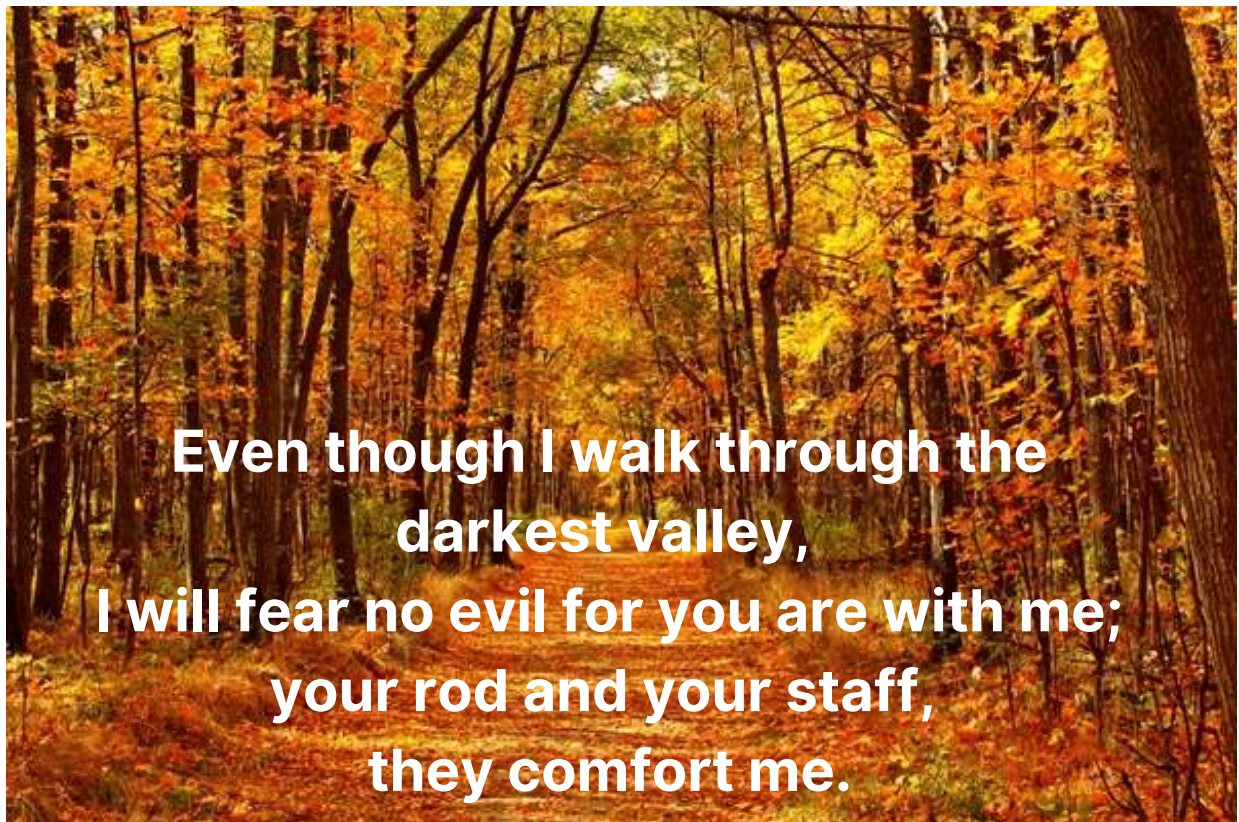


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# Parish Information

## Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

## Funerals

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

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If you would like further information or to book a wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine. Funeral Directors will book any funerals.

# Magazine Deadlines

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## The Dance

Life is a dance -  
Sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow,  
At times the steps are hard to learn  
But persevere - there is a tomorrow.

It can be hard -  
Sometimes it's right, sometimes it's wrong,  
As you learn to move to a different beat  
But don't look back keep moving on.

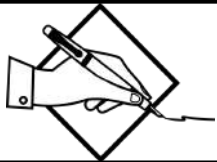
Problems may come -  
Sometimes you can, sometimes you fail  
To do the things you did before,  
But carry on you will prevail.

Life is still there -  
Sometimes it's practice, sometimes it's chance  
As you've learnt the steps that take you on  
And the music plays as you join in the dance

(Dance, then, wherever you may be; I AM the  
Lord of the Dance said He.)

**By Megan Carter**





# Letter from Vision Day

When reflecting on the recent Brigade Camp, Eth directs us to the reading they had on the first morning of camp:

**1 Corinthians 12:20-25** *As it is, there are many parts but one body.*

*So then, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!". Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you!". On the contrary, we cannot do without the parts of the body that seem to be weaker; and those parts that we think aren't worth very much are the ones which we treat with greater care; while the parts of the body which don't look very nice are treated with special modesty which the more beautiful parts do not need. God himself has put the body together in such a way as to give greater honour to those parts that need it. And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. Amen*

The same rang true at our Wigan South Vision Day on Saturday 21st September too; there were discussions aplenty about where our strengths lay, where we can continue to discern God's direction and where we want to focus our efforts going forward. What was most interesting is that not every one had the same ideas. What worked for one, was not necessary right for another but did that make the ideas and experiences any better or worse? No! Because from each of these experiences we can learn, adapt and grow if we keep our mission at the heart of all we do. And not only that but we are in a great position where, as six churches, each bring their invaluable skills and talents that we can all call upon.

What becomes apparent when talking about the exciting projects we have ongoing and yet to come, is that there is so much to do! And often it can very much feel that 'the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few'. As we come to the end of our Giving in Grace series, as well as financial giving, we have explored how the giving of time and talents are just as valuable. Each one of us have skills, that can contribute to the work we have to do - even if sometimes we are not entirely sure what that skill is! As we enter into the rather busy build up to Advent, why not pray for God to place you in a position where you can best serve Him - who knows what He will have in store for you.

# Parish News

## Weekly Events

### Mondays

- 9.30am - 10.30am: Mini Street Pop Up Play (St Andrew's)
- 6.30pm: Girls Brigade (St Peter's)



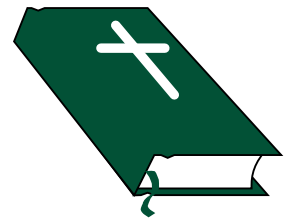
### Tuesdays

- 10am - 12pm: Coffee Morning (St Thomas' church hall)
- 6pm: Boys Brigade (St Peter's)



### Wednesdays

- 1pm - 2.30pm: Wednesday Weenies (St Thomas' church hall)
- 1pm - 3pm: Knit and Chat group (St Peter's)
- 3pm - 4pm: Hot Spot for Y7 - 11 (St Thomas' church hall)
- 4pm - 5pm: Discipleship Group for Y7 - 11 (St Thomas' church hall)
- 7.30pm: Women's Fellowship (St Peter's)



### Thursdays

- 3pm - 4pm: English Classes (St Thomas' church hall)
- 2pm - 3pm: Gentle dance class (St Luke's)

### Fridays

- 2pm: Bible Study (St Thomas' church hall)
- 11.30am - 12.30pm: Mini Street Pop Up Play (St Andrew's)



### Sundays

- 1pm - 2.30pm: Asylum seeker support (St Thomas' church hall)

## October Events

**Tuesday 1st October** 10am - 11.30am: Bereavement Group (St Luke's)

1.30pm - 3pm: Bereavement Group (St Andrew's)

**Monday 7th October** 11am: Holy Communion at Garswood House (organised by St Peter's)

**Saturday 12th October** 2.30pm: Afternoon Tea (St Thomas')

**Tuesday 15th October** 11am - 2pm: MacMillan Coffee Morning (St Andrew's)

**Wednesday 16th October** 7.30pm: Special MU meeting with Coops Foyer, Women's Aid and The Brick - all are welcome to learn more about these causes (St Thomas' Church Hall)

**Friday 18th October** 12pm: Modern Day Slavery service (Liverpool Cathedral)

**Saturday 19th October** 2pm: Ashton Churches Together Songs of Praise (Our Lady's, Downall Green)

**Sunday 20th October** 4pm: Remembrance Service (St Aidan's)

6.30pm: Choral Evensong (St Thomas')

**Thursday 24th October** 2pm: Friendship Group (St Aidan's)

**Sunday 27th October** 6.30pm: Remembrance Service (St Thomas')

## Advanced Notices

**Saturday 2nd November** 1pm - 6pm: Winter Market (St Peter's)

**Sunday 3rd November** 4pm: Remembrance Service (Holy Trinity)

**Tuesday 5th November** 11am - 1.30pm: Pop Up Sale (St Thomas')

**Saturday 16th November** 11am - 2pm: Christmas Fayre (St Thomas')

**Friday 29th November** 7pm: Milltown Sound Winter Concert at Haydock Conservative Club



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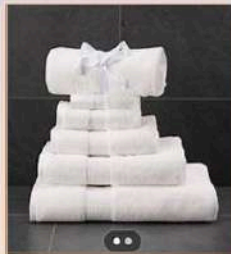
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Wednesday 9th	10.00am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 10th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 13th	9.00am: Holy Communion 9.30am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Stas4all 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Harvest & Brigade Service 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Holy Communion 4.00pm: Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
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Thursday 17th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Sunday 20th	9.00am: Morning Worship 9.30am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Holy Communion 11.00am: Family Worship 6.30pm: Evensong	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'
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Thursday 24th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 27th	9.00am: Holy Communion 9.30am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Beacon 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Bible Sunday Morning Prayer 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Morning Worship 4.00pm: Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
Wednesday 30th	10.00am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity

*Amazing God, we come to worship you because in your great love you have reached out to us, and continue to reach out to us, in so many wonderful ways – in your Creation, in Jesus, and through your Holy Spirit.*

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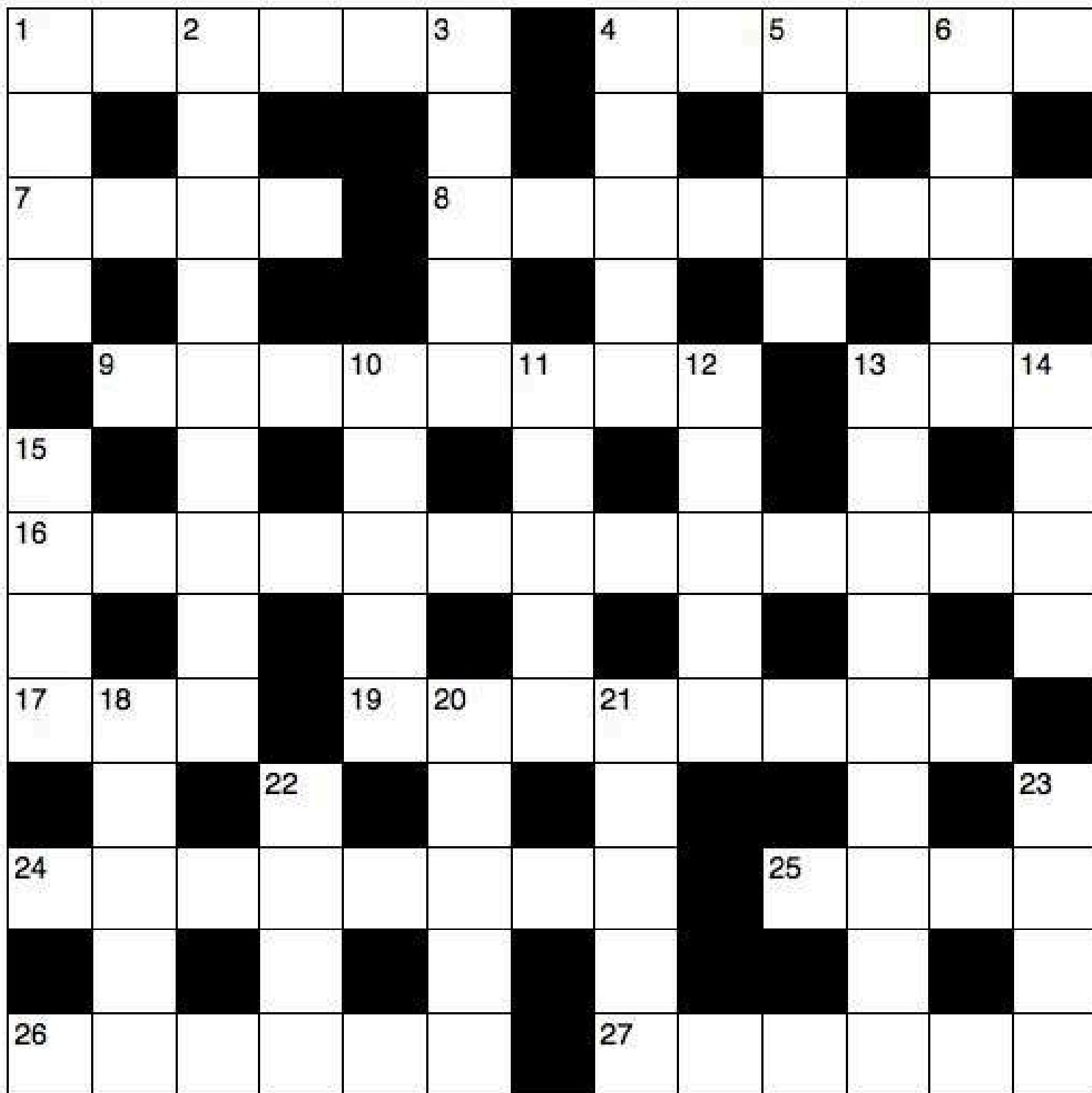


**Holy Trinity Church  
Downall Green**

Friday 9am - 10am

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# Crossword



Answers on page 18



## Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Tim 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' (Psalm 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 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 Alexander's trade, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Tim 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)

## 7th October - Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch

Of the 54 Roman emperors who ruled AD 30 to 311, only about a dozen made the effort to persecute Christians.

One of these was the Emperor Trajan, who ruled AD 98 to 117, though he was half-hearted about it. He decreed that Christians, although guilty of “anti-state behaviour”, were not to be hunted out for arrest, unless they were “very obvious” about their faith, and unless they refused to reject Christ when asked.

One such Christian was Ignatius, the second Bishop of Antioch, a leading city of Syria. He was arrested in Antioch during a persecution of the Antioch church and sentenced to be sent to Rome to be devoured by wild beasts in the arena there.

Soon Ignatius was put in chains, along with a number of others, and escorted by a unit of Roman soldiers to Troas on the Aegean coast, for embarkation to Rome. It was a long and arduous journey through Asia Minor, and the soldiers stopped off at various cities along the way.

This gave Ignatius time to write a series of seven remarkable letters to various churches along the way. And as news of his arrest and journey to Rome spread, the prominent Christians in each city flocked out to meet him as he arrived.

Ignatius’ letters reveal him to be passionate for church unity. He encouraged constant community worship and frequent celebration of the Eucharist. He was especially eager to stress the authority of the New Testament, and to oppose the docetists, who held that Christ’s sufferings and death were apparent but not real.

But above all, the letters reveal Ignatius as completely devoted to Christ. He was keen to receive martyrdom and stressed that on no account was anyone to attempt to prevent his death. For him, martyrdom was the ultimate imitation of Christ, and a gift from God. Although we have no account of his martyrdom, it is widely assumed that Ignatius got his wish, and died upon the completion of his journey to Rome.

## Oskar Schindler – the German businessman who befriended the Jews

Fifty years ago, on 9th October 1974, Oskar Schindler, Austria-Hungarian-born German businessman, died. He saved more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in his factories. The story is told in the film Schindler's List.

At the time of his death, in Hildesheim, Germany, he was almost unknown and very poor. After the war he and his wife Emilie (both now recognised by Israel as Righteous Among the Nations) had emigrated to Argentina, where they separated in 1957 and Oskar returned to Germany alone. Money was raised to pay for his burial in Israel. Emilie died in Germany in 2001, having spent most of her later life in Argentina.

Oskar Schindler had been an opportunistic German industrialist and a 'convenient' member of the Nazi Party who set himself up in an enamel factory in occupied Krakow, Poland, as part of a 'Germanisation' programme in 1939. The factory had previously been Jewish-owned.

Schindler employed Jews from a nearby concentration camp and used bribes and his own diplomatic skills to protect his workers from the brutality of life in the camp and ensure they were not deported. He added an armaments division and convinced the SS that his employees were essential to the war effort – although very little was produced.

The risks he took, which included dubious business deals, brought suspicion of giving unauthorised aid to Jews and of corruption: he was arrested three times but not charged.

His factory was relocated to Brännlitz, near his hometown, at his request and reopened there purely as an armaments factory – and, thanks to Schindler's persuasive powers, a sub-camp of a nearby concentration camp. An assistant compiled a list of almost 1,200 Jewish workers needed to move from Krakow to work in the new factory – 'Schindler's list' – which enabled their survival.

## Learn to 'wait well' for things

'My future is in Your hands...'

In her helpful book, *When, God, When?* Joyce Meyer writes: "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy trying to give it birth outside of God's timing."

Learn to enjoy where you are, while you're waiting to get to where you want to be. After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you're waiting for now – you'll begin waiting for something else. That's life! If we don't learn to 'wait well', we'll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well is what will deliver our dream. Listen: "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "Due season" is when God knows we're ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that's when it will happen – and not before.

God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust Him.

## 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.

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# October Services

	<b>St Thomas'</b>	<b>St Luke's</b>
<b>Thursday 3rd</b>	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	9.00am: Morning Worship 10.45am: Worship Together	11.00am: Morning Worship
<b>Thursday 10th</b>	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	9.00am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together	11.00am: Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	9.00am: Morning Worship 10.45am: Holy Communion 6.30pm: Evensong	11.00am: Family Worship
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	9.00am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together	11.00am: Morning Worship
<b>Thursday 31st</b>	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	



Our services on 6 October will celebrate Harvest. Donations of dry and tinned foods would be most welcome and will be distributed at the Pantry. Monetary donations will be given to support TearFund.



# News from our churches

Having heard a series in September relating to 'giving in grace', it does seem quite appropriate to repeat the article on church finance which I put in the October edition last year. As is the case with personal finances, our church finances are struggling to keep up with the inflationary times and the pressures of cost of living. As we approach the time of year when shortly we will need to turn on the church heating system more regularly, our financial position is highlighted. I set out three 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 by the use of 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 a number of generous legacies, these are always well received and faithfully applied. A leaflet explaining all about legacies can be found at the back of church and you can access the Youtube recording of the 10.45am service from 22nd September when Maurice Smith provided a very helpful and encouraging talk on his experience doing so.



We must of course always be aware that giving in grace is not limited financial giving. It is equally important to be aware that we can please our Lord by giving of ourselves in his service. There are many areas within our churches where you can give with time and talents. This can rang from as little as tasks that may be required once a month, for an hour or so, to more regular activities and duties; from administrative tasks (for example, filling out paperwork for baptisms), to greeting people as they enter church for a service, to supporting those leading children's and outreach activities, to cleaning and preparing the buildings for events.

We are blessed to have spaces that are, at times, in demand, that we have people to serve and a lively community to bring together. Help is always welcome! Even if you are not quite sure what you can offer to aid the running of the churches, speak to a member of the leadership team who can explore where you can best assist.

A time of prayer can direct you to the plans he has for you. Personally, I pray for eyes, ears and senses to perceive the plans God has for me along with patience in using those senses, and strength of character to carry out those plans.

**Malcolm**



*Join us for  
Afternoon Tea*

Enjoy a great afternoon filled with delightful conversations, teas, and a delectable assortment of sweet and savoury treats.

🕒 2.30PM, SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER  
📍 ST THOMAS' CHURCH

TICKETS £12.50

Contact Jan Cornthwaite  
or Carole Pye to book



September 2024

Forgiveness . Respect . Service . Truthfulness

Dear St. Thomas's Family,

After what was a very busy summer term, with a new curriculum for History and Geography, a good Ofsted inspection and a Keeping on Track visit from Liverpool Diocese, we have begun the new school year at St Thomas's having had a really fabulous summer break.

We are looking forward to spending more time with our children and getting to know our new Reception class, who have done a marvellous job of being very brave for their first weeks at school.

We are already back up and running with our families and the local community supporting us brilliantly. After spending some time clearing the school playground our children have written to several companies to source outdoor storage. We have had a donation of a settee for our nurture room and two chairs for our main entrance from Ashton Upholstery. We have also received many donations of cooking equipment from our parents to support our new and improved Design Technology curriculum. We could not be more grateful for this support and thank those who have contributed.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled, busy year ahead with more to celebrate as we move forward as a school.

For any new families, our Open Evening is at 6pm on Monday 7th October and this is an opportunity to see what happens at St Thomas's and ask any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you there.

***See you soon,  
Leanne Cowley  
Headteacher***



# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



The Mothers Union values our indoor members, and we are sorry they are unable to attend our meetings. Please take time this month to remember them in prayer.

## The Indoor Members' Prayer

*Loving Heavenly Father, Lord of the world, you know the secret thoughts of every heart and hear the prayers of all. You have chosen us to work for you and be as one in prayer. Guide us in our prayerful task and strengthen us to do your will. Uphold us in our weakness and our doubt that those for whom we intercede may truly come to know your healing peace and love. We ask in Jesus' name, your only Son, our Lord.*

*Amen.*

A very special Mothers' Union meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th October** starting at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. This is a charity event where we invite workers from Coops Foyer, Women's Aid and The Brick - all charities that members have supported in the past.

We are opening this meeting up to all, not just MU members. Please come and support these worthy charities. Women's Aid need bric a brac to help turn allocated houses into homes for those in need and we are also aware all of the charities would welcome toiletries for those they serve. Please do make every effort to attend this special meeting.

*We pray for those who find themselves without a place to call home, without shelter and warmth. Surround them with Your divine protection, keeping them safe from harm and danger. Provide them with the basic necessities of life, such as food, clothing, and a comfortable place to rest. We ask this in Jesus' name, your only Son our Lord. Amen.*

On **Friday 18th October** at 12pm there will be a service in the Lady Chapel at Liverpool Cathedral regarding modern day slavery.

### **Looking ahead to Christmas!**

It's that time again when you can order Mothers' Union calendars, diaries, Christmas cards and gifts from the Mothers' Union catalogue. You can order from Michelle Rawsthorn at the Sunday morning service, Patricia Hamilton at the Thursday communion service, Linda Bailey at Tuesday coffee morning or at the October MU meeting. Don't forget profits from these sales go to help women and their families in need world wide.

**Patricia Hamilton**  
**Secretary St Thomas' and St Luke's Mothers Union**  
**07895774720**

# Donations & Remembrance

### **Garden of Rest**

With thanks for home communion, from Elsie Deluce

Thanks for home communion, from Isobel Bowen

### **Church Hall**

With thanks for prayers answered, from Jean Johnson

### **Pill Packet recycling**

Anon

### **General Fund**

In memory of Mum who nearly made it to her 100th birthday on 1st October  
from Mary Owen



# 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.

**Donations:** Please place any donations in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please post this through the Vicarage door. Please make cheques payable to St Thomas' PCC. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

**Gift Aid:** If you pay tax in the UK and would like church to be able to claim 25p for every £1 you donate, please complete a Gift Aid form or state on your envelope that you are a UK tax payer, would like church to claim Gift Aid and include your full name and address.

**Wills and Legacies:** If you wish to discuss any issues around Wills and Legacies please ring the Parish Treasurer, Sarah Riley, on 01942 722747.

Funds currently in use are:

- Africa Fund
- Asylum Seek
- Audio Visual
- Church Hall
- Buildings and Maintenance
- Food Ministry
- Garden of Rest
- General
- Grave Maintenance
- Heath Road Graveyard
- Heating
- Fit for the Future

Unless otherwise stated, donations will go into the General fund

# The Registers



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

8 September	Ava Rose Tudor - Lowe
8 September	Vincent Gavin Stephen Crompton
22 September	Stanley Andrew Sumner
22 September	Sofia Dorothy Clifft

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

5 September	Graham Derbyshire
6 September	William Weavers
11 September	Sylvia Wilson
16 September	Mavis Ashton
19 September	Barry Anders

# St Thomas' and St Luke's Organisations

## Coffee Mornings

Tues 10am - 12pm  
St Thomas' church  
Barbara Taylor  
01942 205136

## Wednesday Weenies

Wed 1pm - 2.30pm  
St Thomas' church hall  
Jan Cornthwaite  
01942 721626

## Mothers' Union

3rd Wed 7.30pm  
St Thomas' church  
Michelle Rawsthorn

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## Fairtrade Stall

3rd Sun 11.45am  
St Thomas' church  
Anne Wooff  
01942 724207

## Litter Pick

3rd Sat 10am - 12pm  
Meet at St Thomas' car park  
Chris Wooff  
01942 724207

## Flower Guild

Meta Laites  
01942 723679

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## Asylum Seeker Support

English Class  
Sun 3pm - 4pm

## Ashton Pantry

Tues 11am - 12pm  
Thurs & Sun 3pm - 4pm

## Girl Guiding

Brownies  
Thurs 6.30pm

Drop in & advice  
Sun 1pm - 2.30pm

Guides  
Tues 7pm

Anne & Chris Wooff  
01942 724207

Sue Thomas  
07877704645

Rachel Starkie  
01942 718350

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## Children's Sunday

### Clubs

Sun 10.45am  
Karen Cunliffe  
07721770305

For more information, please visit our website at [stthomasstluke.org.uk](http://stthomasstluke.org.uk)



St Thomas' and St Luke's Church,  
Ashton in Makerfield



St Thomas

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