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

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| St Thomas's |   | St Luke's   |
|-------------|---|---|
| 9.00a.m.    | Holy Communion  | 11.00 a.m. Family Worship<br>(2nd Sunday<br>Family Communion) |
| 10.45 am    | Family Worship<br>(1st Sunday Parade<br>& 4th Sunday<br>Family Communion) |   |
| 6.30 p.m.   | Evening Worship<br>(3rd and 5th Sunday<br>Holy Communion)                 |   |

## Weekdays

|                       |                              |  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Thursday<br>9.45 a.m. | Holy Communion<br>(BCP 1662) | Other services and Saints' Days as<br>announced. Please see weekly<br>notice sheet or visit website for<br>dates, details or exceptions. |
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### **Booking Baptisms and Weddings**

We are now encouraging everyone who would like to book a baptism or wedding to come to the family service at either St Thomas (10.45am) or St Luke's (11am) and bookings will be taken afterwards. There will no longer be a Vestry Hour.

## **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.

### **Funerals**

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



# Letter from St Luke's

We are looking at St. Luke's for more ways of reaching out into the community.

How exactly are we going to do that?

Well firstly opening our doors to welcome in any way we can groups that are giving people the opportunity to meet together for help and support and for companionship.

Messy Tots, young mums and babies enjoying fun and fellowship, splashing around in beans and rice pudding (the babies not the mums!!) and being there for one another.

Fur Clemt helping with the environment to avoid waste of good food and also providing nutritious meals and again the social impact of bringing the community together.

We welcome the AA, doing a wonderful job of helping those dependant on alcohol and again the opportunity to offer support to one another.

Stubshaw Cross Residents Association have along with other parties improved the garden opposite the church and the facilities on Golborne Road playing field improving the area for the community.

The Diamond Club bringing people to meet socially which is a good way to encourage people to get out and about, not to be housebound which is a problem.

I am involved with a group from different organisations who meet



# Letter from St Luke's

at the Salvation Army. We are looking at ways in which Ashton can be improved in what it offers to the community and encouraging the housebound is high on the agenda.

Our team of six at St. Luke's look to meeting together regularly to pray and plan how we can further God's kingdom here in Stubshaw Cross. We are part of the Transforming Wigan South Hub, the definition of transform means to change shape, to evolve and we are part of the new shape emerging, strong and dynamic. We can see great things happening when we all join together.

The picnic and praise in the park was a great example of churches working together, a wonderful afternoon, and what an example of our and God's love to the community.

May we go forward strength to strength, building up more disciples to show God's workings in all we do at St. Luke's and throughout our hub.

**Carole Pye**

## Verse for the Year

***'Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together'***

***Hebrews 24-25a (NLT)***





## **Daily / Weekly Events in our Church - September 2017**

|                         |                              |                 |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>Monday</u></b>    | Morning prayer               | 9.00am          |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>   | Coffee Morning (Church Hall) | 10:00am-12:00pm |
|                         | Church open for prayer       | 7.30-8.30pm     |
| <b><u>Wednesday</u></b> | Morning Prayer               | 9.00am          |
| <b><u>Thursday</u></b>  | Holy Communion               | 9:45am          |

*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 **Bryn Road South, Bryn Road, Bolton Road (to Jamison's Farm) and George Street.**

### **TANGO**

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# Parish News



## Church Magazine

For the past seven of so years our Magazine editing has been in the very capable hands of Rachel Webster. She has done a magnificent job producing a very interesting and informative magazine month by month at the same time as managing a fulltime job and looking after her family. She also managed to find time to be a parent governor at St Thomas school. I was, understandably, disappointed when she informed me that she was having to give up the editorship but I fully understood when it was explained that the reason was that the family were moving house out of the district.

Through the medium of this magazine I would like to take the opportunity firstly of thanking Rachel for her work and outstanding contribution to our parish life and secondly on behalf of all at St Thomas and St Luke's to wish her and the family every best wish in the future as they settle into their new life.

I am delighted to say that future edition of the magazine will be created by our Parish Administrator Jo who will be pleased to receive items for the magazine on the new email address which is **[magazine@sthomasstluke.org.uk](mailto:magazine@sthomasstluke.org.uk)**

## Defibrillator in the church hall

The PCC has resolved to provide a defibrillator which is to be kept in the church hall. The equipment has now been purchased and will be kept in a white painted box fixed to the wall in the kitchen.

I am delighted to report that the purchase of the equipment has been funded jointly by the Tuesday Coffee fund and the Bowling Club. I would like to thank the two organisations for this generous gesture and couple with this thanks, Jim Marsden who has used his undoubted skill in producing the box for the equipment.



## Malcolm



# Mothers Union

## DIARY

**Wednesday 20th September** Service of Holy Communion Service and Enrolment in Church at 7.30pm.

**Wednesday 26th September** Indoors Members Service at St David's Church Haigh 7.30pm

I would like to thank everyone who contributed in anyway to make our Light Lunch on the 5th August so successful whether it was in helping on the stalls and in the kitchen, waiting on or making cakes.

A special thanks to Michael Pye who kindly stepped in to collect the money and of course Malcolm and Ken who, as always, helped us to set up for the event. We raised the magnificent sum of £413.62 which goes towards hope for families and communities overseas and at home.

There was the usual buzz of friendship and fellowship and again as always we had great support not only from the members but also from the parish as a whole and our other regular friends who do support all our events, thank you very much.

### Advance Notice

**Friday 6th October** Women's World day of Prayer venue to be announced.

### Literature Sales

Our Literature Representative Maureen Cook is already busy with the sale of the Christmas Cards, calendars, books etc as detailed in the catalogue. I would urge you to contact her in plenty time to place your orders.

I have mentioned previously that the money received by Liverpool Diocese as a grant related to turnover has a knock on effect by helping to keep subscriptions down. This is achieved by the sale of cards etc right through the year but in particular with good Christmas Sales.

### Visit to St Oswald's Church Winwick

Our trip this year was to visit this newly refurbished Church and what a lovely trip it proved to be. The evening started with a delightful buffet kindly created by Carol Pye which we enjoyed in our own church.

On our arrival at Winwick we were met by Eric and Barbara Runcorn who took great pride in explaining the work which had been carried out and the history of the church dating back to the 10th century. Our own parish was carved out of the historic Winwick Parish and shares with it a connection with the Gerard Family. Our visit ended with a Service of Compline and I would like to end my article with their special prayer.





# Mothers Union

## **The special prayer for the festival of St Oswald:**

Lord God almighty,  
who so kindled the faith of King Oswald  
with your Spirit  
that he set up the sign of the cross in his kingdom  
and turned his people to the light of Christ:  
grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,  
may always bear our cross before the world  
and be found faithful servants of the gospel;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

*Love and prayers  
Barbara*

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## Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre

We have had another successful year in our Duke of Edinburgh Group at St Thomas' and St Luke's. This year we have run a Bronze Group with 11 participants. All have completed the award this year. The practice expedition took place in Rivington and the assessed expedition in Parbold.

We have also had 4 young people participate in the Silver award and undertaken their expedition in the Garstang area and are now preparing their presentation to complete this section.

We have seen the young people develop new skills and work as part of a team over the last nine months to overcome challenges together.

We are starting a new groups for Duke of Edinburgh Award in September at Bronze and Silver levels with the programme normally lasts about 9 and 12 months respectively.

We invite young people starting in year 10 and above in September 2017 to come and join us in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Award.

The award comprises of 4 sections:

### ***Physical Activity***

### ***Volunteering***

### ***Skills***

***Expedition*** - which comprises an overnight camping experience at Bronze and two nights at Silver.

The programme requires that participants show commitment over the 9 -12 months in order to achieve the award.

Why participate in the award?

The award promotes in young people

- Increased self belief / self confidence

- Improve team working abilities and negotiation skills

- Develop leadership skills

- Improves decision making ability

- Opportunity to try new experiences

- Provides a challenge that is achievable

- Learn important life skills can take forward into adult life

- Employers and further education institutes value completion of DofE award

Anyone interested is invited to an introduction session in St Thomas Church Hall

### **Silver Award**

Open to anyone who has completed Bronze or as a direct entrant for your people over 15 years of age (direct entrants will be required to undertake a longer period of volunteering to achieve the award)

***Meeting – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 @ 7:30pm***  
***St Thomas' Church Hall***

### **Bronze Award**

Open to young people in year 10 and above

***Meeting – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 @ 7:30pm***  
***St Thomas' Church Hall***

It is important that young people interested in participating in the award are accompanied to the introductory session by a parent or guardian.

Learn more about the award and meet the leaders.

We have limited places and can cater for up to 14 candidates at each level and will be on a first come basis.

If you require further information or are unable to attend this event but are still interested in the award contact Ceri Mansell 01942 727417.



# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has regularly donated during the past year. Your giving is a vital enabler of the mission and ministry of our work together as Christians.

As a result of your giving, we have been able to: -

- Pay our Parish Share
- Support Africa Fund and Asylum Seekers
- Maintain our buildings
- Nurture faith of around 50 children and young people
- Save towards our Fit for the Future Campaign
- Outreach to our Community
- And much more

We would also like to use this opportunity to give thanks to the many people involved in the administration work each week; counting of money, banking and record keeping.

If you have not already, please do consider the most efficient method of giving which is the Parish Giving Scheme. Please speak to one of us if you would like to know more.

Thank you also to everyone who has Gift Aided their donations. If your circumstances change, do remember to let us know.  
God bless you

**Sarah Riley**  
Treasurer

**Clare Hayton**  
Gift Aid Secretary

# **Ashton and Bryn B.I.G. Festival**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 12 noon to 5.00pm, the local communities of Ashton and Bryn are holding a family fun day on the two Parks on Wigan Road.

St Peters Bryn, Churches Together and our own Messy Church are all involved. Everyone is invited, it is free entry.

The organisers, the local Be Involved Group are asking if anyone would like to be a volunteer marshall on the day just to help families on the day, direct them to activities and generally help to keep them safe and happy.

The purpose of the Festival is to celebrate all the good things in our Ashton and Bryn community! Contact Jenny Bullen 273721.

## **A Musical Evening with the Pemberton Old Wigan DW Youth Brass Band, Frank Lowe (Organ) and Children of Rectory CE School**

**will be held in**

**Holy Trinity Church, North Ashton,**

**on Friday 13th October  
at 7.30pm.**



# **1<sup>st</sup> Ashton-in-Makerfield The Boys Brigade.**

## **HELP IS NEEDED**

For many who may be unaware the Boys Brigade at St Thomas's Church has been in active existence since it was founded over 50 years ago.

This uniformed organisation was founded in 1883 in Glasgow by Sir William Alexander Smith and its values are based on the twin pillars of "The advancement of Christ's kingdom amongst boys and Discipline"-values we believe that are as strong today as they were when the Boys Brigade was founded.

Over many years we have seen many boys come to a faith in Jesus at St Thomas's through the work and commitment of many officers – and we need that to continue.

## **SO HELP IS NEEDED.**

We meet every Tuesday evening during term time and our age groups range from 5-18- consisting of Anchor Boys, Junior Section, Company Section and Senior Section.

We have many other activities that we do as well as giving boys grounding in the Christian Faith.

## **SO HELP IS NEEDED**

We need help in all three sections but especially within the Junior and Company Section.

Once a week, once a month, we need volunteers to come along and help out that is what is needed

## **IF WE DON'T GET HELP**

I do not ask for officers/helpers lightly, but it has come to a point that if we do not get some help then sadly we will be unable to continue as a functioning Boys Brigade Company here at St Thomas.

We start a new year's activity in September, so please do contact me if you are able to help in any way to keep the "BB strong in Ashton"

**Gareth Hamlett- Boys Brigade Captain -----**

**07903866501**



## **Birchenhead Colliery (Almond's Pit), Lowbank Road, Ashton**

### **Part Two** **1770 - 1930**

In 1771 Legh Master, the younger, due to financial problems, sold New Hall (later named Garswood Hall) estate to the Gerard family. However, the Master family excluded the Birchenhead from the sale. In 1808 Rev. Legh Hoskins Master, son of the late Legh Master, the younger, sold the Birchenhead, reserving the coal mining rights for himself, to James Ashton, of Billinge, farmer. In 1815 James' daughter Ellen Ashton married James Melling, of Ashton. farmer. In 1835 James Ashton died. He placed his estate in Trust to Rev. Edmund Sibson, vicar of St. Thomas', Ashton, to sell at auction and the proceeds to be given to James' two daughters Mary and Ellen. The estate was auctioned at the "Fleece", Ashton, and James' son in law James Melling purchased the Birchenhead excluding the mining rights which were reserved for Charles Legh Hoskins Master, son of the late Rev. Legh Hoskins Master.

In 1847 James Melling sold the Birchenhead, excluding the mining rights, to Sir John Gerard, of New Hall, Ashton in Makerfield. Sir John only purchased the surface lands not the coal beneath the ground. In 1874 Rev. Charles Hoskins Master, son of the late Rev. Charles Legh Hoskins Master sold the coal mining rights at Birchenhead to Thomas Melling, grocer, of Ashton in Makerfield, son of the previous James Melling.

Thomas Melling and his wife Ellen lived at Townfield Gate, part of todays Liverpool Road, near the former St. Oswalds RC primary school and owned a grocers shop at 2 & 4 Liverpool Road, opposite the "Kings Arms". Thomas was also a churchwarden at St.

Thomas' church, the Overseer of the Poor in charge of the township poor and the registrar of births, marriages and deaths for Ashton. Thomas' brother, William Melling, was the proprietor of the "Kings Arms Hotel", Ashton. Thomas died 1876 but the grocery and colliery business continued under his name and managed by his widow Ellen Melling and son Alan Ashton Boothby Melling.



In 1889 Thomas Henry Stone, a mining engineer, of Standishgate, Wigan, became a partner in Birchenhead Colliery and the colliery was expanded under the name of "Melling & Stone". Two new shafts were sunk 300 yards to



mine the Orrell coal seam. Mrs. Ellen Melling cut the first sod of one shaft and Mrs. Mary Jane Stone the first sod of the other shaft. Success to the enterprise was toasted with a bumper of champagne and a barrel of beer with work suspended for the day. On Saturday all the employees, about 60 in number, attended a dinner at the "Robin Hood", Ashton, with singing and dancing.

In 1892 Ellen Melling and her son Alan Ashton Boothby Melling resigned from the partnership at the colliery. Ellen was now living at Belmont Villas which still exist, the first houses to be built on Wigan Road in 1890, midway between Osborne Road and Cansfield Road. James Birkett Almond, of Standish, joined Thomas Henry Stone as a co-partner in Birchenhead colliery under the name "Almond & Stone". James was a butcher in Standish but in the 1870's he established the "J.B. Almond Brewery" in Standish. He became very wealthy and lived at 3 High Street, Standish, "The Beeches", which until recently was an hotel and restaurant.

The Birchenhead colliery came to be known locally as "Almonds Pit", probably after the death of Thomas H. Stone in 1896 and also to distinguish it from the nearby "Park Colliery of J & R Stone" known locally as "Stones' ". Ashtonians will recall that on Lowbank Road, before the building of the M6 in the early 1960's, there was a steep incline up to Spindle Hillock known as Almonds Brew taking its name from the nearby pit. After the death of Thomas H. Stone in 1896 the colliery continued under the sole ownership of James B. Almond. The pit was closed in 1896 but reopened in 1900 when James B. Almond erected new head gear. James B. Almond died in 1908 and Birchenhead colliery continued under the ownership of the Almond family until closure about 1930. The colliery never employing more than 60 men and only 33 in 1929. Birchenhead colliery was a very small mine in comparison to the nearby J & R Stone's Park Nos. 1, 2 & 3 Collieries, Liverpool Road, Ashton in Makerfield, which in 1923 employed 984 men and in 1933 1,292 men.

David A. Fearnley.

*My apologies to David as in the August magazine I credited authorship of the first part of this fascinating historical article to the late and fondly remembered John Fearnley who was David's uncle.*

**Malcolm**



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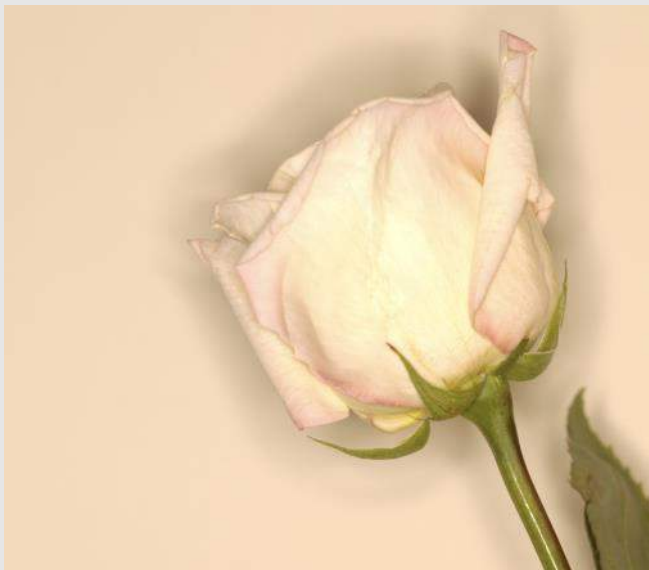
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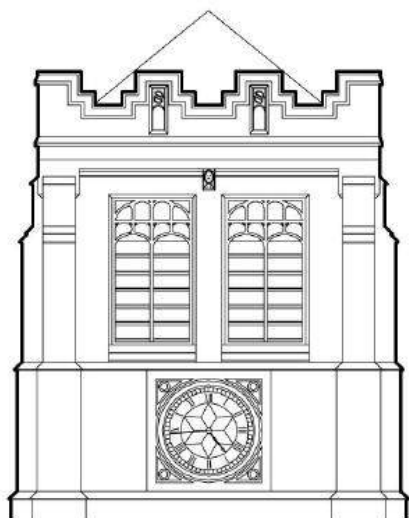
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| LADIES ON DUTY |  |
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| 2nd Sept       | MRS LYON, MRS PILLING, MRS DAVIES          |
| 9th Sept       | MRS LAITES, MRS MALLEY, MRS VELLA          |
| 16th Sept      | MRS EDWARDSON, MRS COOK, KAYLEIGH SPEAKMAN |
| 23rd Sept      | MRS LYON, MRS PILLING, MRS DAVIES          |
| 30th Sept      | ALL LADIES - HARVEST FLOWERS               |

| FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING SEPTEMBER |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| DATE                               | ALTAR  | LADY CHAPEL  |
| 27TH AUG                           | Memory of loved ones<br>Mary and Jim Marsden   | Memory of my son Stephen Leyland (29th Aug) who would have been 60.<br>From Mum Edna Leyland         |
| 3rd Sept                           | VACANT   | VACANT   |
| 10th Sept                          | In memory of loved ones<br>From Freda & John Melling                                   | Anniversary remembrance of Elsie (7th) & Hugh Jarvis (9th Sept)<br>From David, Elsie, Ann & Families |
| 17th Sept                          | VACANT   | Anniversary remembrance of Debra Davies (20th Sept)<br>A dear Mum, Daughter, Sister & Auntie         |
| 24th Sept                          | Birthday memories of Austin Bullen<br>From Jean, Karen, Keith, Jaki, Simon, Toni & Ben | VACANT   |

# St Thomas' Flowers



## FLOWER GUILD DONATIONS

In memory of Edna Slack  
From Janet and Dougie Wildman

# St Lukes' Flowers



## FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR AUGUST

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 3rd<br>Sept  | VACANT  |
| 10th<br>Sept | Remembrance of Angela Baxter Connie Lockett                         |
| 17th<br>Sept | Anniversary memory of Connie - Ken Lockett                          |
| 24th<br>Sept | In loving memory of Rodney Williams<br>from Linda, Michael & Family |



# St Thomas' Donations

## September 2017



Please place your donation in an envelope with your full name and amount written on it. Please hand in at church or post to the vicarage. Please make any cheques payable to **St Thomas' PCC**. If you want the donation to be for something specific, please write clearly on the envelope.

Thank you.

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### **With Thanks for Home Communion:**

Gladys Jolley

### **With Thanks for prayers for Megan**

From Mrs Topping

### **Other Donations:**

Africa coffee morning fund

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

**Unless otherwise stated donations will go into the General Fund.**

If you want to discuss any issues around wills and legacies please ring the Parish Treasurer Sarah Riley on 01942 722747



**Anniversary Remembrance of Graham McLaren**

(20th Sept)

A dearly loved Dad and Grandad  
From Pauline, Kevin, Susan, Nick, Jack & Scarlett

**Anniversary Remembrance of Alan Simpson**

(23rd Sept)

A dearly loved husband, dad, grandad &  
father-in-law from Sheila, Ian & Amanda

**Birthday Remembrance of**

**A loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad Stan Shaw**

From Betty, Karen, Gill & families

**Thomas William Griffiths & David Alan Griffiths**

from Joyce & John

**In Loving Memory of Muriel Vernon**

From Barbara & John, The Hurst family,  
Jeff & Anne Pimblett, Marie Ryan,  
Sheila Jones

**In loving memory of Angela Baxter**

from Debra

**In loving memory of Gordon Lyon**

On our diamond wedding anniversary (Sept 21st)  
from ever loving wife Marie

**In Memory of David Wallace Brown**

From Susan Evans

**St Lukes' Donations**



**Anniversary remembrance of Connie Lockett**

from loving husband Ken

**In memory of a much loved Auntie and friend Mary Roberts**

from Rose

***Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September***  
**An Evening of Song**  
***Haydock Male Voice Choir***



**7.30pm St. Thomas's Church**

Tickets £4.50

Pay on door £5.00

***Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September***  
**The Eden Singers**  
***In aid of Wigan & Leigh Hospice***



The Eden Singers, under the direction of Adrian Yapp, were formed five years ago with one aim and that is to raise money for local charities, money raised so far totals £25,000

**7.30pm St. Thomas's Church**

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***Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September***

**Talk by David Fearnley**

On the Ashton-in-Makerfield Regiment of  
Soldiers - Lancashire Hussars

**7.00pm St. Thomas's Church Hall**

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***Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September***  
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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Genesis chs. 37:1-36, 39:1-20

Jacob had 12 sons but his favourite was Joseph, his beloved Rachel's son. He even gave him special clothes to wear...

His older brothers  
hated him.



Daddy's little pet

I dreamed the sun, moon and eleven  
stars bowed down to my star



Really?

He means us,  
doesn't he?



Not if we can help it!

Joseph visited his brothers  
as they looked after their  
flocks of sheep.



Let's kill him!

Put him down this  
dry well for now



Then some Ishmaelite  
slave traders came by



We'll sell Joseph instead!

What will we tell Father?



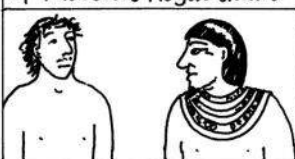
Put some goat blood  
on Joseph's fancy coat.

So they tricked Jacob

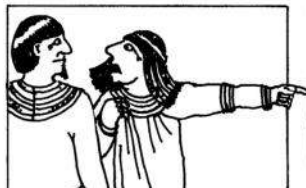


An animal must  
have killed him.

In Egypt, Joseph was sold  
to Potiphar, the captain  
of Pharaoh's Royal Guard



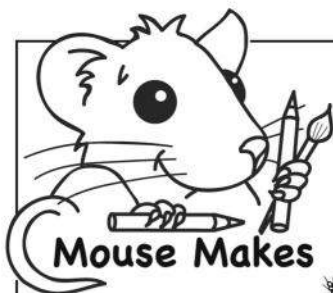
Potiphar was very pleased with  
Joseph's hard work and put him  
in charge of his household, but..



Potiphar's wife made up  
bad stories about Joseph..

so Joseph was  
put in prison





May all the peoples praise you, O God,  
may all the peoples praise you!  
The land has produced its harvest,  
God, our God has blessed us.  
God has blessed us, may all people  
everywhere honour him.

*Psalms 67:5-7*

Can you find these harvest  
words in the hay bales?

**HARVEST**  
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PLOUGH • SCATTER  
SOIL • GROW  
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**September 29**  
**Michael, Gabriel and**  
**Raphael**

In the Bible, angels are messengers from God. The word 'angel' comes from the Greek word for a messenger and it appears hundreds of times in the Bible. But the only angels whose names we know are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who are archangels, captains among the angels. Each of these three has a different task: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

In the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil and in the Old Testament he is in the book of Daniel, defending Israel against its enemies.

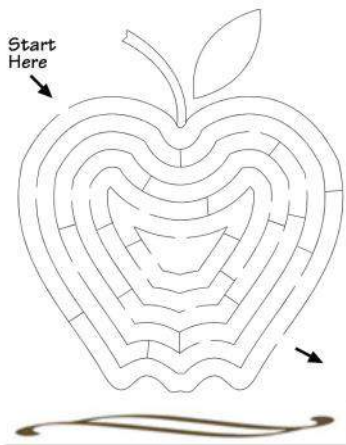
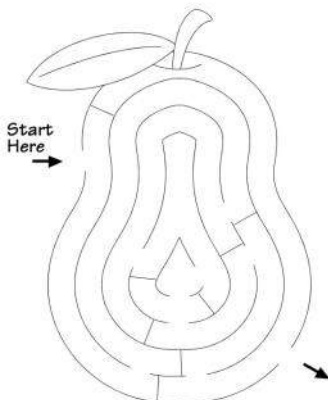


Gabriel is best known for his appearing to a young Jewish girl named Mary to tell her that she will give birth to Jesus.

Raphael is in the Old Testament story of Tobit where he guides Tobit's son Tobiah.

**HARVEST PUZZLE**

Can you find your way through these 2 fruit mazes?

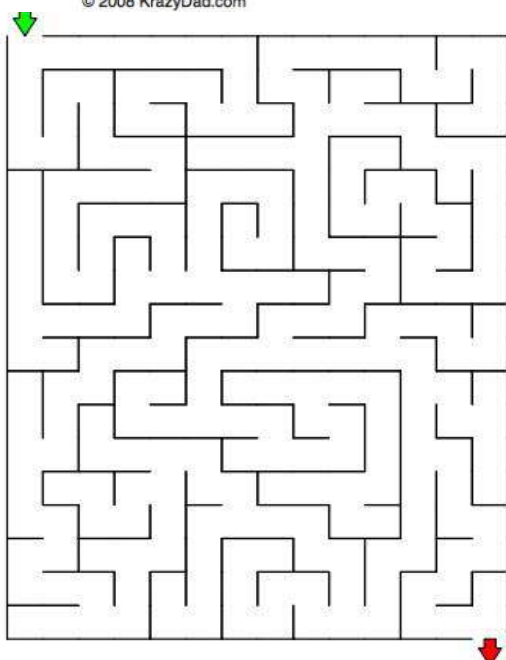


**What kind of nuts sneeze the most?**  
Cashews.

**What's a vampire's favourite fruit?**  
Nectarine.

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# The Film Review

## With Rob Carson



### Spider-Man: Homecoming (12A)

**Directed by Jon Watts**

**Stars:** Tom Holland, Michael Keaton, Zendaya, Laura Harrier, Robert Downey Jr, Jon Favreau, Tony Revolori, Marisa Tomei, Donald Glover, Bokeem Woodbine, and Jacob Batalon

**In a Nutshell:** By this point in the whole movie watching game, surely the idea of yet another Spider-Man movie had us filled with doubt thinking why and why bother? From the original trilogy through to the more recent two movies, the franchise has had it's day and a mix of success and treading water, what could ever make it fresh enough to give it another go? Oh, how about letting the actual studio do it justice. Yep, while the Marvel logo has been prevalent through the series, they never truly had the rights to tell the story their way and incorporate the larger universe into the story... till now, and it goes a long way. Firstly, after introducing the character again in Civil War without the need for his origin story (because we all know it by now) we can jump right in with the character and just have fun, no back story and no constant clichés and speeches.... plus Peter finally feels like the right age and the perfect actor to play that too without having a good actor feel too old to play the character in high school. Plus it fits perfectly as a high school movie, doing all the things one of those does with aplomb. It has a terrific villain in Keatons' Vulture, his motivation and story means that you understand him and pity him while also willing Spidey on against him and the way it incorporates the MCU into this plot strand is perfect along with one more perfect twist. You have the Downey and Favreau roles, both brilliant as ever with a lot more Happy Hogan this time around which is brilliant in this case as he is awesomely used. And naturally, the action is awesome and the effects are great as well as the zingers... basically everything you want from a Spidey movie is here and more, it's so much fun and it's high time they really nailed the format and yet again Marvel studios proves why it's the best... brilliant and a treat for all ages, go web go!

**Rating: 9/10**



### Dunkirk (12A)

**Directed by Christopher Nolan**

**Stars:** Mark Rylance, Finn Whitehead, Harry Styles, Cillian Murphy, Tom Hardy, Jack Lowden, Kenneth Branagh, James D'Arcy, Anauerin Bernard, and Sir Michael Caine

**In a Nutshell:** Is there anything Christopher Nolan can't do? There certainly wasn't any trepidation towards this movie from the get go, everyone basically guessed it would be a win immediately and so it has proved once more. Taking his used idea of the different timelines for the same event that assumes we'll keep up with each story, this breaks into





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telling the story of those on the boat going to save soldiers plus those in the air, on the ships and on the land too in many dramatic and devastating ways. The way it's been filmed with the IMAX cameras and the large format is astonishing, and deserves to be seen on the biggest screen possible in the best projection you can find... this is a cinema movie! Nolan once more mastering the craft of moviemaker in so many ways.... heed marshall's terrific performances from his many actors, no one performer taking a lead role and all being very collaborative, though special mentions to Styles for impressing majorly in his first role and to Hardy for expressing so much through just the eyes plus a turn from Murphy that is going to stir conversation about what is right and wrong. Big on scale and big on emotion, this is a timely reminder of just what you can do with a big summer movie when done right... not shrimping on scale and spectacle but remembering the message it's meaning to convey in a heartfelt way too, a grand mix of emotion and scale. Yet another easy reminder of why these guys are the best at what they do, believe the Nolan hype once more. But most importantly this is a devastating reminder of what we had to sacrifice for the freedoms we have today and will make you thankful that firstly you were not around during such dark days but mostly thankful to those who endured this so that we would no longer have to, and for that it's a majorly important piece of history.

**Rating: 10/10**

Also Seen:

**War for the Planet of the Apes (12A) 8/10**

**Captain Underpants (U) 9/10**

**Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets (12A) 7/10**

**The Big Sick (15) 10/10**

**Cars III (U) 7/10**

**The House (15) 6/10**



Also Released in September:

**Patti Cake\$ (15) (Sep 1<sup>st</sup>) Stratton (12A) (Sep 1<sup>st</sup>) The Limehouse Golem (15) (Sep 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**Una (15) (Sep 1<sup>st</sup>) Goon: Last of the Enforcers (15) (Sep 8<sup>th</sup>) IT (15) (Sep 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Wind River (15) (Sep 8<sup>th</sup>) American Assassin (18) (Sep 14<sup>th</sup>) Mother (15) (Sep 15<sup>th</sup>)**

**Victoria and Abdul (12A) (Sep 15<sup>th</sup>) Kingsman: The Golden Circle (15) (Sep 20<sup>th</sup>)**

**Borg vs McEnroe (15) (Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>) Maze (15) (Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>) Brimstone (15) (Sep 29<sup>th</sup>)**

**Flatliners (15) (Sep 29<sup>th</sup>) Goodbye Christopher Robin (PG) (Sep 29<sup>th</sup>)**



# The Registers



## Funerals - "May they rest in peace"

|             |               |                |    |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|----|
| 28th July   | Revina France | Widdicombe NH  | 76 |
| 31st July   | James Kush    | Liverpool Road | 20 |
| 1st August  | Annie Jones   | Bolton Road    | 90 |
| 10th August | David Brown   | Ashton View NH | 79 |

## Holy Matrimony - "All the days of their lives"



|           |  |
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| 29th July | Joel Stephen Beavon & Jade Mary Mitchell |
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## Holy Baptism -

"We welcome them into the Lord's family"



|             |                          |                |
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| 23rd July   | Amelia Louise Disley     | Hodnet Drive   |
| 23rd July   | Logan Edward Steven Lee  | Medway Close   |
| 23rd July   | Chloe Elizabeth Archer   | Baliol Way     |
| 13th August | Edward Henry Smith       | Dunsdale Drive |
| 13th August | Algyah - Rose Winstanley | Avon Road      |
| 13th August | Corey Greg Broxton       | Walford Road   |
| 13th August | Eric Fairhurst           | Flora Street   |

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

|   |  |
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| <p><b><u>Boys Brigade</u></b><br/> <b>Captain Gareth Hamlett</b> 07903866501<br/> <b>Anchor Boys (Tues 5:45pm)</b><br/> <b>Olwen Wright</b> 389595<br/> <b>Junior Section (Tues 6:45pm)</b><br/> <b>Kat Duckworth</b> 07517486188<br/> <b>Company Section (Tues 7:30pm)</b><br/> Contact Gareth Hamlett</p> | <p><b><u>Girl Guides</u></b><br/> <b>Rainbows (Tues 5:30pm)</b><br/> <b>Anne Wooff</b> 724207<br/> <b>3rd &amp; 4th Ashton Brownies (Wed/ Thu 6:30pm)</b><br/> <b>St Luke's Brownies (Tues 6:15pm)</b><br/> <b>3rd Ashton Guides/Rangers (Tues 7:15pm)</b><br/> <b>Rachel Starkie</b> 718350</p> |
| <p><b><u>Children's Sunday Clubs – 10:45am</u></b><br/> <b>Bubbles (Pre-School)</b><br/> <b>Splash (R-Y2), Xstream (Y3-Y6)</b><br/> <b>Bell Tower (Y7-Y11)</b><br/> <b>Sue Thomas</b> 727275<br/> sue@stthomasandstluke.co.uk</p>   | <p><b><u>Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'</u></b><br/> <b>Tues 10:00am-12:00pm</b><br/> <b>Thurs after 9:45am Communion</b><br/> <b>Barbara Taylor</b> 205136</p>   |
|   | <p><b><u>Flower Guild</u></b><br/> <b>Meta Laites</b> 723679</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Children, Young People and Families</u></b><br/> <b>Sue Thomas</b> 727275</p>  | <p><b><u>Music Group Sunday 10:45am</u></b><br/> <b>Mary Owen</b> 203277</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Wednesday Weenies (Wed 1:00-2:30pm in the Church Hall)</u></b><br/> <b>Lynn Anderton</b> 07725 324447</p>  | <p><b><u>Saturday FM 4:00-5:00pm (Monthly) - St Thomas' School</u></b><br/> <b>Nicola Burgess</b> 706841</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Duke of Edinburgh's Award (14-18+)</u></b><br/> <b>(Sun 6:30pm Church Hall)</b><br/> <b>Ceri Mansell</b> 727417</p>  | <p><b><u>St Thomas' Mothers' Union</u></b><br/> <b>3rd Wed: 7:30pm</b><br/> <b>Barbara Taylor</b> 205136</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Fairtrade Stall</u></b><br/> <b>1st Sun 12:00pm</b><br/> <b>Anne &amp; Chris Wooff</b> 724207</p>  | <p><b><u>Fur Clemt Stubshaw</u></b><br/> <b>Mon 12:00-1:00pm at St Luke's</b><br/> <b>Jennifer Harrison</b> 718618</p>   |
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# Church Officials in the Parish of St Thomas, Ashton-in Makerfield

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| <p><b><u>Vicar</u></b><br/>Rev Jeremy Thomas 727275</p>  | <p><b><u>Church Office</u></b><br/>Jo Pollitt 721484<br/>office@stthomasstluke.org.uk</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Curate</u></b><br/>Rev Sam Green 389940<br/>Rev Flic Green 389940</p>   | <p><b><u>Ordained Local Minister</u></b><br/>Rev Izzy Schafer 717300</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Sunday Morning Worship St Thomas'</u></b><br/>Jan Cornthwaite 721626</p>  | <p><b><u>Sunday Morning Worship St Luke's</u></b><br/>Carole Pye 517318</p>   |
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