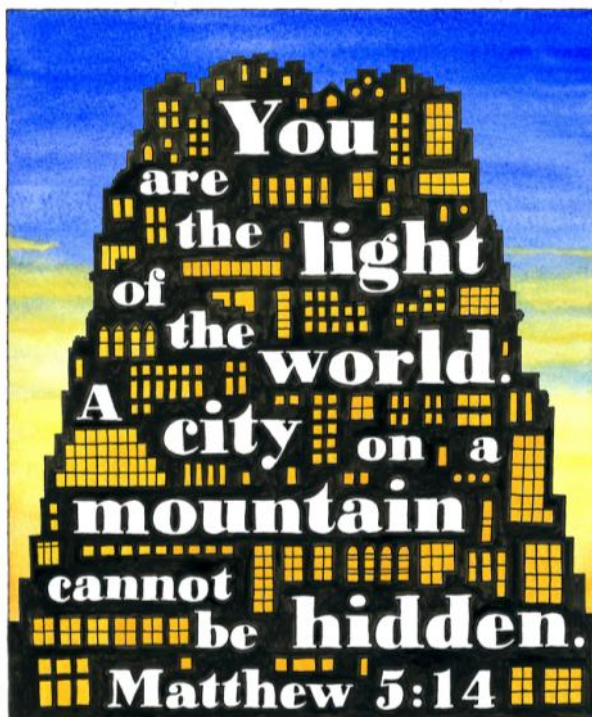


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St Thomas's		St Luke's	
9.00a.m.	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday Only)
10.45 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday Parade & 4th Sunday Family Communion)		Family Worship (2nd Sunday Family Communion)
6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship (3rd and 5th 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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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

There are some pretty good reasons why thanksgiving should be an important part of our approach to life.



Thanksgiving is one of the healthiest of all human emotions, it is said that gratitude produces more positive emotional energy than any other attitude in life.

Thanking also points to something about the person who is the one offering thanks, about their character, about the way they think of others.



Thanking someone puts them centre stage. The focus of conversation rests on them for that moment. Heartfelt thanks elevates them in the thoughts and hearts of those who are thankful.

When thanks are offered to someone in front of others, it points others to them, to what they have done, to what we are thankful for and to who the person is.

Our Harvest Festival is an obvious time where we pause to give thanks to God, an occasion of joy and celebration reflecting on all the good things that God has given to and done for his people. This is a great time of year to focus on God's provision and His love that this demonstrates. We thank him for the blessings of life.



All the more powerful as a witness to God is our thanksgiving in the times when life is difficult. We need not be thankful *for* the difficult times, but



Letter from the Vicar



thankful *in* them. This is very different. Being thankful to God in troubled times allows us to see past them and ultimately to use them for good.

We say thank you to God when we spend time with Him, when we reach out to others, when we serve in His name, when we share our

faith, when we speak of his son Jesus, when we reach out to hurting people, when we praise him from our hearts whatever season of life we are in.



Reviewing the reasons to be thankful above; placing God as the object of our thanks - benefits ourselves, testifies to our character as Christians and most importantly places Him centre stage, elevated in the thoughts of the thankful and those who hear.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Jeremy Thomas

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Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - October 2016

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

These are the usual events in our church, please see the notices for details of other activities taking place. For details of organisations and who to contact see back page of magazine.

Streets for Prayer: This month we are praying for the people who live and work in **Old Road (Even numbers)**

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Parish News



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Mothers Union

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Thursday 6th October Indoor Members Service at St Mark's Church, Newtown at 7.30pm

Friday 7th October Women's World Day of Prayer in St Thomas' Church at 1.30pm



Wednesday 19th October at St Thomas' Church Hall at 7.30pm. Speaker is George Seddon a Silverline Volunteer. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the topic of loneliness.

In 1876 Mothers' Union founder Mary Sumner had printed a run of fifty cards with practical advice for mothers. There was a hymn on one side and, on the reverse, the following text:

'Remember that your children are given up, body and soul, to Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism, and that your duty is to train them for His service.

1. Try by God's help, to make them obedient, truthful and pure.
2. Never allow coarse jests, bad angry words, or low talk in your house. Speak gently.
3. You are strongly advised never to give your children beer, wine or spirits without doctor's orders, or to send young people to the public house.
4. Do not allow your girls to go about the streets at night, and keep them from unsafe companions and from dangerous amusements.
5. Be careful that your children do not read bad books, or police reports.
6. Set them a good example in word and deed.
7. Kneel down, and pray to God morning and evening and teach your children to pray.
8. Try to read a few verses of the Bible daily, and come to Church as regularly as possible.'





Mothers Union

Living Lord,

We give you our thanks for the life of Mothers' Union and for your love so freely given that is still alive and active in us as we celebrate our 140th year.

We thank you for the memories, and ask that you will strengthen and empower us for the future.

We seek to walk with you Lord, and we desire to take your love out into the world

Strengthen us to do this, with fresh inspiration and vision. We also give you thanks, for what began in such a small way, is now known as the Mothers' Union Worldwide.



May we continue to be your hands, to bring support: your feet to follow where you lead; and your voice to bring love, hope and compassion.

May many lives be enriched and transformed through all that we do in your name. Without you in our lives, what we do is in vain.

Help us Lord, to strengthen our prayer lives, so that we may become channels of your love with all those we meet in our everyday lives.

We ask all this in the name of the living Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Wendy Roberts

Love and prayers Barbara



St. Thomas' C of E Primary School

New Academic Year

It is back to school after the summer break and Mrs Jones, teachers, staff and all the pupils sincerely hope that all our church family have had a peaceful relaxing summer.



On our first day back, Tuesday 6th September, all children were very excited about going into their new class rooms with new teachers, with some having moved from the infants into the juniors (feeling very grown up). We also welcomed our new reception class who have settled in very quickly and happily, making lots of new friends and experimenting new things making learning "fun".

The new school year could not have started on a more positive way than with our full school assembly, led by Mrs Jones (Head Teacher).

Mrs Jones' main message to everyone was to be brave and don't be afraid of trying new things, not to give up without having a go even when you think you can't do something.

At the end of the assembly Thomas Oaks and Rowan Smith, members of our School Ethos Team, said a very meaningful prayer:

New Term and New Year

*We have had a time to rest,
And now we are full of
energy.*

*We have had a time to think,
And now are full of ideas.
We have had a time to stop,
And now it is time to get going.
Be with us, God, we pray.*



Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God, will be with you wherever you go.

**In Christian Love,
Elaine Mateus.**



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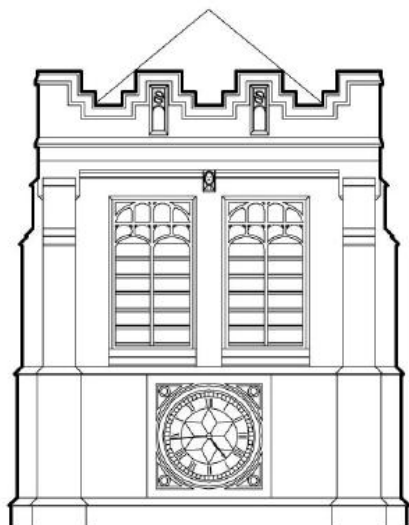
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Africa Fund



Africa Fund Evening Meal

On Saturday 3rd September we held our annual evening meal at St Luke's to provide much needed income for our Africa Fund. The fund supports two Christian projects in South West Uganda: a children's home at Rukungiri 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.

During the meal we were brilliantly entertained by Alex Hancock and her accompanist Aristi. The meal and the raffle raised a combined total £590. Special thanks go to those who cooked and served our meals

Africa Fund Sponsored Walk

A week later, we held a sponsored walk to raise money for the Africa Fund. The walk took us from the church hall car park to Carr Mill and then back to Ashton via a different route. The final total has yet to be determined but at the time of writing we appear to heading for approximately £1,100.



This is a great effort which was achieved thanks to: the commitment of the 17 people who turned out on the day, the kindness of those who came out to support us and the generosity of the many sponsors. The following picture was taken on the church hall car park at the start of our walk.

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 the sponsored walk and the evening meal therefore play an invaluable part in helping us to meet our commitments.

Chris Wooff



The Film Review

With Rob Carson



Pete's Dragon (PG) Directed by David Lowery

Stars: Bryce Dallas Howard, Oakes Fegley, Wes Bentley, Robert Redford, Karl Urban, Oona Laurence, Isaiah Whitlock Jr, Marcus Henderson, and Steve Barr

In a Nutshell: If you ever needed any proof that Disney just can't stop firing on all cylinders, then check out this latest of their remakes of classic fare, and how they turned such an peculiar movie as the original into this whimsical and wonderful stirring piece of family drama is anyone's guess... but by golly, it's just fantastic! Really doing something a bit different and more adult with the tale while still cleaving close to the basic layout of a great family movie with all the usual characters and plot movements... it's simply a great showcase in how to do a terrific family movie. You have a strong cast of reliable faces with both Redford and Howard on sterling form and Urban as terrific as ever as the antagonist of the piece as opposed to an actual villain, while the youngsters Fegley and Laurence are both lovely. Elliot the dragon himself is pretty spectacular but does flirt with being a bit too cuddly and furry and runs over into unrealism sometimes... he feels real and terrific when interacting with Pete but still can veer into unrealism simply due to his cute nature. It's still fairly incredible though... this is really and truly a terrific family movie that does everything you need, it thrills and it enthralls and will touch your soul... it's beautiful and exciting and simply a must. Who was ever expecting that from a Pete's Dragon reboot? It's just magic.... **Rating: 9/10**

David Brent: Life on the Road (15) Directed by Ricky Gervais

Stars: Ricky Gervais, Ben Bailey Smith, Tom Bennett, Rebecca Gethings, Mandeep Dhillon, Abbie Murphy, Jo Hartley, Miles Chapman, Andrew Brooke, and Tom Basden

In a Nutshell: It's hard sometimes finding a line between something that is so embarrassing and so cringe worthy that how can it make for great entertainment, but also something that is still really funny and actually full of pathos too... and quite handily, this movie straddles that line with aplomb. Then again it's always been something Ricky has been known for.... the cringe comedy, from Extras through to Life's Too Short and Derek at times too. It's a balancing act pulled off with aplomb, because all the while you're really cringing at Brent's behaviour and his deluded nature at hoping he can pull off being a megastar but at the same time as the story progresses you start to feel sorry and sympathetic for him as well, which moves it along to something other than simply something to laugh at, you have someone to feel for. Ricky as ever fits seamlessly into this role, he's perfect and he's backed up by a splendid support cast of lovely





The Film Review

With Rob Carson



unknown faces mainly but all who do great and create believable characters in the real-life scenario. The music tows a line too... you're meant to believe it's all rubbish but while Ricky as Brent makes it seem that way, some of the songs are genuinely fun and really good... it's walking a line again between naff and fairly good. Overall this won't be for everyone, the cringey nature sees to that.... but if you want something just really funny and fascinating but aren't afraid to cringe.... let's get on the road again! **Rating: 8/10**



Also Seen:

Suicide Squad (15) 7/10

The Boss (15) 7/10 (watched on plane)

Keanu (15) 8/10 (watched on plane)

Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping (15) 10/10

Sausage Party (15) 8/10

The Mechanic: Resurrection (15) 7/10

Also Out in October

The Girl on the Train (15) (Oct 5th)

War on Everyone (15) (Oct 7th)

American Honey (15) (Oct 14th)

Storks (U) (Oct 14th)

Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (15) (Oct 21st)

Keeping Up with the Joneses (15) (Oct 21st)

Ozzy (15) (Oct 21st)

Blood Father (15) (Oct 7th)

Monster High (U) (Oct 7th)

Inferno (12A) (Oct 14th)

I, Daniel Blake (15) (Oct 21st)

Trolls (PG) (Oct 21st)

The Queen of Katwe (PG) (Oct 21st)

Doctor Strange (12A) (Oct 28th)





St FRANCIS

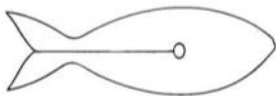
4th October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. When Francis came to God people thought he had gone mad and even his own father disowned him. But Francis' simple way of life soon attracted others. He and his companions went out to preach two by two. Unlike the preachers and priests that people were used to, they wore sackcloth and went barefoot. They were different in other ways too; they lived a very simple life and celebrated God's creation.

And to Francis all of God's creation was equally important. In one famous story a wolf had been eating people. The town wanted to kill the wolf but Francis talked the wolf into never killing again. And the townspeople made sure that the wolf always had plenty to eat.

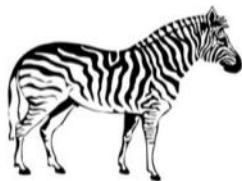
Even blindness did not discourage Francis' spirit when he wrote his beautiful 'Cantic of the Sun' praising God through the miracle of His creation. Francis died aged only 45, worn out with years of poverty and wandering.

SWIM, FISH, SWIM

How do you make a paper fish swim? Cut a fish shape from a sheet of ordinary writing paper. Make it 10-12cm long, and decorate it making sure that the colours won't run when the fish gets wet. In the centre of the fish's body cut a small circle and then a very narrow slit from the tail to the circle.



Now, keeping its surface dry, gently lay the fish on the surface of a bath or large bowl of water and carefully place a few drops of cooking oil into the central hole. The oil will expand through the slit and drive the fish through the water.

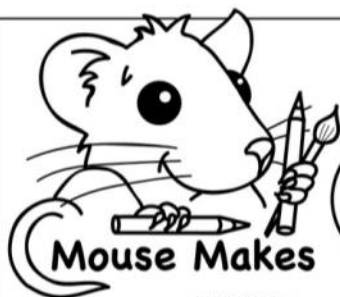


What's black and white and goes round and round?

A zebra stuck in a revolving door.

Why did the homeless turtle cross the road?

To get to the Shell station.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

GOD'S WORD IS...

Look up the bible verse and fill in the blanks.

Your _____ is a _____ for my
_____ and a _____ for my _____

Psalm 119:105

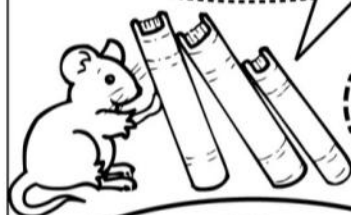


BLESSING COMES FROM...

Cross out every second letter to read the bible verse.

"BALEEYSYPESDV ADREEM TKHCOUSMED
WAHROS HPEKAMRS TWHAEU WHOURED
ATNODL OABLEPYW IFTO"

Lpurdks 11:28



WISDOM COMES FROM...

Change the backwards words to read the right way.

"For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge
and understanding."

Povrps 2:6



Is not my _____ like
_____ declares the Lord, and
like a _____ that breaks a
_____ to pieces?

Jeremiah 23:29



UNDERSTANDING COMES FROM...

Change each letter to the letter **after** it in the alphabet.

SGD SDZBGHMF NE XNTQ VNQC
FHUR KHFGS RN DUDM SGD
RHLOKD TMCDQRSZMC

Orzkl 119:130

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The Registers



Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

15th Aug.	Barbara Lopez	Avon Road	64yrs
16th Aug.	Margaret Mooney	Moorland Road	79yrs
23rd Aug.	Evelyn Forster	Garswood House	97yrs

Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



10th Sept.	Andrew Neil Palmer & Emma Louise Benson
16th Sept.	Joe Andrew Carolan & Sara Worthington

Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



28th Aug.	Sophie Mae Fraser	Weavermill Park
	Lottie-Rae Owen	Lily Place
	Theo Joseph Harry Noone	Heath Road
11th Sept.	Ave Elizabeth Bartlett	Woodedge
	Juliette Alice Bullen	Alderton Drive

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

Boys Brigade

Captain: Gareth Hamlett (07903866501)

Anchor Boys (Tuesday: 5.45 p.m.)

Olwen Wright (389595)

Junior Section (Tuesday 6.45 p.m.)

Kat Duckworth (07517486188)

Company Section (Tuesday: 7.30 p.m.)

Contact Gareth Hamlett

Girl Guides

Rainbows (Tuesday: 5.30 p.m.)

Anne Wooff (724207)

3rd & 4th Ashton Brownies

(Wednesday and Thursday: 6.30 pm)

Irene Taylor (Wednesday) (703410)

Susan Hughes (Thursday) (725291)

St Luke's Brownies (Thurs: 6.15 p.m.)

Susan Hughes (725291)

3rd Ashton Guides & Ranger Guides

(Tuesday: 7.15 p.m.)

Rachel Starkie (718350)

Music Group Mary Owen (203277)

Sunday – 10.45 a.m.

St Thomas' Choir

Sunday - 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

Practice – Thursday: 7.00 p.m.

Paul 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

St. Luke's Donation Secretary

Mike Pye (517318)

Wednesday Weenies

Wed – 1.00 p.m.: Jan Cornthwaite

(721626)

St. Luke's Treasurer

John Boon

Youth Work

Sue Thomas (727275)

The PCC Secretary

Dorothy Burgess (701542)

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

Sunday 6.30pm Church Hall

Ceri Mansell (727417)

Flower Guild

Meta Laites (723679)

St Thomas' Mothers' Union

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

Bowling Club

Henry Hunter (712709)

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<p><u>Vicar</u> Rev Jeremy Thomas (727275)</p>	<p><u>Administrator</u> Rachael Campbell 721 484 Parish office</p>
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