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For the arrangement of Baptisms & Weddings, Banns etc.

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 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 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 10.15 - 12.00 noon**…. Tea, coffee, toast, teacakes & chat. Lots of bargains….. Everyone welcome.

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

Dates for your Diary - St. Mary's

Sunday 1st Nov

10.30am	Celebration Praise
6.30pm	All Souls
Mon 2nd	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 7.30pm	Quiz Night

Sunday 8th Nov

10.30am	Remembrance Service
6.30pm	No Service
Mon 9th	Open Church
Thur 12th 8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
10.00am	Holy Communion
Fri 13th 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Sat 14th 10.00 - 2.00pm	Christmas Market

Sunday 15th Nov

10.00am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Holy Communion
Mon 16th	Open Church
Thur 19th 8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
10.00am	Holy Communion
Fri 20th 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church

Sunday 22nd Nov

10.30am	Morning Worship
6.30pm	No Service
Mon 23rd	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 Nov

10.30am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Holy Communion

Dates for your Diary - St. Luke's

Sunday 1st Nov

10.00am	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Annual Memorial Service
Weds 4th 10.00am	Fellowship
Thurs 5th 8.45am	Call and Share Coffee morning
Sat 10th 10.00am	Cafe Church

Sunday 8th Nov

10.00am	Remembrance Service Morning Worship
Weds 11th 10.00am	Holy Communion
	followed by Tea/Coffee and fellowship
Thurs 12th 8.45am	Call and Share Coffee morning
Sat 14th 10.00am	Cafe Church

Sunday 15th Nov

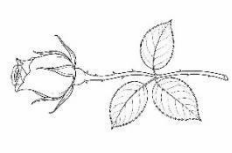
10.00am	Holy Communion
12.00 noon	Baptism
Wed 18th 10.00am	Holy Communion
	followed by Tea/Coffee and fellowship
Thurs 19th 8.45am	Call and Share Coffee morning

Sunday 22nd Nov

10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 25th 10.00am	Holy Communion
	followed by Tea/Coffee and fellowship
Thurs 26th 8.45am	Call and Share Coffee morning

Sunday 29th Nov

10.00am	All Age Worship



All Souls Service 1 November 3 p.m.
A warm invitation to a special service to remember those whom you love, but see no longer. Join us for a quiet service of prayer and reflection.

Dates for your Diary - St Thomas'

Sunday 1st Nov

10.30am	Morning Worship
12.30pm	Baptism
6.30pm	All Souls Service
Thurs 5th 9.30am	Service & Fellowship
10.15 - 12.00am	'Good as New Shop'

Sunday 8th Nov

10.30am	**Remembrance Service**
2.30pm	**Service at the Cenotaph**
Thurs 12th 9.30am	Service & Fellowship
10.15 - 12.00am	'Good as New Shop'
Sat 14th Nov 10.30am - 1.30pm	**Christmas Fair**

Sunday 15 Nov

10.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs 19th 9.30am	Holy Communion
10.15 - 12.00am	'Good as New Shop'

Sunday 22nd

10.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs 26th 9.30am	Service & Fellowship
10.15 - 12.00am	'Good as New Shop'

Sunday 29th Nov **Advent Sunday**

10.30am	Holy Communion

Lowton St Mary's Church



Party





Fun for all the Family

Saturday 12th December 7pm
Tickets: Adults £8; Child £4
Hot supper included

Community Hall



Bring your own liquid refreshments.

Foundation Governor Vacancies at Lowton St Mary's CE

Primary School and Nursery

Lowton St Mary's CE Primary School and Nursery is currently looking to identify potential candidates who may be interested in serving as Foundation Governors.

Foundation Governors play a vital role in the strategic leadership of the school, helping to uphold its Christian vision and values whilst supporting the best possible outcomes for all children.

If you are committed to the life of the Church, have an interest in education, and would like to make a positive difference within our local community, we would be delighted to hear from you. No previous governance experience is required, as full training and support will be provided.

For an informal conversation or to express an interest, please contact the school office by email at enquiries@admin.lowtonsaintmarys.wigan.sch.uk, visit the school website by searching Lowton St Mary's CE Primary School and Nursery, or telephone 01942 769710.

We would particularly welcome enquiries from members of our church community who feel called to support the ongoing Christian distinctiveness and development of our school.

God bless,

David Sherriff
Headteacher

Gemma Hill
Chair of Governors

£5 QUIZ TIME!



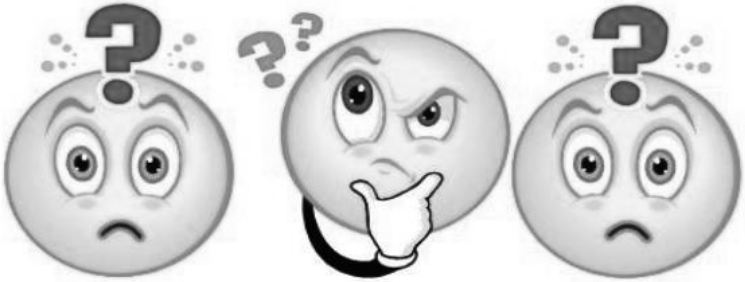
Sat 7th No vember
7.30pm
St Mary's
Community Hall





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150 YEARS OF Mothers' UNION
Join us, Join in

Lighting the way for generations to come



The MU Worldwide Gathering took place in Durban, S Africa over 4 days closing on 3rd October. The theme was "Celebrating Worldwide Fellowship". Delegates from across the world were reminded that while MU has much to celebrate from its first 150 years, the anniversary is also a moment to look forward. Our Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow reminded Delegates that the future is built on God's faithfulness. This anniversary is not simply a celebration of longevity; it is a testimony of God's continuing presence. Looking to the future also requires courage: courage to listen, to adapt and make way for new voices while remaining rooted in the values that have shaped MU from the beginning and EVERYONE has a part to play.

The Gathering concluded with a Eucharist and Commissioning Service led by The Most Revd and Rt Hon, Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury accompanied by The Rt Revd Dr Thabo Magkoba, Archbishop of Southern Africa.

Luke 10 v23 reminds us,
"BLESSED ARE THE EYES THAT SEE WHAT YOU SEE".

We all need to be encouraged, empowered and inspired to carry the work of MU into a new chapter, wherever we are around the world - even in Lowton and Golborne!

DIARY DATES
Wednesday 11th November 7.30pm St Luke's Church. "CRUMBS" Ian Henry with his collection of biscuit tins.
Wednesday 2nd December Diocesan Carol Service 6.45 at All Saints Worship Centre, Sheil Road, Liverpool. This year for the Annual Christmas Appeal we have been asked to provide new ladies socks for the residents of Adelaide House, a bail hostel in Liverpool. (I will get these as we've only been asked for 1 pair).
Pam



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Join us for Café Church on the 14 th November from 10 a.m. Refreshments and activities for children and adults, plus refreshments.

A reminder **Sunday 29 th November** community event, **'Lowton Light Switch On'** – the church will be open to welcome the community and soak in the atmosphere as we welcome in the Christian season of Advent.
There will be festive music, refreshments, raffle, tombola, face painting and crafts. Thank you everybody from the Church family and local community who is working hard behind the scenes on this.
All money raised is used to support St Luke's church building renovation, community mission and ministry.

CHRISTMAS MARKET



Saturday 14th November
10.00am – 2.00pm
St Mary's Community Hall
Newton Road, Lowton WA3 1EW
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If you have any queries, please contact John Goodland 07910711383

WHY NOT COME ALONG TO OUR

CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Thomas' Church

on 14th NOV

from 10.30AM – 1.30PM

There'll be lots of Christmas bargains

Gift

sets..toys..bric-a-brac..tombola..raffle

Refreshments to include turkey barms

home-made cakes etc

Everyone welcome

St. Mary's Christmas Charity

This year during Advent there will be an opportunity to donate to Wigan and Leigh Hospice by pinning a Christmas card to the notice board that will be placed in church.

This is a lovely way of sending a Christmas message to our church family whilst raising much needed funds for a wonderful local charity.

For more information please see any of our Growing God's Church Team. Pam, Alison, Sian, Sharon or Dave.

From St. Mary's Registers

Baptisms

13th September — Noah Alexander Gregory
Cameron James Parkinson

27th September — Arlo Thomas Smith
Isabelle Marie Tedford

Funerals

23rd September — Anita Hulme (age 81yrs)
7th October — Albert Kenny (age 90yrs)

From St. Luke's Registers

Baptisms in September

Primrose Mabel Marsden
Violet Eloise Marsden
Abby Mae Marsden
Eliza Grace Clarke
Oscar James Clarke
Emma Louise Rowlands

From St. Thomas' Registers

Baptism

4th October — Maeve Margot Bell-Soppelsa
Harry Albert Samuel Garstang

Funeral

21st September — Anthony Alan Wilcock

Burial of Ashes

27th September — Harry Birchall
Margaret Kathleen Brown

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

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

St. Thomas'

Good as New Shop	Thursday 10.30 – 12.00noon
Craft Group	Thursday 11.00 – 1.00pm
Sunday Club	Each Sunday from 10.30am

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/registister-your-daughter.