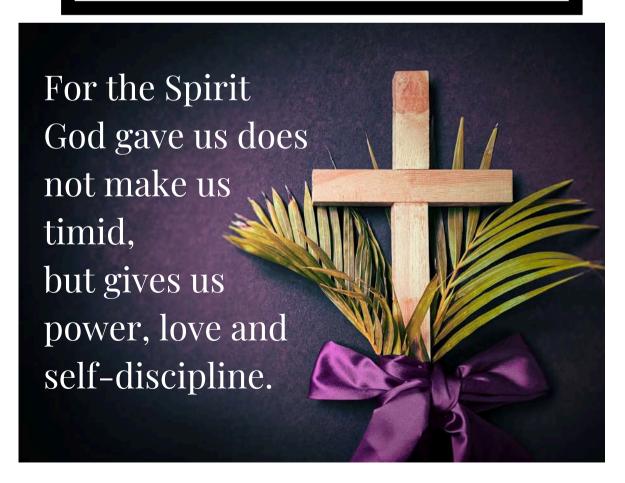
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Parish Information

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 wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine. Funeral Directors will book any funerals.

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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A Letter from

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, 'At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!' Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, 'You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.' (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in key three areas of His identity: His divine sonship, political power and Messianic role (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus was looking into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He should be.

For us, Lent is an opportunity to hold up a mirror to ourselves and ask the question, 'who am I? It's a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and how we should live. What will we see when we hold up the

mirror to ourselves? Keeping Lent, the 40 days running up to Easter, could mean taking time to read Scripture, studying a Christian book or spending five minutes each day in silence. We might fast by missing one or two meals, refraining from TV, alcohol, social media, or scrolling on our phones. All of these can help us to give more attention to God in our lives.

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

Parish News

Mondays

Weekly Events

- 9.30am 10.30am: Mini Street Pop Up Play (St Andrew's)
- 6.30pm: Girls Brigade (St Peter's)

Tuesdays

- 10am 12pm: Coffee Morning (St Thomas' church hall)
- 6pm: Boys Brigade (St Peter's)
- 1st & 3rd weeks, 7pm: Student Group (St Aidan's)

Wednesdays

- 1pm 2.30pm: Wednesday Weenies (St Thomas' church hall)
- 1pm 3pm: Knit and Chat group (St Peter's)
- 3pm 4pm: Hot Spot for Y7 11 (St Thomas' church hall)
- 4pm 5pm: Discipleship Group for Y7 11 (St Thomas' church hall)
- 7.30pm 9pm: Women's Fellowship (St Peter's)

Thursdays

- 9.30am 11.30am: Warm Space (St Andrew's)
- 3pm 4pm: English Classes (St Thomas' church hall)
- 2pm 3pm: Gentle dance class (St Luke's)
- 7.30pm: Craft group (St Thomas' church hall)

Fridays

- 2pm: Bible Study (St Thomas' church hall)
- 11.30am 12.30pm: Mini Street Pop Up Play (St Andrew's)

Sundays

• 1pm - 2.30pm: Asylum seeker support (St Thomas' church hall)







Monday 3rd March

11am: Communion Service at Garswood House (arranged by St

Peter's)

Tuesday 4th March

10am - 11.30am: Bereavement Support Group (St Luke's)

1.15pm - 2.45pm: Bereavement Support Group (St Andrew's)

Thursday 6th March

10.45am - 12.30pm: Bereavement Support Group (St Thomas')

Friday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March

10.30am: Hot Cross Fridays Lent series (St Aidan's)

Friday 7th March

11am: Women's World Day of Prayer (Our Lady's, Bryn)

Wednesday 19th March

7.30pm: MU 'Knicker night' & Beetle Drive (St Thomas' church hall)

Friday 21st March

7pm: The Really Awful Orchestra (St Thomas')

Tuesday 25th February

Peace of Mind Dementia Cafe (St Andrew's)

Thursday 28th March

2pm: Friendship Group (St Aidan's)





Advanced Notices

Saturday 24th May

2- 4pm: Vintage Afternoon Tea, tickets £10 (Holy Trinity)

Friday 16th May

St. Helens Ladies Choir evening of song, tickets £8 (Holy Trinity)

Tuesday 17th June

7pm: Wigan South Confirmation Service (St Thomas')

Mothers' N

Christian care for families



What is this all about?

The workers from domestic abuse services in Wigan tell us that often women arrive in Womens' Aid wearing just the clothes they arrive in. Womens' Aid desperately need underwear for these women so if you would like to support this very worthy cause and have a fun night as well just come along to St Thomas's Church hall on Wednesday the 18th March at 7-30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served but feel free to bring your own wine! Domestic abuse services are also grateful for old mobile phones.

Our motto for the next 3 years is Join us and Join in so please consider joining our Mothers Union.

A reflection from our Mothers Union Prayer Diary

March is in many ways a month for women as we mark International Women's Day and Mothering Sunday. Women once were deemed the weaker sex; yet so often they have an abundance of power and strength inherent in their very beings. Simply because of love! Women are also tender, gentle, nurturing, but in one of the world's great dichotomies, they are also strong, tenacious and courageous. Whenever the moment arises, women are at the forefront of calling to protect the innocent, defend the helpless and to stand resolute against injustice.

A March prayer

Lord as you stilled the storm to a whisper and quietened the waves of the seas, bring order, peace and harmony to our lands and nations. Help us to see your love through the power of gentleness and peace. Amen

Dear Lord we pray for our indoor members keep them safe Lord. Be with them in times of trouble and let them be assured of your peace Lord. Amen

With love and blessings
Patricia Hamilton-Whittaker
Secretary of St Thomas and St Luke's
Mothers Union.
Tel 07895774720

We invite you to come to a Safe Space

Don't walk your journey of grief alone

Wigan South Churches

Bereavement Support Group



10am - 11.30am

St Luke's Church Bolton Road Stubshaw Cross First Tuesday of the Month

1.15pm - 2.45pm

St Andrew's Church Garswood Road Garswood First Thursday of the Month

10.45am - 12pm

St Thomas' Church Warrington Road Ashton-in-Makerfield



Each Thursday
between 9.30am
& 11.30am
St Andrew's
Mission Hall will
be open as a
'Warm Space'.

Anyone is welcome to pop in for a cup of tea, coffee, toast and a warm welcome.

Together with local businesses, we are working to reduce the amount of food going to land fill.

The pantries are regularly stocked with food that is near its sell by date but can still be used to feed bellies not bins.



St Thomas' Church Hall, Ashton in Makerfield

Tuesday 11am - 12pm Thursday 2pm - 3pm Sunday 3pm - 4pm

Max 2 visits per week

Additional donations welcome to be used to build a pantry and kitchen behind the church hall.



St Aidan's Church,
Billinge

Friday 11am - 1.30pm



Holy Trinity Church Downall Green

Friday 9am - 10am

Each Pantry has a £5 annual membership and minimum £3 donation per visit

Services in March

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	9am: Morning Worship	St Thomas'
	9.30am: Holy Communion	St Andrew's
	10am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Sunday 2nd	10.30am: Morning Worship	Holy Trinity
	10.30am: Morning Prayer	St Peter's
	10.45am: Worship Together	St Thomas'
	11am: Morning Worship	St Luke's
	10am: Holy Communion	Ct A:dom?o
Wednesday 5th	7pm: Wigan South Ash Wednesday	St Aidan's
	Service	Holy Trinity
Thursday 6th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	9am: Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	9.30am: Morning Worship	St Andrew's
	10.30am: Sta's4all	St Aidan's
Cura day Oth	10.30am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Sunday 9th	10.30am: Morning Service & Brigades	St Peter's
	10.45am: Worship Together	St Thomas'
	11am: Holy Communion	St Luke's
	4pm: Evening Prayer	St Aidan's
Wednesday 12th	10am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 13th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	9am: Morning Worship	St Thomas'
	9.30am: Morning Worship	St Andrew's
	10am: Morning Worship	St Aidan's
Sunday 14th	10.30am: Morning Worship	Holy Trinity
Sunday 16th	10.30am: Holy Communion	St Peter's
	10.45am: Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11am: Family Worship	St Luke's
	6.30pm: Evensong	St Thomas'
		

Wednesday 19th	10am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 20th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 23rd	9am: Holy Communion 9.30am: Morning Worship 10am: St Aidan's Beacon 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Prayer 10.45am: Worship Together 11am: Morning Worship 4pm: Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
Wednesday 26th	10am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 27th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 30th Mothering Sunday	9.00am: Morning Worship 9.30am: Morning Worship 10am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Morning Prayer 10.45am: Worship Together 11am: Morning Worship	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Peter's St Thomas' St Luke's

Our verse for the year is:

Romans 15:13 NIV

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Crossword

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Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab whom the Israelites were under for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of-that had been-, he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is --; ask him" (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord -- ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him;—and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

25th March - Lady Day or The Annunciation

This beautiful event (Luke 1:26-38) took place in Nazareth, when Mary is already betrothed to Joseph. The Archangel Gabriel comes to Mary, greets her as highly favoured, tells her not to be afraid, that she will bear a son Jesus, and that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is already pregnant (with John the Baptist).

The church calendar is never quite as neat as some would like it. To celebrate the Annunciation on 25th March does indeed place the conception of Jesus exactly nine months from His birth on 25th December, but the latter part of March almost inevitably falls during Lent. But the birth and death of Jesus are intrinsically linked - He was born to die, and thus fulfil God's purposes.

The Annunciation is a significant date in the Christian calendar - it is one of the most frequent depicted in Christian art. Gabriel's gracious strength and Mary's humble dignity have inspired many artists. Certainly, Mary's response to the angel has for centuries been an example of good faith in practice - humility, enquiry of God, and trusting acceptance in His will for her life.

Desert Difficulties Luke 4:1-12, John 16:33

Life is difficult, sometimes.

No matter how faithful,
no matter how trusting,
no matter how hard we try,
life is difficult, sometimes.

Jesus understands.

He walked in the desert,
day after day after day.
Faithful and trusting, yes,
but hungry and weakened and vulnerable
and tempted.

Even for Jesus
life was difficult,
especially for Jesus,
knowing the end from the beginning.
But He overcame the desert.
He overcame death.

The world is full of trouble, but He overcame the world. Take heart! Jesus can help.

By Daphne Kitching

Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

B I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!



Warm Spaces

Hundreds of churches are part of networks offering 'warm spaces' to people. This past winter the Church of England has provided warm spaces for people struggling to pay energy bills. The C of E has been offering not just a refuge from the cold, but in many cases, food,



activities and a chance to make friends and be part of a community.

A total of 485 Church of England churches so far have signed up to a Warm Welcome Spaces campaign – a UK wide network of more than 5,000 venues across the country including libraries and churches – offering a warm place for anybody in the community.

Nearly 400 Church of England churches are also part of the Places of Welcome network, coordinated by Church Urban Fund, which encourages community groups to provide their neighbourhoods with venues to meet every week all year round.

As one volunteer in the scheme explained: "The cold is less of an issue for many of the people who attend – they are more concerned about isolation and the need for company and conversation. We also have some limited emergency funding to buy food parcels for people who are in need."

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.



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News from our churches

Services in March						
Sunday 2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion				
Wednesday 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion				
Sunday 9th	10.30am 4.00pm	No morning service in church - Sta's4all in school Evening Prayer				
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Morning Worship				
Wednesday 19th	10.00am	Holy Communion				
Sunday 23rd	10.00am 4.00pm	St Aidan's Beacon Holy Communion				
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service				

Sta's4all

takes place in school on March 9th.

We will be looking at the birth of Moses at a time of persecution and his mum putting him in a basket in the river Nile. God really does work n the most amazing ways to protect His family. There will be the usual refreshment, craft activities on the theme and child friendly worship.



Beacon

Our service on March 23rd will be accompanied by the Beacon Singers from St Aidan's School as usual. Our theme about Jesus and Mary, his mother. This is the Sunday before Mothering Sunday.



Mothering Sunday

On Mothering Sunday there will be a special service in church. There will be the usual posies for the ladies. This will be a child friendly service, so children, please bring your mothers along! Those of us who can't bring them physically can bring them along in our hearts as we remember them.

Friendship Group meets on 27th March at 2pm in Church. The speakers are 2 representatives from Billinge in Bloom, Lucelle and Sybil, talking about the work that they do. They make such a difference to our surroundings in Billinge. Why not come along to have refreshments, meet friends and find out more.



Confirmation

Our Confirmation Service will be on Tuesday 17th June at 7pm at St Thomas, Ashton. Anyone who is considering Confirmation should contact Helen Steele or Rev Sue Fulford to register your interest.

The Student Group

A group for 16 to 21 year olds who study or live locally started at St Aidan's Church on February 4th and will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month . It is run by the Next Generation Team of Church Wigan and will run from 7pm till 8.30pm. They will have a coffee slot, a chance to chat to and support each other, video, bible study or other input and a time of worship. It is open to any students, so if you know someone in the right age group why not encourage them to come along and check it out.

Electoral Roll

Every 6 years there is a major overhaul of the Electoral Roll and each person must reapply of they wish to be on this Roll. This year is the year! Membership of the Church of England is partly defined by signing the electoral roll of a Parish in the Church of England: the parish system of the Church, uniquely, covers every address in England. The electoral roll is one way of measuring the Anglican membership of the national Church. It is very important that, if you consider yourself to be a member of the Church of England, you sign the electoral roll of the Wigan South parish (St Aidan's): this also gives you the right to vote at the Parish's annual meeting and to sit on the PCC. Forms are available at the back of Church. If you are unable to get here by the end of this month please ask a friend or churchwarden to get one for you. If you do not re-apply you will no longer be on our electoral roll.

St Aidan's Mission

We continue to meet to listen to God and hear His mission for our Church. At the last meeting we agreed that our Mission is:

to introduce people to Jesus to become more like Jesus to do what Jesus does.

These 3 statements sum up the many activities that occur within our church and amongst our community.

Church Security

In order to increase the security of the Church and its contents we have installed CCTV cameras. They are unobtrusive but you should be aware that movements trigger off recording. These recordings will automatically be wiped from the disc without being viewed after a period of time if there are no incidents requiring a security follow up.

The Church Organ

One day, when I am tall, I will play the organ with elegance and grace. I use the manuals and stops as if I were a gueen. I am so short; the vicar cannot see my face.

I can be anyone when I play the organ, I sit as proud as the Eiffel Tower. My small hands try to be Rachmaninov, I play with confidence and power.

I dream of playing at recitals, The organ makes me warm inside, Like a floating ocean Or sitting watching the tide.

I feel like the organ is my voice, Projecting very loud as if I were Bach, Like playing Toccata in D minor Using all the stops, which I lack.

I am in awe of the grandeur, I just stare at the fine work of art, When the organ is not being played it moans. So, some churches have torn them apart.

> One day I will reach the sky, And no longer slide off the seat. The pedals seem miles away, Beneath my dangling feet.





The little girl from St Aidan's,
Will one day be called by her name.
I will look over at the lectern and wave,
And services will never be quite the same.

Some people do not like the church organ,
They say it is musty and grey.
I sit there and count the webs,
But when I play, I shake them all away.

My organ has a soul,
And likes me to play.
He sits there in a corner,
Just waiting for another day.

By Sophia

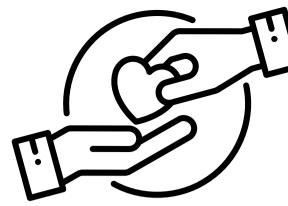
Sophia aged 11 practises and plays the Organ at St Aidan's Church in Billinge. She attends Cheetham's School of Music and was asked by school to write a poem about a musical instrument. This is what she wrote about St Aidan's Organ"

Antiques Road show

Our next Antiques Road show will take place on March 22nd from 9.30 – 12.30. Bring along your items for expert valuation with Steve Parkinson. Items can be left with him for auction if you wish, but you can simply have a valuation if that is what you wish - £2 per item or £5 for 3 or more items.



I would like to thank everyone who make one off donations to church. This is normally done in remembrance of someone or a special anniversary. Sometimes the families who make the donations mark the monies for a particular use such as flowers, Churchyard or Organ.



Unfortunately, by doing this it restricts the use of the monies and it means that it can sit there for years as we can only use it for the specified purpose. For example, we have over £1k sat in an organ fund which can only be used towards that and at the moment we have no outlay for the organ.

If we need to raise funds for a particular reason such as the Sound System we will have a special fund raising directive to make sure monies go to where it can best be used.

When making donations I would kindly ask that, if possible, it isn't restricted and if we are raising monies for a particular item we will discuss this with the people making the donations to make sure it is used in the best way possible.

St Aidan's running costs are now up to £6k monthly and we are at a £2k shortfall every month so to have money put to one side which cannot be used isn't logical. Income comes from the weekly collection plate, Parish Giving Scheme and donations so it is important that we make sure that the income is used in the best way possible to make sure that we can work towards our Mission and Ministry and be at the heart of community of Billinge.

More importantly our Church isn't just about the building it is about how the family within that church play a part in the community and how we reach out to be there for everyone and that is why we want to make sure we will always be there.

Donations

With thanks for their generous donations from:

General Fund

Anne Mcyntyre
Peter Atherton
Agnes Walker
Marion Boardman
John Bridge

In loving memory of
Doreen Rooney (4th February 2000)
from all her family

Aidan's Pantry

Roy Lawrence Marion Boardman

Sound System

We would like to thank Mrs Peel who sadly passed away the end of last year for her legacy which the family have asked to be put towards the new sound system



The Registers

Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'					
17 February	Geoffrey Snaylam				
19 February	William Norman Roberts				
20 February	Roy & Jean Derbyshire				

Note from Treasurer

If you wish to make a donation by Bank Transfer the details are:

Sort code: 60 24 02 Account No: 04035135

Please insert the name of the person you wish us to remember as the reference and email joan.roberts530@outlook.com with any wording for the donation to go in the magazine.

Cheque made payable to St Aidan's Parish Church or (in exceptional circumstances) cash donations in an envelope can be given to the treasurer in church. Alternatively, please pass to a Church Warden or leader only, marked for the attention of the treasurer.

This shall ensure all monies are recorded, gift aid claimed and donations placed in the magazine in a timely manner.

Garden of Remembrance Memorial stone

New rules now apply to having an inscription engraved on the stone. Any entry must be paid for at the rate when the stone-mason does the work. We will advise you of this charge beforehand. You may also arrange for a line to be reserved below this inscription for a loved one by paying a £50 deposit. When the time comes to fill in the reserved line the charge at that time will apply less the £50 deposit. The fee must be paid before any inscription is added.

Unfortunately, we have had to make this change because rising costs have left the Church having to pay a shortfall of the fee charged at the time a second line was requested.

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

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