

# LOWTON & GOLBORNE TEAM MINISTRY



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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

Thur 2nd 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall  
10.00am Morning Worship  
Fri 3rd 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

## Sunday 5th July

10.30am Celebration Praise  
6.30pm Holy Communion  
Mon 8th No Open Church  
Thur 9th 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall  
10.00am Holy Communion  
Fri 10th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

## Sunday 12th July

10.30am Holy Communion with Bishop of Warrington presiding  
6.30pm No Service  
Mon 13th No Open Church  
Thur 16th 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall  
10.00am Holy Communion  
Fri 17th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church  
Sat 18th 10.30am Messy Church

## Sunday 19th July

10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion  
Mon 22nd No Open Church  
Thur 23rd 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall  
10.00am Holy Communion  
Fri 24th 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

## Sunday 26th July

10.30am Holy Communion  
12.15 Baptism  
6.30pm No Service  
Mon 27th No Open Church  
Thur 30th 8.45-11.45am Coffee & Chat - Community Hall  
10.00am Holy Communion  
Fri 31st 10.00 - 11.30am Open Church

## 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

Wed 1st 10.00am Fellowship no Service

Sat 4th 10.00am Cafe Church

#### Sunday 5th July

10.00am Holy Communion

Weds 8th 10.00am Holy Communion

followed by Tea/Coffee and fellowship

#### Sunday 12th July

10.00am Morning Worship

Weds 15th 10.00am Morning Worship

followed by Tea/Coffee and fellowship

#### Sunday 19th July

10.00am Holy Communion

12.00 noon Baptism

Wed 22nd 10.00am Holy Communion

followed by Tea/Coffee and fellowship

Sat 25th 10.00am Forget Me Not at Broadmead Day Centre, Golborne Rd

#### Sunday 26th July

10.00am All Age Worship

Wed 29th 10.00am Fellowship no service

# Dates for your Diary - St Thomas'

Thurs 2nd 9.30am Holy Communion  
10.15 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'

## Sunday 5th July

10.30am Holy Communion  
12.30pm Baptism

Thurs 9th 9.30am Morning Worship  
10.15 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'

## Sunday 12th July

10.30am Holy Communion

Thurs 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion  
10.15 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'

## Sunday 19th July

10.30am Holy Communion

Thurs 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion  
10.15 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'

## Sunday 26th July

### 4th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

Thurs 30th 9.30am Morning Worship  
10.00 - 12.00am 'Good as New Shop'

## 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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## Woman

By the time the Lord made woman, He was into his sixth day of working overtime.. An angel appeared and said “Why are you spending so much time on this one?” And the Lord answered, “Have you seen my spec sheet on her?”

She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have over 200 moveable parts, all replaceable and able to run on diet coke and leftovers, have a lap that can hold four children at one time, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart - and she will do everything with only two hands.”

The angel was astounded at the requirements, “Only two hands? No way!” And that's just the standard model?” That’s too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish.”

“But I won’t,” the Lord protested, “I am too close to finishing this creation that is so close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can work 18 hour days.”

The angle moved closer and touched the woman. “But you have made her so soft, Lord.” “ She is soft,” the Lord agreed. “But I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish.”

“Will she be able to think” asked the angel. “Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason and negotiate.”

The angel then noticed something, and reaching out, touched the woman's cheek. “Oops, it looks like you have a leak in this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one.”

“That’s not a leak, that’s a tear”

What’s the tear for?” the angel asked.

The Lord said” The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her love, her grief and her pride”

The angel was impressed. “You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything! Woman is truly amazing.

And she is.



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ST. THOMAS' INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

## **BLOOMS & CREAM TEA AFTERNOON**

**SAT 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2026**

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# EARTHING THE COMMUNITY

**“Just because we can’t do enough, it doesn’t mean we shouldn’t do anything”**

## Water

Last month’s hot spell coincided with a water shortage for thousands of households in Kent and Sussex over several days. South East Water said that the hot weather had led to an increase in demand (*well that’s a surprise*) which meant the company had to pump more water than usual which led to “technical failure”.

Such incidents are happening more and more, but in a country with one of the highest rainfalls in Europe, why should this be happening?

One of the reasons is that people in this country use a lot of water, more on average than most European. In Europe people pay by usage while over here most Britons pay on the “rateable value” of their homes.

Another reason is that we have downpours rather than drizzle and we don’t have enough reservoirs to collect and save all this water. In fact, only one reservoir is in the process of now being built, when we need ten, and prior to that a new reservoir hasn’t been built in the last 30 years! After planning permission has been given, it takes a further 7 years for the reservoir to become operational.

Of course, lack of investment is a major problem. The water companies have not spent enough money on improvements, repairs and maintenance; instead spending money on dividends and executives’ salaries and borrowing, vast amounts of money to keep the companies “afloat”. (Thames Water for example is 17 billion pounds in debt, to quote an extreme example)

The water companies idea of increasing bills and asking the general public to conserve water has not gone down well with its customers.

Until water companies heavily invest in infrastructure, update and repair thousands of miles of waterpipes and stop untreated sewage being pumped into rivers and streams will the public disaffection be silenced.



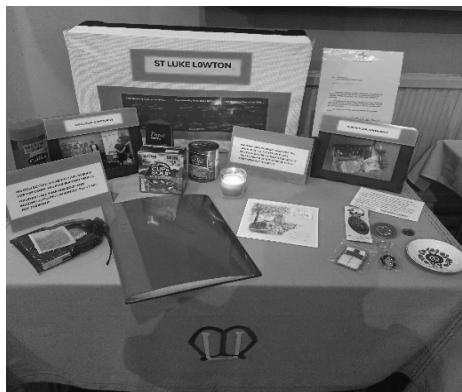
# 150 YEARS OF Mothers' UNION

Join us, Join in

Lighting the way for  
generations to come



What a wonderful evening we had on 13th of May, we hosted the annual Winwick Deanery Festival and celebrated 150 years of Mothers Union - 150 years since Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife in Hampshire invited the mothers of the parish to the Rectory to meet for fellowship and worship over tea and cake. In accordance with the times the meeting had to be led by her husband as she was merely a woman! Thank goodness times have changed! Revd Martin Cox officiated and preached, giving thanks for the past and encouraging us into the future. Thanks also to Graham for producing the service and Stephen for playing the organ. During the singing of the hymn Lord For The Years each Branch told us a little of its history, made a presentation representing an ongoing project and outlined hopes and plans for the future. The photos show Caroline, our Diocesan President and Pauline our Vice President cutting the celebration cake so beautifully made and decorated by Sue.



The above photo shows St Luke's Display and The Rise Up Campaign - highlighting Gender Based Violence and Modern Day Slavery, which we hope

to learn more about and support in the coming year. A huge Thank You to everyone who made this a memorable evening.

In August we will be taking part in the 150th Anniversary Wave of Prayer, a Winwick members Celebration Meal in Culcheth on the 14th and preparing the Comfort Bags for parents of the new Reception Class children in our 3 Church Schools.

As I am writing this the rain is pouring down on the garden and I have the Winter blanket across my knees wondering what happened to Summer and how we will cope for the Strawberry Tea in a few days, report next time.

Pam

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## **Honey Walnut Biscuits**

### **Ingredients**

3oz Plain Flour

1oz Margarine

2oz Castor Sugar

1 oz Plain Chocolate

2 oz Walnuts (finely chopped)

1 Level Tbsp thick honey

1 Egg

### **Method**

Put honey, chocolate and margarine in a basin and simmer over a pan of boiling water until ingredients have melted. Leave to cool and then stir in remaining ingredients.

Drop the mixture in small spoonful onto a greased baking tray, leaving room for spreading. Bake for 12-15 minutes until the biscuits have risen slightly and are firm to the touch. Remove and cool on a wire rack.

Oven 180°C/350°F. Gas mark 4

## **Flowers at St Mary's**

5th July	Mrs S Watson
12th July	Mrs S Buckley
19th July	Mrs Anita Benn
26th July	Mrs C Kirkman
2nd Aug	Mrs N Walsh

## **From St. Mary's Registers**

### **Baptisms**

24th May      Oliver Luke Davies  
31st May      Miller Blake Mass

## **From St. Luke's Registers**

### **Baptisms in May**

3rd May      Franklyn Sarsfield  
17th May     Arthur Denney  
                  Elisa Archer

## **From St. Thomas' Registers**

### **Baptism**

7th June      Arthur Dominik McGrath, Webster St., Platt Bridge  
                  Noah Anthony Roe, East Field Drive, Golborne

### **Funerals**

21st May      John Draper  
29th May      Michael Fairclough  
2nd June      Winifred Joyce Johnson  
                  Patricia Nash  
9th June      Sonia Melanie Tattum Bamber

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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).