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Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

Funerals

Every parishioner has the right to a service in church, followed by a committal.

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

If you would like further information or to book a funeral, wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine

Magazine Deadlines

Please send any material for the magazine to your local assistant editor (see contact details at the back) or magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk.

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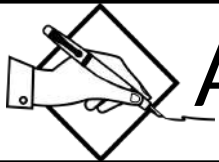
8th September, 2022

You were old, already, when I was born
And I took your gentle face for granted:
On every coin and every postage stamp,
Each Christmas message, poppy wreath laid.
Most famous of faces around the world,
I saw you, once or twice, felt I knew you
And many people cherish their stories
Of garden parties and medals received.



We feel the sands of time shift beneath us
As history is marked before our eyes.
We feel the cold wind blow, the night draw in
And pull our coats tightly around our chests;
We raise our heads, as you did, say a prayer;
We cling to the true rock, the true anchor
As you did. We live with faith, hope and love.

Sorrel May



A Letter from the Archbishop

It is with profound sadness that I join the nation, the Commonwealth and the world in mourning the death of Her Late Majesty The Queen. My prayers are with The King and the Royal Family. May God draw near them and comfort them in the days, weeks and months ahead.

As we grieve together, we know that, in losing our beloved Queen, we have lost the person whose steadfast loyalty, service and humility has helped us make sense of who we are through decades of extraordinary change in our world, nation and society.

As deep as our grief runs, even deeper is our gratitude for Her Late Majesty's extraordinary dedication to the United Kingdom, her Realms and the Commonwealth. Through times of war and hardship, through seasons of upheaval and change, and through moments of joy and celebration, we have been sustained by Her Late Majesty's faith in what and who we are called to be.

In the darkest days of the Coronavirus pandemic, The Late Queen spoke powerfully of the light that no darkness can overcome. As she had done before, she reminded us of a deep truth about ourselves – we are a people of hope who care for one another. Even as The Late Queen mourned the loss of her beloved husband, Prince Philip, we saw once again evidence of her courage, resilience and instinct for putting the needs of others first – all signs of a deeply rooted Christian faith.

As we sustain one another in the face of this challenge, our shared grieving will also be a work of shared reimagining. I pray that we commence this journey with a sense of Her Late Majesty's faith and confidence in the future.

As a faithful Christian disciple, and also Supreme Governor of the Church of England, she lived out her faith every day of her life. Her trust in God and profound love for God was foundational in how she led her life – hour by hour, day by day.

In The Late Queen's life, we saw what it means to receive the gift of life we have been given by God and – through patient, humble, selfless service – share it as a gift to others.

Her Late Majesty found great joy and fulfilment in the service of her people and her God, “whose service is perfect freedom” (BCP). For giving her whole life to us, and allowing her life of service to be an instrument of God's peace among us, we owe her a debt of gratitude beyond measure.

The Late Queen leaves behind a truly extraordinary legacy: one that is found in almost every corner of our national life, as well as the lives of so many nations around the world, and especially in the Commonwealth.

It was my great privilege to meet Her Late Majesty on many occasions. Her clarity of thinking, capacity for careful listening, inquiring mind, humour, remarkable memory and extraordinary kindness invariably left me conscious of the blessing that she has been to us all.

In my prayers at this time I also give thanks for the marriage of The Late Queen and His Late Royal Highness Prince Philip. Theirs was an inspirational example of Christian marriage – rooted in friendship, nourished by shared faith, and turned outwards in service to others.

May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and rise in glory.

***The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury***

Services & Events in October



Parish Events

Saturday 8th	10.00am Caleb Walk (see page 10 for more information)	Bryn Crossroads
Saturday 15th	11.00am Small Items Auction (see page 12 for more details)	Holy Trinity
Saturday 15th	6.30pm Quiz and Raffle Night (see page 11 for further details)	St Peter's Brigade Hall
Tuesday 25th	1.30pm - 3.00pm Peace of Mind (Dementia Cafe)	St Andrew's Mission Hall



Weekday Services

Wednesday 5th	10.00am Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 6th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 12th	10.00am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 13th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 19th	10.00am Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 20th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Wednesday 26th	9.30am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 27th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'



Sunday Services



2nd	<p>9.00am Morning Worship 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Family Worship 6.30pm Holy Communion</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'</p>
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16th	<p>9.00am Morning Worship 9.30am Café Church 10.00am Morning Worship 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer 10.45am Holy Communion 11.00am Family Worship 6.30pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'</p>
23rd	<p>9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am Beacon Service 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Café Church 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Family Worship 4.00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's</p>
30th	<p>10.00am All Hub Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>St Thomas'</p>

Parish News

Caleb Walk through the communities in and around Wigan Saturday 8th October 2022

“The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly” Moses’ words to Caleb in Joshua 14:9



Because of his faith God’s good purposes for his people, Caleb received a promise that wherever his feet trod , God would give that land as a blessing to him and his descendants. We want to follow the example of Caleb. Just as he stepped out in faith, trusting that God wanted to give the land as a gift, so we want to step out and walk through the many communities in and around Wigan, speaking a blessing over them and praying that they will be transformed by the love and mercy of Jesus.

We will start at eight important places on the edge of Wigan and prayer walk to the symbolic centre of Mesnes Park where we will all meet at 2pm to give thanks.

Two of the starting points are in Wigan South. One in Ashton, and the other in Billinge. In Ashton we are asking you to walk from the church where you worship to meet at Bryn crossroads, outside Mr England’s Chippy at 10am. People from Downall Green or Garswood may join at Bryn or at St Aidan’s Church. Both walks are just over 5 miles. You can join in at a point along the routes or meet at Mesnes Park near the bandstand at 2pm.

Rev Fran Humphry, Curate in West Hub, will be leading the walk from Ashton. Her contact details are curate-west@churchwigan.org or tel no: 07592 024058.

Dave Sixsmith will be leading the walk from Billinge. His contact details are communications.officer@churchwigan.org or tel no: 07976 225706.

Please contact them for further information. And please do join us in praying for our communities.



St Andrew's 90th celebration


Dear friends,
St. Andrew's Church Family would like to invite you to join them on

Sunday 27th November at 2pm in the Mission Hall, Garswood

We shall be celebrating 90 years of worshipful service within the community of Garswood. When Mission Hall was built it was a temporary building but we are still here.

Please join us for a wonderful celebration followed by light refreshments.

Blessings to you all,
Rosalyn and the Garswood Team xx



There will be a quiz and raffle on

Saturday the 15th October
in St Peter's Brigade Hall starting at 6.30pm

Adults - £3
Children - £1

Sit down raffle will be 50p per ticket

Funds raised will go towards Brigade Hall upkeep



Small Items Auction

A small items auction will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Rectory Road, Downall Green, WN4 0QF on **Saturday 15th October**.



Viewing from 11am. Auction starts 12 noon.

Church will be open for donated items on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October (afternoons 2pm-4pm) or contact Alex Finney 01942 720355 to make alternative arrangements,

Please support this fund-raising event. Everyone welcome.



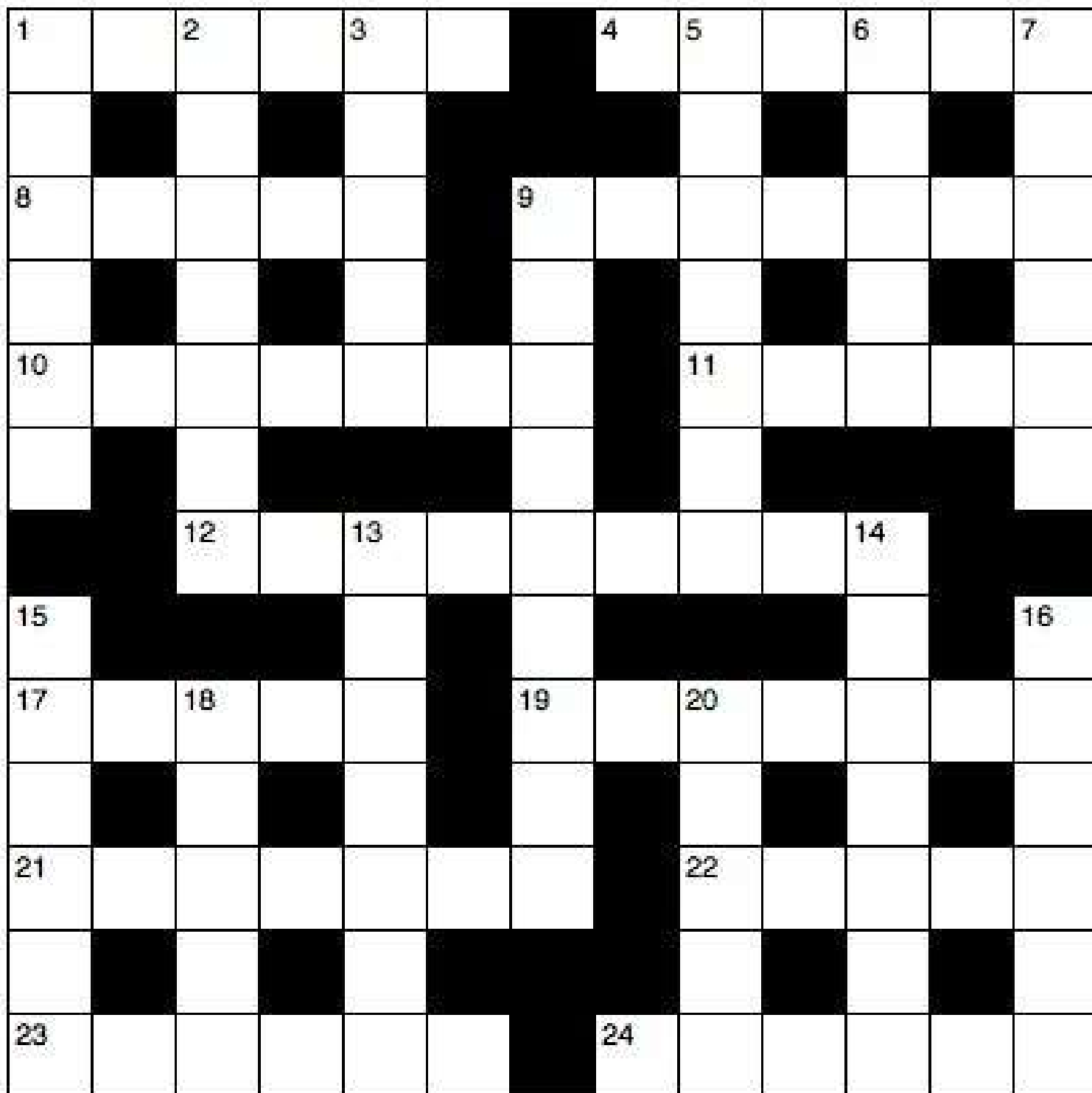
**Archives: Wigan & Leigh Our Town Pop Up Exhibition
Friday 11 November 1pm – 5pm, Ashton Library**

Have you ever wondered what life was like in Ashton in the 1600s? How about what the symbols in the Ashton coat-of-arms mean? Archives: Wigan & Leigh are celebrating the rich history of Our Town with a brand-new exhibition exploring the archive collections of local townships, from Ashton to Orrell, launching in October.

The Archives will also be taking the collection on the road! Come join us and explore archival items covering hundreds of years of Ashton history! Whilst we are there, we will be asking you to help create a community display celebrating the history of your local area, so come on down and enjoy a unique opportunity to celebrate your local history.

You can also visit our permanent exhibition celebrating local history in Leigh Town Hall, open 10 – 4 Tuesday to Saturday.

Crossword



Answers on page 17

Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den(anag.)(7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3)(6)

Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin,cut it off'(Mark9:43)(6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track(Job41:30)(5)
- 20 Religious doctrine(5)

October Holy Days

12th October Edith Cavell, nurse

Edith Cavell is a good saint for NHS workers: she cared for the sick despite the danger to her own safety.

Edith was a vicar's daughter from Swardeston in Norfolk, where she was born in 1865. She became a governess, but her heart was for nursing, so she went on to train at the London Hospital, before nursing in various hospitals such as St Pancras and Manchester.

When Edith was 42, she decided to go abroad, and was appointed matron of a large training centre for nurses in Brussels. She was still there seven years later, when the First World War broke out and German troops invaded Belgium on their way to Paris and the Channel Ports.

Edith's nursing school became a Red Cross hospital, and she turned down the opportunity to return to the safety of England. Instead, her nurses tended wounded soldiers from both German and Allied armies.

Sadly, in 1915, when the Germans began their occupation of Brussels, they took a dim view of Edith's work. But they would have been even more unhappy had they known she was helping to smuggle 200 British soldiers across the border into the Netherlands!

Finally, the Germans arrested Edith in August 1915, and put her into solitary confinement. They tricked her into confessing to a charge which carried the death penalty. But Edith refused to show either regret at what she had done, or any fear or bitterness towards her captors.

On 11th October 1915, the night before her execution, Edith was visited by the Anglican chaplain to Brussels, the Revd Stirling Gahan. Together they said the words of Abide with Me, and Edith received her last Holy Communion.

She told Gahan: "I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing, as I do, in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone."

Edith was shot by a firing squad next day, on 12th October 1915.

After the war her body was exhumed and buried in Norwich Cathedral. Her memorial service in Westminster Abbey attracted thousands. A commemorative statue of her stands near Trafalgar Square.

18th October Thank you, Dr Luke!

'Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on' - my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day - 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a 'physician' - an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms, he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, 'only Luke is with me'.

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark's Gospel may have more drama, Matthew's more prophetic background and John's a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise - indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly storyteller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours'), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling's alleged reformation, the 'prodigal' himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father's mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son's return.

There are more women in Luke's Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners' and tax-collectors, more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

David Winter

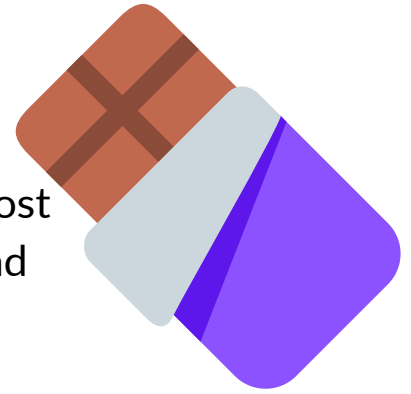
Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galal. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.

DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

George Cadbury – the chocolate man with a heart for welfare

One hundred years ago, on 24th October 1922, George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's failing chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies and provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.



George was the third son of John Cadbury, a Quaker who founded Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate company. With his brother Richard, George took over the family business in 1861 and founded the chocolate producer Cadbury Brothers. But his consuming interest was in the welfare of his employees and others: having taught in an adult school he was aware that poor housing was a major problem.

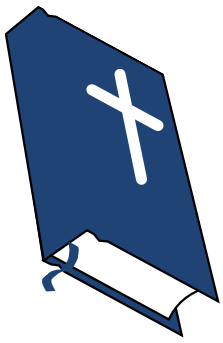
One of his first moves was to relocate his factory to a greenfield site south-west of Birmingham with access to canals and the new railways. It was here that he later founded a Quaker higher educational institution – now the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

But apart from his chocolate he is best known for his creation of a rural factory village (designed by architect William Alexander Harvey), called Bournville after the nearby river Bourn. The houses – not exclusively for factory employees – were never privately owned, and they remain attractive and affordable to the present day: a huge change from the poor living conditions in town.

Cadbury was a keen proponent of Quaker values. In 1901 he bought the Daily News (later the News Chronicle), where he campaigned for improved working conditions and social security. He was prominent in setting up the Birmingham Civic Society in 1918, and he gave a country park to the people of Birmingham, as well as a large house to the Crippled Children's Union to use as a hospital. It is now the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

Tim Lenton

Celebrating Bible Sunday 30th October



What is a good way to 'celebrate' this annual day of appreciation for our Bibles?

One way might be to send a Bible to someone in prison. Certainly, Bibles seem to be wanted there just now.

Bible Society reports that: "Prison chaplains are telling us that more and more prisoners urgently want to read God's Word. Dominic Dring, who serves at two prisons, says he brings ten Bibles in with him and every one of them gets taken.

"This is an amazing opportunity. You can share the transformative love of Jesus with someone who has lost everything. You can increase the number of Bibles going into prisons this year. As demand rises, we need your help to meet it. Just £10 can provide a Bible to a prisoner in a UK prison. Imagine the impact that could have on someone longing for a second chance."

More at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/contact-us/>

Ever wonder how many Bible translations there are in the world? And how many more are still needed? Wycliffe Bible Translators reports the following, as of 2021:

There are now 3,495 languages, which have some Scripture available to 7.04 billion people.

This figure of 3,495 breaks down into:

717 languages with a complete Bible – 5.75 billion people

1,582 languages with a complete New Testament (some also have Old Testament portions) – 830 million people

1,196 languages with some translated Bible portions – 457 million people

Meanwhile, there are a further 828 languages which have work in progress – 67.6 million people. And also, there are 1,892 languages still waiting for translation (or preparatory work) to begin – 145 million people.



Together with local businesses, we are working to reduce the amount of food going to land fill. The pantry is regularly stocked with food that is near its sell by date but can still be used to feed bellies not bins.

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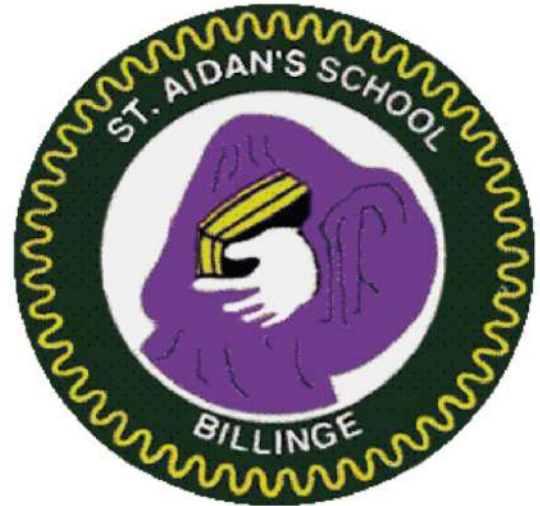
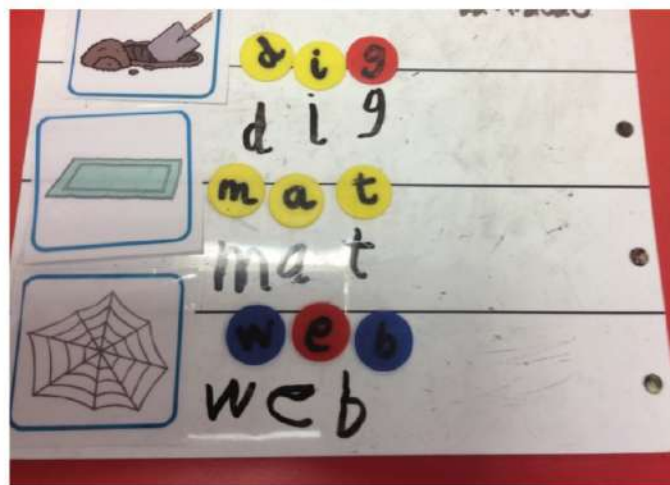
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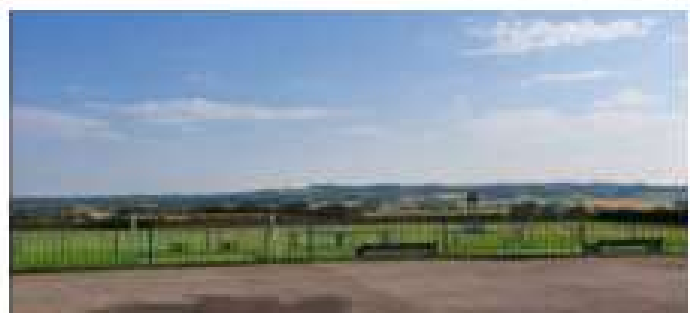
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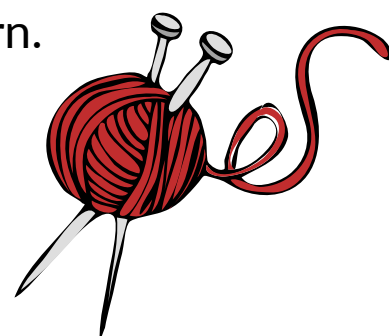
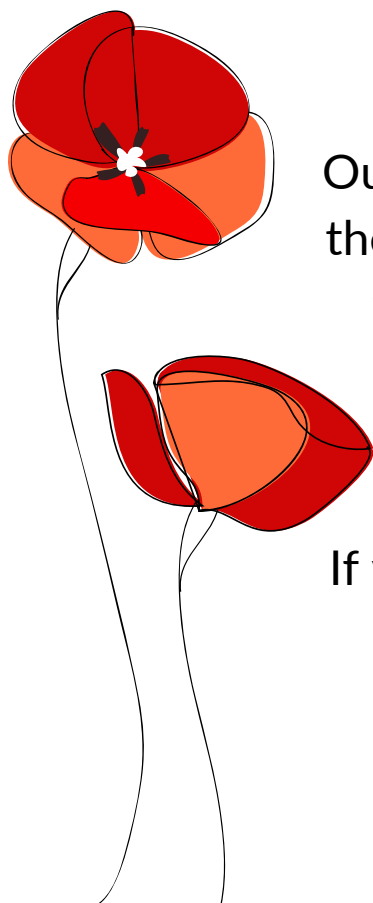
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Do you knit?

Our events committee are planning to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Church Organ and the village War memorial on Remembrance Sunday be decorating church with knitted poppies.

If you can help please contact Barbara Goulden (894694) for a pattern.



News from our churches

1st Sunday	10.00am 12.45pm	Holy Communion Baptism Service
2nd Sunday	10.30am 4.00pm	No morning service in church Sta's4all in school Evening Prayer
3rd Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
4th Sunday	10.00am 4.00pm	St Aidan's Beacon Holy Communion
5th Sunday	10.00am	Joint Wigan South Service
1st Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
3rd Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd October at 10.00am, our guest speaker at the Holy Communion Service will be Phil Briggs from Compassion UK.

You may remember that before Covid we started to have joint services across Wigan South when there was a 5th Sunday of the month. These were joyful occasions when we were able to get to know people from other churches in Wigan South Parish (then called South Hub), assisting us to work together and support each other in various community ventures. On 30th October we will be having this joint service at St. Thomas Church at 10am. There will be cake!

K4C (Kids 4 Christ) this month will be on Wednesdays 5th and 19th October, starting 10.00am - for pre-school children with their carers. This operates on line. If you want an invitation to join this please email harrywareing@talktalk.net

Church Committee

St. Aidan's Committee meets alternate months to discuss the practical aspects of keeping our church in good shape, and the next meeting is on November 17th. Our regular agenda includes Finance, Assistant Warden's concerns, Churchyard, Church Buildings, services, health and safety and safeguarding. If you wish to raise any issue for our meeting please contact Grant Dixon (Health and Safety), Joan Roberts (Finance), Barbara Goulden and Peter Hughes (Assistant Wardens) or Helen Steele (Reader).

A separate meeting takes place regularly to discuss the mission and ministry of St. Aidan's in the Community. If you wish to rise any issues please contact Helen Steele.

Graveyard

We continue to try to make our graveyard a safe place for all – those who tend it, and those who visit. Signs have been put up reminding people that the flags are uneven and often get slippery. It is difficult to keep on top of the lichen, but we do our best. Please take care.

Our graveyard must comply with the national rules, and grave owners have been reminded of this recently in a letter from the team Rector of Church Wigan, Neil Cooke. If you have a grave in the graveyard but did not receive your copy of the booklet please contact Barbara Goulden (verger).

Church Magazine

Unfortunately one member of the team of 6, who will be printing our magazine on a rota basis, has had to drop out. If you would be able to help please contact Joan Andrew on 892877. It would be helpful if you are able to drive to Ashton to print. Thanks to our volunteer who will be picking up the delivery round from the end of the year.

St. Aidan's Primary School and Nursery

Toddler Group – Wednesdays 9 – 10.30 £2 per child including a snack and a hot drink for the adult.

Year 6 went to PGL in September, and a trip to Liverpool rescheduled from last year! In October there is a meet the teacher's evening for parents. Half term is 21st October returning on 1st November.



StA's4all

It stands for St. Aidan's for everyone! It is a fun activity based event for the young at heart. Most of our visitors have a connection with St. Aidan's school, but it is for anyone who wants to come. We have refreshments, craft activities and puzzles, time to chat and make friends and a period of worship with singing, prayers and a short talk. It was lovely to see so many back with us at StA's4all in September, and to meet some new faces. We focused on the Seed sower – I hope those seeds you planted are still in good soil! Sta's4all on October 9th will be in school as usual. The theme is the lost sheep – Don't lose your way there!



Beacon

It was lovely to have the Beacon singers back with us in September, when we celebrated Harvest. Our harvest service had been delayed by a week because of the period of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II. Having the beacon singers made it extra special. Our service on October 23rd has the theme of Light. Jesus is the light of the world, and we are called to be salt and light to those around us. Then we become beacons sharing the message of God's love.



Friendship Group

We enjoyed our guest speaker in September – Rev Kelvin Bolton, a captain in the Church Army. In October a speaker has not yet been confirmed. We will be having refreshment and a chat – a time to build friendships and think about the direction that we wish to go in.



The Pilkington Choir Concert to raise money for the repair of the organ took place on Friday 16th September. It began with a 1 minutes silence as we reflected on the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II. We were entertained with choir, keyboard and guitar as well as Dawn playing 3 pieces on the organ. A poignant section reflected on the Ukraine. The singing and refreshments were excellent and the evening was enjoyed by all.

War Memorial Organ Fund

Thank You! We now have sufficient funds to pay for the repairs to the Organ, and Jardine organs will begin the repairs this month. We are hoping that these will be completed before Remembrance Sunday, so that the organ will be fully functional for this important Community Service.

The Stewardship fund will remain open, but has been redesignated to General Church funds from which we must pay our fuel bills!

We would be very grateful to receive any donations to the General Fund. The names of all donors will be recorded in our monthly magazine unless you request to give anonymously.

To donate use this QR code :-

Or go on line to staidanbillinge.org.uk



Or send in an envelope to Church addressed to St. Aidan's Treasurer, General Funds adding your name or Anonymous as appropriate

St Aidan's in the Community

It was with great sadness that we marked the death of our Lady Queen Elizabeth in September by having church open for the community to come in for personal prayer and to sign the book of Condolence, and to hold a special commemoration service. Like the majority today, I have only known Elizabeth as my monarch. She was an inspirational woman with a strong faith. It is truly the end of an era. Please join us in praying for King Charles as he takes on this daunting role, and for the royal family in their grief.



Compassion UK

Compassion UK seek sponsors for children living in need in various countries. In the Wigan Deanery we are supporting children from Ghana. It costs £28 per month to release a child from poverty in Jesus name. If that is a little too much in these difficult times perhaps 2 or more people could link up to share the cost. You can find out more on their website - www.compassionuk.org

Open Mic

We are so very thankful to the Council and to St. Mary's for arranging the Open Mike night at St. Mary's Club in aid of our Organ appeal. £1,300 was raised, and a good night was had by all. Thank you!

A date for your diary!

We are having a Christmas Tree festival again this year. It will open on 9th December, more details to follow. If you would like to sponsor and decorate a tree please contact Alison Corkill email alisoncorkill@sky.com or ring 01695 625562, evenings and weekends.



Note from Treasurer

If you would like to make a donation you can do this on line, by bank transfer.

the account details are:

Sort Code: 60-24-02

Account number: 04035135

Please insert the name of the person you wish us to remember as the reference.

Cheques can be made payable to St Aidan's Parish Church, or cash donations in an envelope. These can be dropped off at 4 Alder Ave, Billinge, WN5 7PY. If you are unable to get out, please ring me on 01744 895151

If you wish to make an anonymous donation then we will respect that, just write Anon in name of giver and just write the name of the person you wish to be remembered. Please note that we never quote the amount given.

CAN YOU LEAVE CHURCH A GIFT?

The word finance for some Churches and their parishioners can be a real turn off as some may be concerned their monies will not go to their designated church under the new re-organisation. Giving to the church does remain a vital and essential part of our church life, it always has done and even goes back to when Jesus was alive on earth.

Over the past year, and in fact over the past 20-30 years, St. Aidan's has received legacies which have been used for the upkeep of the church and towards our mission and ministry. This has reminded us just how important these legacies are in our mission.

We have included this little reminder in the notices to encourage our church members to consider making a provision for a legacy to St Aidan's in their own wills.

I would be only to be pleased to advise in confidence. I am contactable on 01744 895151 or 07743408390

Donations & Remembrance



Organ Fund

Greatly received from

June Philips

David McDonald

Tracey A Napier

Brenda Williams

In memory of birthday celebrations and wedding anniversaries
of my dear parents, Anon

Eric Crank

Elaine and Ken Tracey

Beryl Horton and Alf Highcock

Patricia Martin

John Nicol

Anon

Parish Share and Utility Bills

2 Anon Donations



Memorials

The new granite memorial stone has been put in place in the Garden of Remembrance over the summer and will be dedicated and updated in the near future. Names of deceased loved ones whose ashes have been interred in the memorial garden can be inscribed here. Entries on the stone cost £200. If the partner or other relative wishes to reserve an adjacent space this can also be arranged, the cost being the same as the original entry and with no further charge when the inscription is completed. In order to ensure that the reserved line is kept the date of birth of the person for whom it is reserved will be added. The fee/s must be paid before any inscription is added.

Anyone wishing to make use of this memorial should contact Barbara Goulden (894694). Please give details in writing and include a telephone number on which you can be contacted.

St Aidan's Remembrance Book

Applications for Entries to the Remembrance Book can be made by filling in the request form, which gives full details of how to go about it.

Fees for entries cost £10.00. Forms are obtainable from the back of Church with details of what to do and who to return the form to.

The Opened Book shows 4 days dates per view and the pages are turned on a regular basis according to that day's date. The Book is on Display in the Glass topped Cabinet, in the Prayer corner. It has a Hinged glass top, which allows people to turn the page or pages so that their entry can be viewed at any time. Please use the pair of white cotton gloves provided to turn the pages. If you turn the pages to see a particular entry please return it to the day's date before leaving. All the entries are written in the Calligraphic style of writing with the First Letter in colour.

Church Grounds

Please note that any enquiries about graves or the burial of ashes must go to our Assistant Warden Barbara Goulden on 01744 894694 or email - staidansbillingeveger@gmail.com. not the team who work to keep the graveyard tidy.

The Registers



Holy Baptism 'We welcome them into the Lord's family'

4th September	Jorge Robert Liptrot
4th September	Janie May Christine Hall

Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

9th September	Joan Birchall	79
15th September	Mark Price	62

Holy Matrimony 'All the days of their lives'

10th September	Samuel Taylor Sudall and Lisa Bennett
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"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

- Genesis 8:22 -



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