

# NEWS AND EVENTS



**“Eco Church is a scheme to help church communities improve their Environmental impact.**

**A Rocha has developed Eco Church, an award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God’s earth.”**

## **Eco Church**

“Here at St Thomas’ we are looking for anyone who would like to give some time to work on the graveyard to make it more appealing and useful to us and the local community.

Luckily Salford Council take responsibility for cutting the grass and tidying almost all of the ground around the church so the areas we can work on are very limited.

If you are actually a gardener that would be a great bonus but we also need you if you are a lateral thinker, a problem solver, and enjoy a challenge because we need ideas as much as green fingers.

There will be yet another sign up sheet at the back of church or speak to Chris. “

### **WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR WERE YOU THERE? CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2027**

Christian Aid Week runs from 10 - 16 May this year. It is a week when we try to collect as much money as we can to support the work of Christian Aid working with partner agencies in some of the poorest and most marginalised communities in our world. We will be handing out the envelopes and an excellent daily prayer booklet next Sunday. The annual Christian Aid BRUNCH & CAKE STALL will take place after the service on Sunday 17th - everyone is invited to this, whether or not they are able to donate money.

### **We need more people to take part in the 70k in May Challenge:**

Christine, Joan and I plan to walk 70k in the next 4 weeks and will hopefully have lots of generous sponsors. Could you do 70k - either alone or as part of a team? You can walk, run, swim, cycle.....Please let Hilary or Christine know: we would love you to join us. Hilary

## **Scargill Weekend 2027!**

Two years ago 24 of us, mostly from St Thomas & Holy Angels, but including friends from St Luke's and St John's, experienced a wonderful, relaxing and inspirational weekend at Scargill - the Christian centre in the Yorkshire Dales. As it is so popular we have to wait until next year for our next visit - which is now booked for 17th – 19th September 2027. Please speak to Christine, Sue or Hilary if you would like to know more or to let us know if you are interested in coming on the weekend.



### **Bible Study at St Luke's**

*Come and join us in the hall at 6:30 - 7:30pm. every Thursday as we begin our study of the Gospel of John. No prior knowledge is needed and bibles can be provided.*

A great BIG thank you to all who donated towards St Thomas' Easter flowers in memory of their loved ones, and also to Mike for making the beautiful floral displays:

Lee and Debs  
Anne Robinson  
Pam Bright  
Joan Howard  
John and Barbara  
Sally and Frank  
Alice Schofield  
Hilary Thomas  
Christina and Julia  
Scott Evans  
Janice and Lawrence  
Ruth Quail  
Caroline and Peter.

*Thank you, Christina.*

### **SCHOENSTADT SHRINE**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of quiet reflection at the beautiful Schoenstadt Shrine. Manchester Rd. Kearsley. BL4 8QQ. 1:30pm Sat 9th May.

All welcome. For further information ask Joan Howard or just turn up.

### **ST THOMAS' 100 CLUB**

The winner of the 100 Club for March was John Wilkinson and the winner of the 100 Club for April was Normal Platt.

If you would like to take part in the 100 Club draw, which raises valuable Funds towards the upkeep of our beautiful church building, please see Anne Robinson.

### **Christian Aid Coffee Morning**

On Saturday 16 May, 10am - 12 noon you are invited to a Christian Aid Coffee Morning, with various stalls, including home-made cakes and books, at the Height Methodist Church, King Street, M6 7GY

### ***St Luke's - Coffee & Craft Morning***

Bring your craft with you and we will provide the warm space, friendly chat and a hot drink. *Every Wednesday from 10:30-12pm*

### **Team Sunday Notices**

Any items/articles to be published on the Team Newssheet, please send them by Thursday, am of each week to: John McKenna on: [oscar701@sky.com](mailto:oscar701@sky.com)