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# THE LOWTON & GOLBORNE TEAM MINISTRY

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## **For the arrangement of Baptisms & Weddings, Banns etc.**

<b>St. Luke's</b>	Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm
<b>St. Mary's</b>	Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm
<b>St. Thomas'</b>	Monday 7.00-7.30pm

## **Magazine Deadlines**

**The Deadline for Inclusion will be the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:barbaraarnold@live.co.uk) and [johnegoodland@gmail.com](mailto: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 SHARE** .....At **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** ..... 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Fri 1st 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

## Sunday 3rd May

10.30am Celebration All Age

6.30pm No Service

Mon 4th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

Thur 7th 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall

10.00am Morning Worship

Fri 8th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

Sat 9th May 8.30am Car Boot - Community Hall

## Sunday 10th May

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm No Service

Mon 11th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

Thur 14th 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall

10.00am Holy Communion

Fri 15th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

Sat 16th 10.30am Messy Church

## Sunday 17th May

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm No Service

Mon 18th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

Thur 21st 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall

10.00am Morning Worship

Fri 22th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

## Sunday 24th May

### Pentecost

10.00am Holy Communion Joint Service at St Luke's

6.30pm Holy Communion

Mon 25th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

Thur 28th 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall

10.00am Holy Communion

## Sunday 31st May

10.30am Morning Worship

## ST MARY'S OPEN CHURCH - CAN YOU HELP?

The Open Church team would be very grateful if anyone could provide cover in holiday periods and in times of illness.

This vital 'outreach' can only be provided with two people in attendance, which obviously means that if one of the team is ill we cannot open that day.

Thankfully this does not happen very often, but it would be great to know we have some backup

If you feel you could help, please have a word with Pam, Irene, Sheila or Dave.  
Thank you

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### Dates for your Diary - St. Luke's

#### Sunday 3rd May

	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
10.00am	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Wedding & Baptism
Wed 6th 10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship
Sat 9th 10.00am	Cafe Church

#### Sunday 10th May

10.00am	Morning Worship
Weds 13th 7.00pm	Mothers Union

#### Sunday 17th May

10.00am	Holy Communion & Baptisms followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship
Weds 22nd 10.00am	NO SERVICE
Sat 23rd 10.00am	Forget Me Not at Broadmead Day Centre, Golborne Rd

#### Sunday 24th May

	<b>Pentecost</b>
10.00am	Holy Communion Joint Service All age worship at St Luke's
Wed 27th 10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship

#### Sunday 31st May

Morning Worship

# Dates for your Diary - St Thomas'

## Sunday 3rd May

10.30am Morning Worship  
Thurs 9th NO SERVICE  
10.00 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'

## Sunday 10th May

10.30am Holy Communion  
12.30pm Baptism  
Thurs 14th NO 9.30am SERVICE  
10.00 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'  
7.30pm Deanery Ascension Service

## Sunday 17th May

10.30am Holy Communion  
Thurs 21st 9.30am Holy Communion followed by  
10.00 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'

## Sunday 24th May

10.00am Joint Service for Pentecost All age worship at St Luke's  
Thurs 28th NO 9.30am SERVICE  
10.00 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'

## Sunday 31st May

10.30am Holy Communion



## Experience Easter

The Growing God's Church team would like to thank everyone who came forward to help to make Experience Easter a truly wonderful event for all concerned.

The event was held over three days, which gave every class at St. Mary's primary school a chance to get involved.

Every step of the Easter journey was explained to the children and they had a chance to interact and ask questions. It was wonderful to see the children so interested and well behaved and thanks to all the staff from school who enjoyed the experience with us.

What a wonderful surprise we got when we received lovely 'thank you' cards from each class. It really made all the hard work worthwhile. The cards have been displayed in church.

Pam. Alison, Sian, Sharon and Dave ( Growing God's Church Team )

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## Church Magazine

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



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**Lighting the way for  
generations to come**



There has been lots going on across the MU family and more 150<sup>th</sup> activities taking place. One such feature is the MU Prayer Capsule. This consists of a travelling vessel visiting various Deaneries and all Dioceses in the Province of York. It contains prayers for every Diocese it will be travelling through. It serves as a focus for special services, worship and fellowship as it moves between branches, uniting members in prayer, reflection and celebration of our 150 years as a Christian organisation. The journey began in Sheffield then onto Chester and it arrived in Liverpool on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April where its arrival was marked by a special service at St Chad's Kirkby. We passed it on to the Isle of Man, then onto Cumbria continuing into Newcastle, Durham and Yorkshire and arriving at York Minster on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. At this point it will be loaded onto a bicycle and travel down to St Paul's Cathedral for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Service on 10<sup>th</sup> June. In August we will be holding our own wave of Prayer here in Liverpool Diocese, details to follow later. **TOGETHER, WE WILL CELEBRATE THE PAST, CONNECT IN THE PRESENT, AND SHAPE THE FUTURE.**

I attended the Spring Council Meeting at St James's House in March. A little bit of business but the main presentation was delivered by Jo from Sheffield. She is an MU member but her "day job" is with the Alzheimer's Society. We received training on the topic of Dementia Friends. The sessions taught us a lot that we hope to share within our branches.



A LITTLE UNDERSTANDING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.

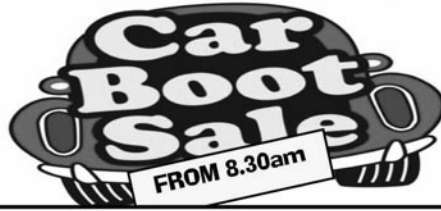
Our annual meal in April was held at The Kirkfield Hotel in Newton. A lovely evening of good food and fellowship , see photo. Thanks to Dorothy for organising everything for us.

Our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Strawberry Tea is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm at 5 Scott Road. £5. Raffle and Bring and Buy – Toiletries and tins or packets of food only.



DEANERY FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MOTHERS UNION  
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Pam



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## Sultana and Peanut Bars

### Ingredients

6oz Butter  
2oz Demerara sugar  
4oz Clear honey  
8oz Rolled oats  
4oz Mixed sultanas and peanuts, coarsely chopped



### Method

Grease a Swiss roll tin (13 x 9)

Put butter, sugar and honey into a large pan and stir over a low heat until melted and the sugar is dissolved. Stir in the sultanas, peanuts and oats.

Spread mixture into the prepared tin. Bake in the oven for 20 minutes, until golden brown, then mark into bars: 3 lengthways and 10 widthways, and leave in tin until completely cold. Re-cut and remove from tin Carefully. Oven 200°C/400°F. Gas mark 6.

## Gipsy Crisps

### Ingredients

8oz Self-raising flour  
4oz Castor sugar  
5oz Margarine  
3oz Cornflakes  
2tbs Golden syrup  
1tsp Bicarbonate of soda  
2tsp Boiling water

### Method

Crush the cornflakes and mix them with the dry ingredients. Melt the syrup and margarine and add them to the dry mixture. Finally, dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the boiling water and add them to the mixture. Roll the dough into small round balls, place them on greased baking sheets and bake for around 20 to 25 minutes. Oven Gas mark 2. 150°C/300°F.

## Memory Column

Cherished Birthday memories of Revd. Bob Britton (May 28th). Dearly loved husband, dad, grandad and great grandad. Wynn & family.  
£50 to church maintenance.

Birthday and Anniversary memories of much loved parents -  
John Ruffley 15th May  
Joan Ruffley 20th May  
£50 to church funds from Neil & Thelma and family.

## Flowers at St Mary's

3rd May	Mr Bill Adams
10th May	Mrs A Freeman & Mrs E Smith
17th May	Mrs C Berry
24th May	In Memory of Mrs O Hughes
31st May	St Mary's School
7th June	Mr & Mrs W Crompton

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## IRONMAN 70.3 (Swim, Bike & Run)

### Sunday 7th June 2026

Please be aware that there will be road closures around Golborne and Lowton between 6.00am - 10.00am on Sunday 7th June, including Lowton Rd, Slag Lane, Byrom Lane, Sandy Lane and St Helens Rd.

For more information, please visit [ironman.com](http://ironman.com)

# From St. Luke's Registers

## Baptisms in March

Harrison Pollard  
George Kennington

## Burial of Ashes

Barrie James Evans

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# From St. Thomas' Registers

## Baptism

12th April

Finn Stokes, Croft Green Close, Lowton  
Florence Elizabeth Wilde, Derby Road, Golborne

## Funeral

17th March

David Tomlinson



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## Changes to your Brown Bin

Wigan Borough Council has introduced a new recycling initiative that allows residents to recycle more items in their brown bins. This change is due to the appointment of H.W. Martin Waste Ltd as the new operator for mixed recycling. The new contract, effective from April 1, 2026, enables residents to recycle items such as **plastic bags, wrappings, crisp packets, cartons, toothpaste tubes, and tomato puree tubes**. These items must be clean, dry, and free of food residue, and should be placed in the bins loose and flattened to save space. The changes are possible due to advancements in recycling technology and aim to improve recycling rates and support a more sustainable future. Residents are encouraged to follow the new guidelines to maximise the benefits of these new recycling options.

From Wigan MBC information page

You will have noticed that some packaging contains the message “Recycle with bags at large supermarkets” so it looks as though all those can now be recycled in the brown bin together with the following: -

**Plastics bottles, tubs, pots, plastic bags, bubble wrap, crisp packets etc. Metal Drink can, food tins, empty aerosols, biscuit tins and clean foil Glass glass bottles and jars  
Cartons/tubes food and drink cartoons (tetra pack)  
toothpaste tubes, tomato and garlic puree tubes, other metal tubes.**

Hopefully this will increase Wigan's recycling rates which stand around 52% (National average 44%) but still a long way to go.

Always remember it costs money (Your money) to dispose of waste which is not recycled.

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### St. Luke's

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

### St. Mary's

Choir Thursday 7.30pm  
Messy Church 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/informationforparents/register-your-daughter).