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St. Luke's	Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm
St. Mary's	Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm
St. Thomas'	Monday 7.00-7.30pm

Magazine Deadlines

The Deadline for Inclusion will be the 10th of the month i.e. 10th August For September Magazine etc.

Items submitted after the deadline dates will be carried over to the next magazine. Whilst we will endeavour to get items included, sometimes, due to space restrictions, they may slip a month.

Can you please submit items for inclusion in the magazine by email to barbaraarnold@live.co.uk and johnegoodland@gmail.com who will produce the joint magazine.

Thanks

(For St Luke's telephone submissions tel: Ann Glacki 01942 711489)

TEA, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP At **St. Luke's** after 10.00am Service each Wednesday

CALL AND SHAREAt **St. Luke's** 8.45 - 10.00am every Thur. A warm welcome to all.

COFFEE & CHAT Pop in for a cuppa every Thursday 8.45 to 11.45am **St. Mary's** community hall.....coffee, tea, hot buttered toast & teacakes.... All welcome.

OPEN CHURCH **St. Mary's** church is open to visitors on Monday and Friday mornings 10.00 to 11.30.

"GOOD AS NEW" shop open every Thursday at **St. Thomas's Church**.... Tea, coffee, toast, teacakes & chat. Lots of bargains..... everyone welcome.

"FORGET ME NOT" CAFE 4th Saturday of each month in **Broadmead Centre, Lowton** from 10am – 12noon
Come along to join in the fellowship; meet new friends; have a bite to eat; take part in an activity. Everyone most welcome.

Dates for your Diary - St. Mary's

Sunday 1st March

	10.30am	Celebration Sunday
	6.30pm	Holy Communion
Mon 2nd	10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Thur 5th	8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
	10.00am	Holy Communion
Fri 6th	10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Sat 7th	10.00am - 12.00pm	Easter Coffee Morning - Community Hall

Sunday 8th March

	10.00am	Holy Communion and Ashes
	6.30pm	No Service
Mon 9th	10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Thur 12th	8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
	10.00am	Morning Worship
Fri 13th	10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	No Service
Mon 16th	10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Thur 19th	8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
	10.00am	Morning Worship
Fri 20th	10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Sat 21st	10.30am	Messy Church

Sunday 22nd March

	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Holy Communion
Mon 23rd	10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Thur 26th	8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
	10.00am	Holy Communion
Fri 27th	10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday - Joint Service at St Mary's

	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	No Service

Can You HELP?

With St Mary's Easter Experience

An activity in church designed to give the children from St, Mary's Primary School a better understanding of the Easter Story

The event will take place on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th March 2026

If you feel you could spare a few hours of your time to help, please speak to any of the 'Growing God's Church Team'

Pam, Alison, Sharon, Sian, Dave or the Church Wardens

Dates for your Diary - St. Luke's

Sunday 1st March

10.00am Morning Worship

Wed 4th 10.00am Morning Worship
followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship

Sunday 8th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Wed 11th 10.00am No Service

Thurs 12th 9.30am Morning Worship at St Thomas

Sat 14th 10.00am Cafe Church

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion

12.00noon Baptisms

Wednesday 18th

Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion

followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship

Sunday 22nd March

10.00am All Age Worship

Wed 25th 10.00am No Service

followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday - Joint Service at St Mary's

10.30am Morning Worship

Dates for your Diary - St Thomas'

Sunday 1st March

10.30am	Holy Communion followed by Baptism
Thurs 5th 9.	NO SERVICE
10.00am	'Good as New Shop'
11.00am	"Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter" group

Sunday 8th March

10.30am	Morning Worship
Thurs 12th 9.30am	Morning Worship followed by 'Good as New Shop'
11.00am	"Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter" group
Sat 14th 9.30am-11.30am	Jumble Sale
12.00-3.00pm	Open Church

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

10.30am	Morning Worship
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Wednesday 18th

Ash Wednesday

10.00am	Morning Worship at St Luke's
6.30pm	Holy Communion at St Thomas'
Thurs 19th	NO SERVICE
10.00am	'Good as New Shop'

Sunday 22nd March

10.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs 26th 9.30am	Holy Communion followed by 'Good as New Shop'

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday - Joint Service at St Mary's

10.30am	Morning Worship
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Prayer for Lent

"Lord of creation, in this season of Lent when we are meant to slow busy lives and take time to reflect and consider Your sojourn in the wilderness, will You help us calm scattered thoughts, find precious minutes to be with You?"

We long to grow our faith, and hope we might be rather like the spring bulbs that are returning to lift bright heads to the yet reluctant sun, and becoming more numerous than the original planting. Please bless our efforts to know you more deeply, now and always. Amen"

Jean G



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Thou, Whose Almighty Word

by Peter Stirzaker

Thou, Whose Almighty Word, that great hymn of the Trinity, has long had an emotional connection with me. I must have learned this while I was at School where I enjoyed singing both tune and text. One aspect of its construction is the way each verse ends with the phrase: 'let there be light', an emphatic appraisal of the wonder of God's creation. At that time, I only knew that phrase as it appeared in Genesis 1 verse 3, never thinking that it had a spiritual dimension as well.

The words were written by John Marriott (1780-1825) who, sadly, did not see it published in his lifetime. He did, however, see the publication of two volumes of inspirational sermons, for he was first and foremost a clergyman at Cotesbach near Lutterworth, and though he penned many hymns, this is the one he is only known for.

The hymn was first set to a tune by Sir Frederick Ouseley, which doesn't do the text any favours by beginning on the last beat of the bar, forcing an unhappy accent on the second syllable of the text. Just imagine singing with a stress on 'whose' in the first verse, 'who' in the second, and even worse the second syllables of 'spirit' and 'holy' in the third and fourth verses. No wonder the tune was dropped in the 1875 edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern, in favour of the tune we all know and love, which makes for a much happier marriage.

This tune, called 'Moscow', was composed by an Italian by the name of Felice Giardini (1716-1796). Unlike Ouseley's, Giardini's composition is in three-time and begins without an anacrusis (i.e. without an upbeat). It is lilting, tuneful and readily memorable. Felicitously, the third line of each verse comprising four syllables, is set to a descending broken chord, which, in my view, adds emphasis to the meaning. In the last line of the final verse when I am

accompanying this hymn, I like to separate the chords slightly to stress the words, which are, after all, the principal theme of this glorious hymn. Each verse of the hymn reminds us of our tripartite God. The first verse is about our spiritual Creator and the Creation as mentioned in Genesis 1:1-3.

Thou, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
And where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.

The second verse reminds us of God the Son, Jesus, who came down to redeem us from all evil. He was a healer of those who were sick in both body and mind. He gave light to those who could not see, 'to the inly (inwardly) blind'.

Thou, who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

The third verse introduces the Holy Spirit as a Dove carrying a lamp, no doubt referencing the dove which came down to Jesus and settled upon His shoulder in John: 1:32.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

The final verse sums up our faith; the faith of Wisdom, Love, and Might which no bounds, is everlasting, and is in us, on us and around us.

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth far and wide
Let there be light.



Lowton St Mary's Easter



Coffee Morning

Tickets £4



(includes tea/coffee & toast/hot cross bun
or choose from a selection of cakes)

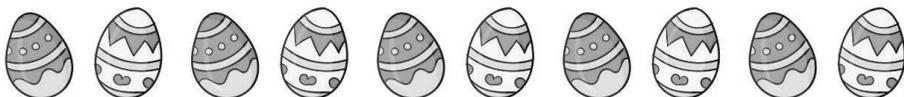
Saturday 7th March

10.00am – 12.00pm

St Mary's Community Hall

Newton Road, Lowton WA3 1EW

(Proceeds in aid of Community Hall renovation)



Mothers' UNION

**LIFE IS LIKE A CAMERA
FOCUS ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT
CAPTURE THE GOOD TIMES
DEVELOP FROM THE NEGATIVES
AND IF THINGS DONT WORK OUT
TAKE ANOTHER SHOT**

Our speaker in February was Revd Janet Heighton from Rainford Parish Church. Her topic was "Christian Mindfulness. Seeing God's World Through The Camera Lens".

She inherited her love of photography from her father, a photo journalist. To Janet photography is a spiritual exercise, taking time to compose a picture, reflect on the settings you are going to use, it makes you Mindful of the subject and the moment.

Mindfulness has been a buzz word in recent years, particularly in post covid times, the NHS website says "paying attention to the world around us aids mental health". The next step for Christians is a mindfulness that embraces an awareness of the presence of God. Janet became increasingly aware that her passion for photography linked with her spiritual life and could become a mission opportunity and in fact has close links with contemplative prayer.

She developed the idea with us that Christian Mindfulness is the awareness of the presence of God at work within our own God-given capacities for attention and awareness. (Shaun Lambert). We are encouraged to slow down. Do we need to rush through life! When life gets blurry - slow down , pull in and take a moment to engage with God. Maybe this could be our Lenten project. Like Janet use your phone and take a photograph of something heart shaped, a leaf, a puddle, a discarded paper etc. etc.

"THROUGH NATURE GOD IS LOVE ALL THE TIME".

Diary Dates

Saturday March 7th - Commissioning Service at Liverpool Cathedral. 3pm.

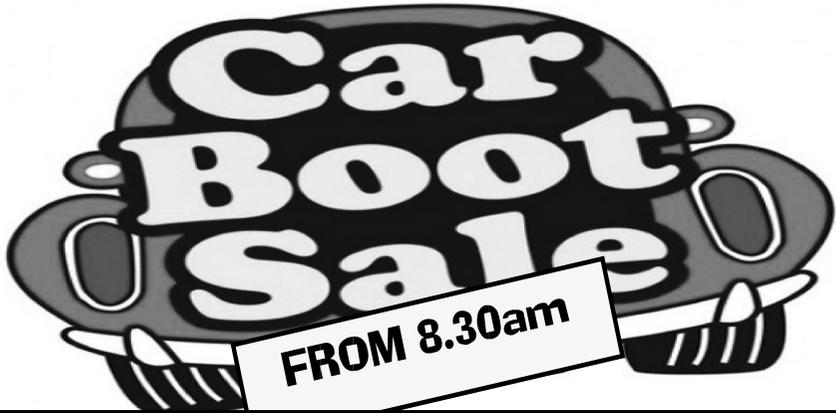
Wednesday March 11th - Games and Quiz Evening. St Lukes Church 7.30pm.

Wednesday 8th April - Meal at the Kirkfield 7.30pm. Please see Dorothy Vincent.

WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY. DEANERY FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MOTHERS UNION. ST LUKE'S CHURCH 7.30PM

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Saturday 9th May

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Lowton St Mary's Parish Walk

This years walk will take place on Saturday 25th April, the route has yet to be finalised but will commence from the Community Hall car park at 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm approx. The walk will have a break for a pack lunch.

Church Magazine

If anyone would like to receive the magazine by email please contact me at johnegoodland@gmail.com and I will send you a .pdf each month.

St. Thomas' Church Golborne

JUMBLE SALE - Sat 14th March

9.30am-11.30am Doors open at 9.30am

Lots of bargains!! Most items 50p or less

All welcome - LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Delicious Simple Fish Dish

Place cod loin (or any fish you prefer) on tin foil.

Sprinkle with oil or melted butter.

Cover with Creme Fraiche, followed by breadcrumbs, then grated cheese. Sprinkle with fresh lemon juice and your choice of herbs.

Wrap the fish in foil and place on baking sheet in the oven.

Bake at 190C/Gas Mark 5 for 25 mins.

Serve with vegetables of your choice.

Sent by Susan from " Open Church "

Lent Biscuit

This month's recipe comes from the island of Malta and is rationally made during the Season of Lent. Feel free to slightly adapt the recipe.

Ingredients

220g Ground almonds	220g S.R.flour	330g sugar
1tsp cinnamon	pinch nutmeg	
pinch mixed spice	orange flower water	
1 grated rind of lemon + juice		
1 grated rind of orange +juice		
and grated rind of tangerine		
1 tbsp cocoa		
1/2 tsp baking powder		

First, mix the dry ingredients, then add the citrus juices and a little orange blossom water. If the dough looks a little dry add more blossom water or just natural water to make stiff dough. Knead lightly until well amalgamated and shape into ovals, approximately 10 cm long, 5 cm wide and 2 cm thick. Place on greased and floured baking trays and bake at 190°C/375°F/gas 5 for about 20 minutes.

The most important factor in baking this biscuit is that you do not overcook or let them get too hard whilst in the oven. This is because once they are out of the oven they will harden more due to the almonds

Flowers at St Mary's

1st Mar	Mr Rob Gore
8th Mar	Mrs Pauline Hill
15th Mar	Mrs M Fletcher
22nd Mar	Gwen Massey
29th Mar	Choir
5th Apr	Annette Peake

From St. Mary's Registers Funeral

19th January Alice Gibson (93yrs)

From St. Luke's Registers Baptisms

18th January Daniel Adenekan- Wilmott
Samuel Adenekan- Wilmott
Isaac Gorst

Funerals

26th January Joan Buckley

From St. Thomas' Registers Funerals

4th February Enid Porter

Burial of Ashes

25th January Thomas Hindley

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St. Luke's

Mothers' Union 2nd Wed of the month 7.30pm in St. Luke's Church
Knit & Natter 2nd & 4th Friday 2.00pm-4.00pm in St. Luke's Vestry

St. Mary's

Choir Thursday 7.30pm
Messy Church 3rd Saturday of the month 10.30 – 12.30pm
(Co-ordinator: Sharon Goodland 07847 998758)

Weekly Events in the Community Hall

Tuesday	9.00 – 11.00 am	Mum's & Toddlers
Tuesday	1.00 - 2.00pm	Strength & Balance Class
Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 am	Tai Chi for Health
Thursday	8.45 – 11.45am	Coffee & Chat

St. Mary's Uniformed Organisations

Beavers Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm
Cubs Thursday 7.15-8.30pm
Scouts Tuesday 7.00-9.00pm
(All enquiries contact Pauline Ross 07931 872564)

Rainbows Monday 6.00 – 7.00pm
Brownies Wednesday & Thursday 6.15-7.45pm
All enquires contact Sharon Goodland 07847 998758

St. Thomas'

Good as New Shop Thursday 10.00 – 12.00noon
Craft Group Thursday 11.00 – 1.00pm
Sunday Club Each Sunday from 10.30am
Kitchen Club 2nd & 4th Mondays 12 midday – 1.00pm in Church

St. Thomas' Uniformed Organisations

Beavers	Mon 6.00-7.00pm	Fiona
Cubs	Weds 7.00-8.15pm	Keri
Scouts	Thurs 7.00-8.30pm	Adam
Explorers	Thurs 7.30-9.30pm	John

All enquiries please go to 1stGolborne@gmail.com 07596 969462

Brownies & Guides

To register your daughter for any of the Guiding sections above that meet at the scout & guide headquarters on Cottesmore way, please go online to:
www.girlguiding.org.uk/informationforparents/register-your-daughter.