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Parish Information

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Funerals

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

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

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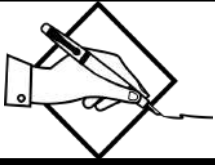
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October Letter

At the recent coronation the King was given a Bible with the words 'the most valuable thing that this world affords'. As Bible Sunday is celebrated this month, let's ask why we should read the Bible?

The Bible isn't a single book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, it claims one authority - God Himself! 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work' (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired ('the word of God in the words of men') and equips us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read: 'when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth' (John 16:13).

How should we read the Bible? Let's consider the following guidelines:

Right time: We need a regular routine, which will meet our needs. This will vary according to our circumstances e.g. a mum at home with young children, somebody with a demanding job or a retired person.

Right Place: We need to find a space where we can be undisturbed (e.g. lounge, bedroom, train or kitchen).

Right Version: We need a version of the Bible which we can readily understand and use. A number of versions are available (e.g. NIV, The Message), as well as Bible apps we can access on our phone.

Right Help: Reading notes also help us to understand a passage and apply it to our lives.

Let's get reading!!

Parish News

Regular Events

Tuesdays

10am – 12pm: Coffee Morning in St Thomas' church hall



Wednesdays

1pm – 2.30pm: Wednesday Weenies in St Thomas' church hall (term time only)

1pm - 3pm: Knit and Chat group at St Peter's (term time only)

7.30pm: Women's Fellowship at St Peter's

Thursdays *note change of day*

2pm – 3.15pm: Gentle dance class at St Luke's

Fridays

2.10pm: Bible study in St Thomas' church hall

Tuesday 31st October

1.30pm - 3.00pm Peace of Mind Dementia Café at St Andrew's Mission Hall

The Bishop's Advice..?

The Rev. Oliver Golightly
Asked his bishop contritely

Would it be wrong
To cancel Evensong

The bishop answered: "Quite rightly!"

"With church attendance in decline,
Less demand on the bread and wine,
Take heart my dear brother
We shall console one another,
With the fruits of God's wonderful vine!"

John Daniels

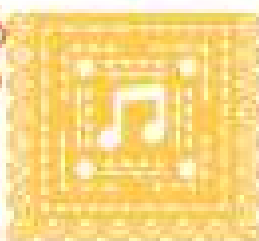
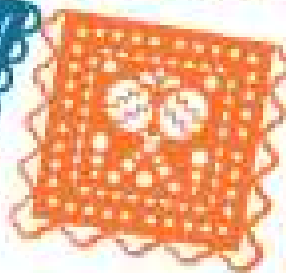
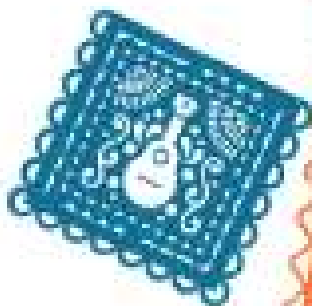


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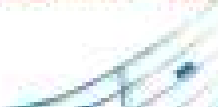
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Sunday 8th	<p>9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Sta's4all in school 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's</p>
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Thursday 12th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'



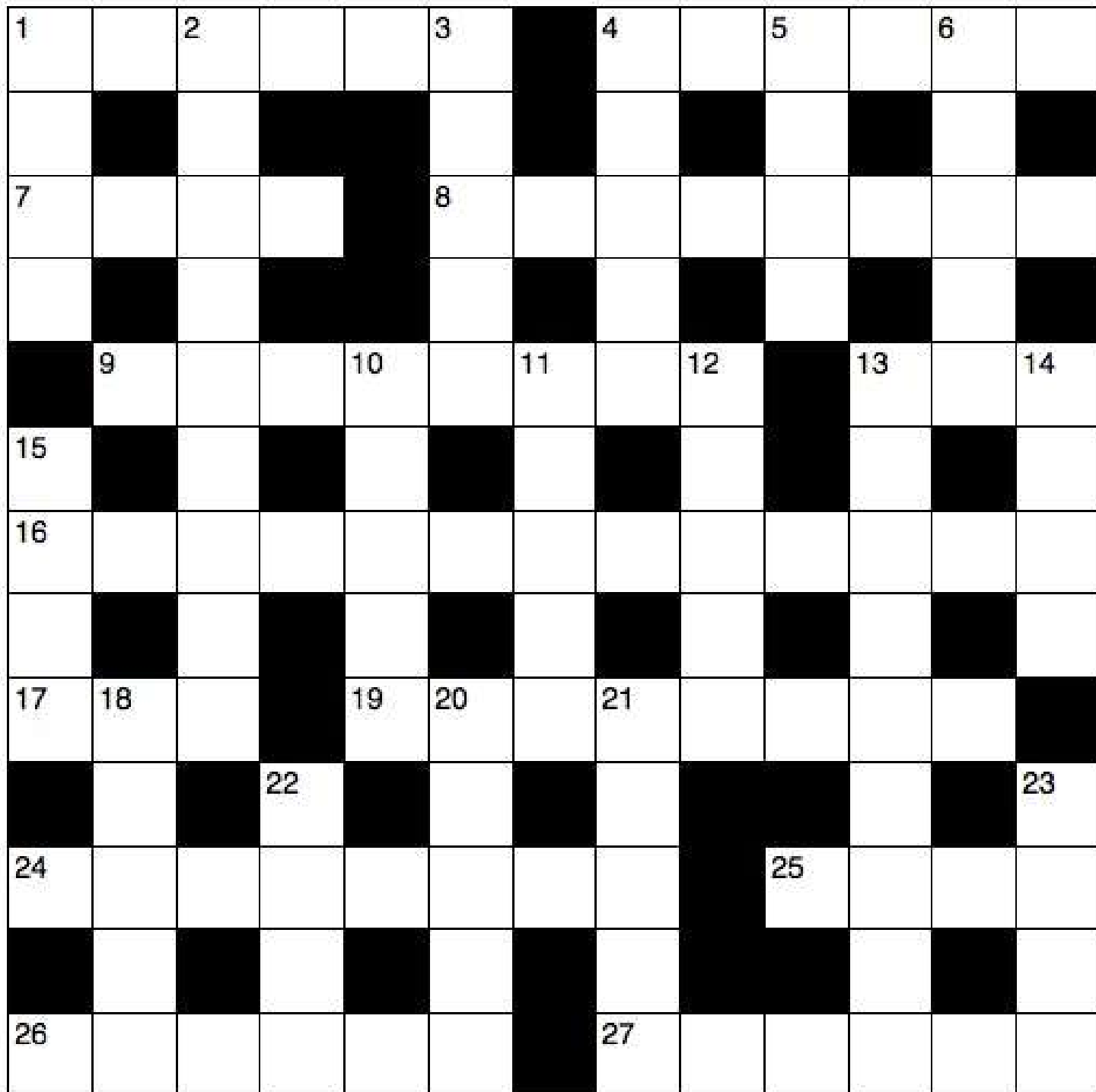
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Thursday 19th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 22nd	9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am St Aidan's Beacon 10.30am Café Church 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Family Worship 4.00pm Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
Wednesday 25th	10.00am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 26th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 29th	10.30am: Wigan South Holy Communion	TBC



Everyone is welcome to join all services.

If you would like to attend any services across the parish and need assistance with transport, please get in contact with your local leadership team.

Crossword



Answers on page 15

Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all – before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their – end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the – ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' – a great company of the – host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a – !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born – '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them – – remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my – , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a – but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

October High & Holy Days

1st October Anthony Ashley-Cooper, Poor Man's Earl

Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It does not. It stands for Anteros, his brother, the god of selfless love. It is a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801 – 1885) was a devout Christian who spent his life fighting to help ease the plight of lunatics, chimney sweeps, children in factories, women and children in the mines, opium addicts, and children without any education.

His own early life was loveless and bleak – his parents formal and frightening, his early schooldays a “horror” of “cruelty and starvation”. The only love came from the family’s housekeeper, Maria Millis. A biographer wrote: ‘She provided for Ashley a model of Christian love that would form the basis for much of his later social activism and philanthropic work.’ The reality and homely practicality of her Christian love were a beacon for the young Ashley. She told him Bible stories, she taught him a prayer.

After Christ Church Oxford, where he proved an outstanding scholar, Ashley turned to politics. In 1826, aged 25, he was elected as Tory MP for Woodstock. He was eager to serve on parliamentary committees that got things done; his great life’s work had begun.

Lunatics: In 1827 lunatics were kept chained naked in straw, forced to sleep in their excrement. They were washed in freezing cold water, with one towel for 160 people and no soap. There was gross over-crowding and inedible food: asylums were places to die in.

Shaftesbury’s maiden speech in Parliament was in support of a Bill to improve their conditions. He wrote: ‘By God's blessing, my first effort has been for the advance of human happiness.’

It took years: from 1827 to 1884 he fought for a succession of Lunacy Acts, writing later of 'the years of toil and care that, under God, I have bestowed on this melancholy and awful question.'

Child Labour and Factory Reform: again, reform took years, with Shaftesbury fighting for the Ten Hours Act from 1833, 1842, 1844, 1846 and 1847 – when it finally got through Parliament. No child under the age of nine should work in the cotton or woollen industries, and no one under 18 must work more than ten hours a day.

Miners: in 1842 he fought to outlaw the employment of women and children in coal mines.

Climbing boys: thousands of young boys were dying in terrible pain – scorched, blinded and suffocated by soot, or with cancer of the scrotum. Ashley fought for Bills in 1840, 1851, 1853, 1855, and 1864 until finally the Chimney Sweepers Act 1875 closed the practise down.

Education reform: 1844 Ashley became president of the Ragged School Union that promoted education for poor children. He wrote that if it were to fail, 'I should die of a broken heart'.

Religion: Lord Shaftesbury was a devout Christian who became a leading figure in 19th century evangelical Anglicanism. He was President of British and Foreign Bible Society for nearly 30 years. He was very sympathetic to the Jews, and advocated their return to the Holy Land.

Lord Shaftesbury's funeral service at Westminster Abbey on the morning of 8th October 1885 drew thousands of people. The streets along the route were thronged with the poor: costermongers, flower-girls, boot-blacks, crossing sweepers, factory hands and many more. They waited for hours just to see his coffin go by. He was dearly loved by them as the 'Poor Man's Earl'.

One biographer wrote: 'No man has in fact ever done more to lessen the extent of human misery, or to add to the sum total of human happiness.' The great preacher Charles Spurgeon called him 'the best man of the age'. He 'lived for the oppressed', he was a 'moral anchor in a drifting generation', 'friend of every living thing', 'he had a 'fervent love to God, and hearty love to man.'

Bibles for all

Just last week I was driving through Bala on my way to Barmouth for a weekend with a group of friends. On the way we passed a sign for the 'Mary Jones museum' to which we all queried who Mary Jones was! You can imagine my delight when I then came across this article a few days later, detailing Mary's journey to obtain her own bible.

Think for a moment about something you really want. How much would you spend to buy it? How far would you go to get it?

Young Mary knew what she wanted. It took years before she could afford it. She was ready to walk 25 miles over mountainous terrain to get it. Mary just wanted a Bible.

Mary Jones lived in a small village in Wales at the end of the 18th century. From an early age, Mary loved to hear stories from the Bible. Every Sunday she attended her local chapel and enjoyed listening to people reading from the Scriptures.

When Mary was only nine years old, she decided on the most important thing in her life. She wanted to read from her own Bible. Unfortunately, Bibles were hard to come by. They were expensive and Mary's parents couldn't afford to buy one. So, Mary decided to do odd jobs for people and earn enough money to buy a Bible.

Six years later, Mary had saved enough money for her special book. Although the nearest shop which sold Bibles was in Bala, 25 miles away, undaunted she set out on her long journey. In Bala, she discovered that the book shop had sold out of all the Bibles! We can only imagine how upset and disappointed she was.



When the bookseller, Thomas Charles, heard about her long walk and that she would return home empty handed, he gave her his Bible. Later, Thomas Charles wondered if there were other children (and adults) around the country who wanted a Bible but had problems getting one.

Soon after Mary's visit, Thomas Charles went to London. Here, he met influential people including William Wilberforce and shared with them the story of Mary Jones. From this meeting came a response to Mary's situation. On 7th March 1804 the British and Foreign Bible Society was formed. Its purpose was to provide Bibles throughout the world, in a language people could understand and at a price they could afford.

After this, other national societies were created and in 1946 the United Bible Societies was established to co-ordinate the work worldwide. Today, there are over 100 Bible Societies, working in nearly 200 countries. While they are busy with translation, production and distribution programmes, there are still countless numbers of people who do not have the Scriptures.

If we own a Bible, let's give thanks we have God's Word in our hands and, where possible, support a Bible Society with their valuable work.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

A Bear called Paddington

It was 65 years ago, on 14th October 1958, that Michael Bond's children's book, A Bear Called Paddington, was published. It marked the debut of the lovable Paddington Bear, who is now a household name after appearing in two irresistible films.



Paddington starred in more than 20 books written by Bond, who died aged 91 in 2017. The original story was inspired by the author witnessing Jewish and British evacuee children passing through Reading station. Bond wanted the bear to have come from “darkest Africa”, but this was changed to Peru when his agent pointed out that there were no bears in Africa.

Many people have found Christian characteristics in the bespectacled, kind, red-hatted, innocent Paddington, who always tries to do the right thing but often gets into trouble as a result. He is invariably polite, but has a “hard stare” for those who behave badly. The two hugely successful films, with Ben Whishaw voicing Paddington and household names in other roles, established the bear in the national psyche – a natural successor to Winnie the Pooh.

A stuffed toy Paddington Bear was chosen by British tunnellers as the first item to be passed to their French counterparts when the two sides of the Channel Tunnel came together in 1994. The books have been translated into 30 languages and have sold more than 30 million copies.

Paddington has also reached the very top of society. Comedian and later President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky dubbed him in the Ukrainian version of the films, and to cap everything, Paddington joined the late Queen in one of her last public appearances – a brilliant comedy segment in the Platinum Party at the Palace on 4th June 2022, in which the Queen ‘revealed’ that she always carried a marmalade sandwich – Paddington’s favourite food – in her handbag.

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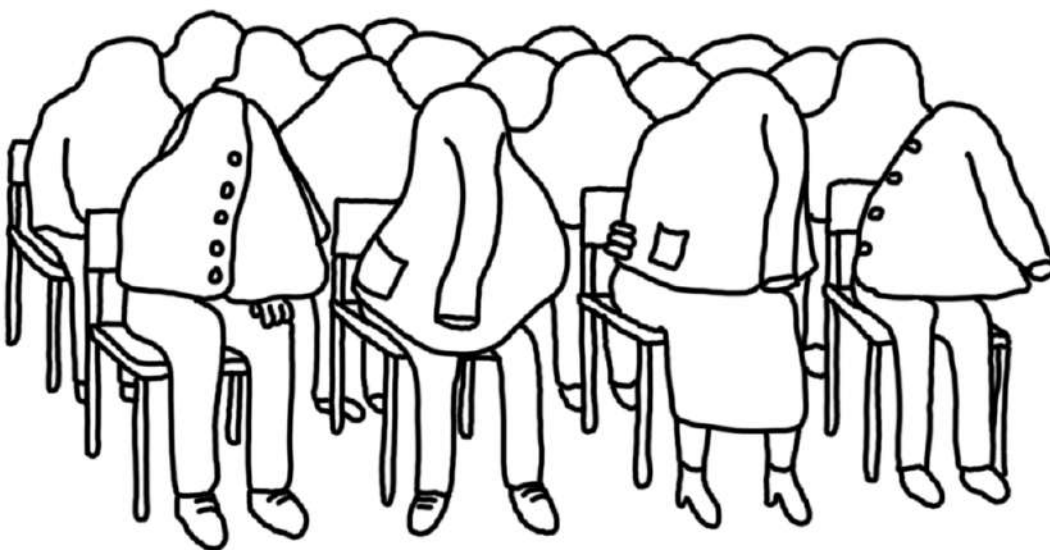
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October Services

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Sunday 29th	10.30am Hub Communion Service Location TBC	

News from our churches

As I put together this article in the September heatwave my mind turns to the time shortly upon us when we need to turn on the church heating system! As we have all been impacted by the cost of living crisis and the increases in bills, so too have our church finances.

There are a number of ways in which you can provide the support that we depend upon: -

- The Parish Giving scheme is our greatest financial asset which works by a payment being taken from your account bank account on the 1st of each month and is then credited to our church account on the 15th. These payments made regularly help our treasurer budget better and has the real benefit to the church in ensuring were appropriate we get the gift aid each month rather than yearly. That is the 25 pence added to every pound of your donation, a life blood to our finances.
- Secondly you might consider a one-off donation either to our general fund or to a specific restricted or designated fund set up for a specific purpose. We have now made it possible to donate using a card machine placed at the back of church. It can also be done online through our webpage as well as the traditional methods of cash and cheque.
- Over the years we have benefitted considerably from several generous legacies, these are always well received and faithfully applied. A leaflet explaining all about legacies can be found at the back of church.

As mentioned in the September magazine Ashton Art Group were to hold their annual exhibition in church. I am assured that it was a very successful event well attended and I wish to record our thanks to the club for their donation of £200.00 to our church funds.

We are always keen to show off our church building and its facilities to the wider community and in September it was also great to welcome three of the Ashton Festival events as well as the Art Group exhibition.

I also would like to congratulate Clive a member of our 10.45am congregation who undertook a sponsored walk in support of the hospice. Clive, who uses a walker to assist him walking, completed a 17 mile trek as far as the Boar's Head near Standish. In the process raised in excess of £2,000! A truly brilliant achievement, well done Clive and your supporters. How wonderful it was to see so many from our church family encourage and donate to Clive's worthy cause.

A special service was planned for Education Sunday on the 10th September and our thanks go to Jan Cornthwaite, Malcolm Bold and Maurice Smith for organising the service. This came at an appropriate time in the life of education at St Thomas' as we welcomed children who had returned to school this week, started in reception for the first time and welcomed our new head teacher, Leanne Compton. We were delighted that Leanne, her partner Mark and daughter Mia were able to join us for the service and we wish her well in her new position.

Malcolm



St Thomas' Church Hall, Ashton in Makerfield

Tuesday 11am–12pm

Thursday 3pm–4pm

Saturday 11am–12pm

Sunday 3pm–4pm

Africa Fund News

What Is It?

St Thomas' and St Luke's Africa fund supports two amazing Christian-run 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.

Each month 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. Additional fund-raising events therefore play an invaluable part in helping us to meet our commitments. You can read below about our latest fundraiser.

You can find out more about the Africa fund on our web site in the 'Our World' tab under 'Africa Fund'. We would especially welcome new donors and if you are interested or would like more information then please contact Chris Wooff (01942 724207).

Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 9th September, we held a sponsored walk to raise money for the Africa Fund. The walk was a circular one starting from Garswood to Billinge and back and covered a distance of roughly 7½ miles. The walk generated £1,605. We are indebted to the generosity of the many sponsors. The weather on the day was unseasonably hot but we enjoyed the opportunity to be out in God's beautiful world.



Once again I am grateful to our resident historian David Fearnley for another visit to our past and its characters.

THOMAS LIVESLEY 1849 – 1884 DEATH ON SNOWDON, NORTH WALES

In the central part of the Warrington Road graveyard, where most of the gravestones have been laid flat, the stones and their inscriptions are rapidly disappearing beneath the grass. The most prominent gravestone still standing is the chest-like structure with a sloping roof of the Livesley family vault. On the side facing the church is the inscription “Thomas Livesley Born 18/5/1849. Died 21/9/1884”. The circumstances of Thomas’ death provide an interesting story which was detailed in the local newspapers.

During a thunderstorm, on Sunday afternoon 21st September 1884, lightning struck a tourist Mr. Thomas Livesley, of Ashton in Makerfield, who had ascended the summit of Snowdon from Beddgelert. He had been staying at the Prince Llewelyn Hotel, Beddgelert and left early on Sunday intending to cross the summit of Snowdon and descend to Llanberis. His luggage had been sent on by road to the Padara Villa Hotel, Llanberis. Whilst on the summit at 2pm rain began to fall and the deceased with others who were on the mountain took refuge from the storm in the wooden huts which had been erected for travellers. Mr. Livesley and two ladies went for shelter in the hut on the left hand side of the little stone cairn which marks the summit of Snowdon. The fourth occupant of the hut was Mr. Thomas Roberts who was the proprietor of a refreshment hut on the summit.

They had sheltered for a few minutes before the lightning began. One of the earliest flashes passed through the cairn, dislodging several large stones, blackening the rocks, and struck the hut, which was iron, bound with stones to prevent it being overturned by the wind in such an exposed position. Entering the hut by the side of the roof, which it partially demolished, the lightning passed over the table where the two ladies were seated and singed the hair of one who was sitting nearest the window. Mr. Livesley, who said that he had ascended Snowdon sixteen times but had never been on the summit during a thunderstorm, was standing at the window watching the storm, and the flash, traversing that way out of the hut, struck him, death being instantaneous.

The electricity then passed the second hut, demolished the door, tearing up the flooring and alarming the three male occupants but doing no serious damage. A metal dong bell standing on the table, was melted in half, and bottles and glasses were smashed. When the storm abated the three occupants of the second hut and the two ladies made their way down to Llanberis to seek assistance. Dr. Lloyd Williams and a party of guides went up the mountain, and the body of Mr. Livesley, carried on some planks roped together, was brought down at 6pm and deposited in the mortuary of the local slate quarry.

Thomas Livesley was born 18/5/1849 the youngest of four sons and two daughters of a well-known and highly respected family in Ashton. His father, the late Mark Livesley, of Park Lane, and later Market Street, Ashton, belonged to an old Ashton family and was the principal boot & shoe maker in Ashton.

Thomas Livesley held several important positions in the town. In 1868 he joined the Ashton Lancashire Hussars regiment and rose from the rank of private to Quartermaster Sergeant Major of the Ashton "A" Troop. In 1874 he was the Assistant Overseer of the Local Board/Council in the town; 1877 the school attendance officer to the School Attendance Committee and in 1884 had been appointed collector of the rates. He helped with the formation of St. Thomas' brass band and was the conductor of the band.

His body arrived from Wales at Newton station and then was taken to his residence in Gerard Street. He was interred 24/9/1884 in the family vault at St. Thomas', Ashton in Makerfield. Members of the Lancashire Hussars and St. Thomas' band were present and took part in the service.

Verdict of the inquest "Killed by Lightning".

David A. Fearnley

Mothers' Union



Diary: Wednesday 18th October our speaker at this meeting is our own friend Maurice Smith who will be talking to us about the honours system 'love them or hate them' Maurice has requested that this meeting be held in church so as to take advantage of the audio-visual system. It will be at the usual time of 7.30pm

This was the last magazine article to be written by me as at the special service held on the 21st September Michelle Rawsthorn was commissioned as the new branch leader. It was a wonderful evening combining our usual communion service with not only the commissioning but also the enrolment of eight new members. The branch can now look forward to a much brighter future than seemed possible when closure looked more likely. I am sure that the original members and the new ones working together with enthusiasm can only bring success.

Our secretary Pat Hamilton has asked me to say that should any of our members have difficulty getting to meetings she will be pleased to offer lifts.

It with great sadness that I must report the passing of two of our members who both died on the same weekend. Firstly Win Cooper who has been an indoor member for a number of years but because of her failing health was really restricted in her activities. Secondly Marlene Thomas who was a regular attender at our Thursday morning communion service and who made many friends there. Both will be missed not only by their close families but by their many friends in the Mothers' Union and St Thomas Church.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the seasons.

The freshness of Spring, and new life.

The colours of Autumn

Nature in all its splendour,

The wonder of winter, and the Holy birth.

Thank you for the seasons of our lives and the same faithfulness to us,

As in all your creation

Amen

Love and prayers

Barbara

Donations Information

Regular Giving: We have traditionally taken envelope donations in our plate offerings and these monies help towards the payment that has to go to the diocese each month. If you are unable to get to a service and wish to still use your envelopes, please deliver them, to Malcolm and Barbara's (32 Townfields). In the alternative, please consider switching to the Parish Giving Scheme by phoning 0333 002 1271 as we can get the tax back much quicker this way.

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- Garden of Rest
- General
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- Heath Road Graveyard
- Heating
- Fit for the Future

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St Thomas' donations

In Memory of my mother **Catherine Mary Hurst** who passed away
on 29 August 1974 and remains forever in my heart

From David Hurst

With thanks for home communion

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In memory of **John Royle**

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Jean and Les Johnson

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Meta Laites

St Luke's flowers

In loving memory of **Rodney Williams**
from Linda and Michael Ladyman and family.



The Registers



Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

6th September	Mary Eccles	73
7th September	Dorothy Holden	81
9th September	Margery Susan Makin	87
9th September	John Makin	87
12th September	Winifred Appleton	72
18th September	Winifred Cooper	93
21st September	Marleen Thomas	80
22nd September	Alwyn Rose	77

Holy Baptism 'We welcome them into the Lord's family'

10th September	Lowen Elaine Evelyn Tremewan Charlotte Elaine Finney Charlotte Grace Marsden
17th September	Courtney Brown
24th September	Mercedez Louise Courtney Brown

St Thomas' and St Luke's Organisations

Coffee Mornings

Tues 10am–12pm at St Thomas'
Barbara Taylor
205136

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Wed 1pm–2.30pm in Church Hall
Jan Cornthwaite
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Mothers' Union

3rd Wed 7.30pm at St Thomas'
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Fairtrade Stall

3rd Sun 11.45am at St Thomas'
Anne Wooff
724207

Litter Pick

3rd Sat 10am–12pm from Church Hall car park
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724207

Flower Guild

Meta Laites
723679

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English Class
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Sun 1pm - 3pm

Anne & Chris Wooff
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