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Vicar's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters

September is set to be an exciting month full of events and activities and with much to look forward to. We have the Heritage Open Day and Gift Weekend to begin with, then at the end of September we have Richard's ordination to the priesthood which I hope as many of you as possible will attend. This will be a very special service with lots of visitors from around the country, and then Richard's first Mass the following day.

Ordination services are always special and to have one here at St Thomas is particularly so. Richard is beginning a new stage of ministry and we pray for him and his work among us.

'Ministry' can be a word we only associate with people like me or Richard or Revd Paul; people who are priests, or deacons or who have a specific role in the Church like our Reader, Angela and our ALM, Gail so, it may surprise to find that you too have a ministry. God has given us all something (often lots of somethings!) to do. Your work during the week outside the church is ministry. Whether you work in an office or a school or the local Tesco, or wherever it may be, you are, as a Christian, an 'ambassador for Christ' as St Paul says. You may have retired from full-time work but still be busy with other things, you too are an 'ambassador for Christ' and have a ministry.

You are all in places where Richard, myself and Paul are not likely to be and you are all doing your ministry, your work for God in that place and in all the places where you are. Your ministry is just as important and special and unique to you as what we as priests and deacons do. You are Christ to the people you work and study and spend time with. I hope you feel supported by the worship and prayer at St Thomas in your daily lives.

We regularly pray for you and your work and ministries, please pray for us.

God is with us in all that we do and when we pray, we become aware of God's presence with us. I, as your vicar value all that you do, and am happy to wish you all blessings in your various ministries.

Yours in Christ,



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Tues 3rd Sept	7pm	Meeting for anyone interested in leading Intercessions - Meet in Choir Vestry
Sat 7 th Sept	tba	STYLE "Run for the Loo"
Mon 9th Sept	7pm	PCC
Tues 10 th Sept	7.30pm	STYLE meeting
Sat 14th Sept	10.30am	Heritage Open Day – All welcome.
	– 2.30pm	See page 11
Sat & Sun		Gift Weekend
14/15 Sept		
Mon 16 th Sept	7.30pm	Moorside & District Historical Society
		World War 1 (see page 21)
Fri 20 th Sept	7.30pm	Partylite Candle Party
	2.30pm	Ordination to the Priesthood of Revd Richard
		Dashwood at St. Thomas' with Bishop Mark Ashcroft
Sunday 29th	10.30am	Richard's first Mass followed by a "Bring and Share"
September		Donations towards MacMillan gratefully received.
Tues 1 st Oct	7.30pm	STYLE meeting

WEEKLY SERVICES

Wednesday Worship 7pm

Sunday Services 8.30am Said Communion 10.30am Parish Communion

The second Sunday of the month is usually church parade, apart from August and January. Please check with the group leaders if in doubt.

Dates for your dairy: FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat 12th October – British Legion Coffee Morning at Shaw British Legion Sunday 13th October – Harvest Thanksgiving Fri 18th October – Clothes Show Sat 26th October – Monster Mash Ball in Church Hall Sunday 3rd November at 6.30pm All Souls Friday 8th Nov - Parish Visit to the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield Sunday10th November Remembrance Sunday Sunday 17th November Confirmation Service with Bishop Mark Davies Saturday 30th November - Christmas Fair Sunday 15th December at 3pm - Christingle Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service Christmas Day - Community Christmas Dinner in Church Hall



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Hello all,

It only seems like a few weeks since we were at the start of the year and planning the works on our tower, and now we look round and we are three quarters of the way through the year.

This has already been an exciting year so far with Richard, Hannah and their dogs joining us and Angela being licensed as a Reader, so we hope that you have all had a restful Summer and are feeling recharged in the run up to the start of the new school year and dare we say the Christmas period. As always, we will be busy so please keep your eyes peeled for dates for your diary.

This month, we are particularly looking forward to the ordination of Richard. This is an exciting and important step in a person's journey and would normally happen at a Cathedral. We are however blessed that Richard has been able to organise with the Bishop that he will be priested at our Church on Saturday 28th September at 2.30pm. We hope that as many of our own Church family as possible can attend. Richard will also have many friends, family, and colleagues attending so it will be wonderful to see our Church full to the rafters. We are hoping to plan a faith lunch in our hall after the service where all will be welcome. The 29th will see his very first mass after ordination, which is also another special day, followed by another celebration with donations to Macmillan gratefully received. (Please note the coffee morning scheduled for 28th Sept has been postponed).

Wednesday 11th September at 6pm will also see the start of our confirmation classes in the choir vestry for those who wish to be confirmed in November's confirmation service.

Thank you for all who have helped and made it possible for our Church to be such an effective and welcoming place. We are looking at ways to make this more effective and moving to cleaning on a set day once a month rather than on a weekly basis. This should hopefully make it easier with the idea of many hands making light work, possibly allowing us to do both the hall and Church at the same time.

The hall is another area that we would like to ask for help with. It is becoming more of a community resource with other organisations making use of the facilities and bringing an income into our Church. Please can we ask that all users of the hall are respectful in terms of cleanliness and house-keeping. If you are looking to make use of the hall, please can you check with Sarah Edwards that it is available at the time that you wish to use it.

If there is anything that you think could make things easier or are unsure of anything then come and find either one of us and have a chat. We don't bite – Honest

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STYLE break from meeting over the summer but have attended fundraising events like the summer fair at Moorside Cricket Club and at Sholver Community Centre. Thank you Sarah Edwards & Sarah Wilson for helping out.

On **7th September** we will be supporting Angela's ECO Church with a "Run for the Loo" - a bucket-shaking exercise in the local hostelries to raise funds for a toilet-twinning scheme. There will be a Partylite candle party on 20th September in the church lounge at 7pm. Please note that, although some STYLE members are running this event, the money raised is going towards a fund for some explorer scouts who are travelling to Kenya in August 2020 to support a local school where disadvantaged children attend. We also have the successful Clothes Party on **18th October** and will release tickets nearer the date.

STYLE's next meeting will be **Tuesday 10th September** (NB * the second Tuesday as we will be settling the children back to school). If anybody wishes to join STYLE please speak with any member of the group or wardens, or just come along to the choir vestry at the back of church at 7:30pm. STYLE aim to raise money for the church and local charities but we also enjoy socialising and generally having a real good laugh so if you would like to come along please do join us.

Sunday School and Sunday Youth

Hopefully you had a wonderful summer and are ready for the last few months of the year. This is one of the most exciting times in Sunday school because we start to think about Christmas! Planning the nativity takes a lot of hard work from the young people but also the leaders so we do have to start planning several months ahead. This years' nativity will be held in morning service on Sunday 22nd December at 10:30am.

The Sunday School children have been asked to design the church Christmas card which will go out to local businesses and residents of Moorside, Sholver and surrounding areas and it is a privilege to be asked. Over the coming weeks we will ask the children to practice their design and then before October half term they will design their final masterpiece. We will then ask our vicar Denise and the churchwardens to pick a winner for the front of the card, and a runner up for the back of the card and will make sure that all entries are displayed around to make sure everybody gets to see these wonderful pieces of work.



We welcome many new families to Sunday School in September and therefore remind all families that they must sign the register in church. Any new parents (or old ones who have not completed the information) please speak with a Sunday school leader. If you have any queries or questions please ask any member of the SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday school team who will be more than happy to help.

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September meeting to be take place in the Moorside St Thomas' Church Vestry. October & November meetings will be at the Moorside Cricket Club. The third Monday of the month, except Jun, August & December; 7:30 p.m.; all are welcome.



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GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Angela Bilbruck on becoming licensed as a Reader at Manchester Cathedral on 14th July by Bishop Mark of Bolton.



Congratulations to Alice Booth on passing her ABRSM grade 3 tenor horn exam with distinction recently at Oldham Music Centre; a fabulous achievement.

Keeping it in the family, Gabby Booth (Alice's sister) swam a personal best (PB) in the 200m butterfly at the recent National Summer Swimming Meet in Sheffield. She only just missed out on a place in the finals by a whisker. Congratulations Gabby on achieving a PB in your first Nationals.

United By Wool's new shop has opened at Hill Stores, Huddersfield Road. This charitable organisation of Knitters and Crocheters provide much needed items to charities here and abroad.

The group started over 2 1/2 years ago following an appeal for baby sets of knitted items, nappies etc. to be sent to Syria. The group began with ladies from Oldham and then when people from outside the area began to join in January 2018 they named themselves <u>United by wool</u>. At this time Jeanette Nawaz, Chair of United by Wool was running the group from a summer shed and they were helping out with appeals from various organisations including <u>CRIBS</u> International in Greece. They also support <u>UKeff</u> who help the homeless and needy in Oldham and have sent children's packs to them for Christmastime.

Their aim is to bring the whole Community together, continue to raise money and to help in the Community and further afield. The shop which sells wool, knitted items and various other goods and opens daily from 9:30am-2:30pm weekdays and on Saturdays for Knit and Natter sessions. So why not pop along for a cuppa, a chat, learn new skills and get tips and ideas.

If United by Wool can help your charity or if you wish to get involved as a volunteer and help them to help others, then please email them at Unitedbywool@outlook.com or visit their FB page <u>United by wool.</u>



Please pray for the servants of God to be ordained this Michaelmas, and among them for

RICHARD ANTONY DASHWOOD

to be ordained to the priesthood by Mark, Bishop of Bolton, at

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Pray also for Hannah and the Rev Denise Owen and the people of the parish of St Thomas's, Moorside.



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Fr Richard will preside at the Mass for the first time using the Liturgy of The Book of Common Prayer at St Thomas, Moorside,

On Sunday 29th September 2019, at 10.30am.

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Thank you for all your financial giving to date.

The Diocese of Manchester made a deficit of around \pounds 600K last year. A good part of this was because parishes didn't pay their full parish share. The Diocese are forecasting a similar deficit for this year and are looking at ways to make savings. They have asked all parishes to pay their full share this year. I thought it would be useful to explain more about it.

What is the parish share? It's the amount of money that each parish is asked to contribute to support the mission and ministry of the Church in the Diocese of Manchester. Parish Share is used mainly to meet the costs of stipendiary clergy. Around 70% of the diocesan budget goes on 'people costs' to support ministry and mission across the Diocese. However, the total amount of Parish Share requested is less than the costs of having our full allocation of stipendiary clergy. The 2018 cost of a parish priest is about £45,876 per year (stipend, national insurance, pension contribution and housing). Parish Share helps fund a variety of ministry across the whole Diocese.

The Parish Share Scheme is based on two main principles: Who pays? The people who attend church regularly and form the heart of the church are responsible for resourcing the ministry and local mission of the church. This is an expression of care between individuals and between congregations. How much do they pay? Those who are wealthier should pay more towards these costs than those who are poorer, in accordance with the Biblical principal of proportional giving. Inevitably, as with any Parish Share scheme which is recalculated on an annual basis, some parishes are likely to be asked to pay less each year and some parishes more. The Parish Share Review Group and Diocesan Synod trust that the scheme embodies sound theological principles that will encourage clergy and lay people to play their part in responding joyfully to all God's gifts and resourcing the Church's mission across the diocese. What if we don't pay? Holding back our Parish Share has consequences for everyone. It is harder to attract a priest to a vacancy where a benefice is known not to pay its way. It is a source of embarrassment to clergy knowing that they are being paid when their benefice is not contributing fully. And other parishioners in the deanery and diocese have to pay more to cover for you.

As you are aware, unfortunately, we weren't able to pay our full parish share in 2018. Our reserves are now so low that we cannot keep dipping into them. We recently held a stewardship campaign to ask you to review your financial giving and time/talents. Thank you to those who were able to increase their commitments. However, we are still falling short. Contrary to popular belief, the Church of England is not funded by the state, nor by the Church Commissioners. Commissioners' funds help pay clergy pensions, support the Church in deprived areas, help foster mission and growth, and pay for cathedrals and bishops. Furthermore, St Thomas Church doesn't receive any monies from the Manchester Diocese (although they do fund our stipendiary clergy), the Government or the local Council. This means that the Church running costs and payment of the parish share must be met from giving, collections, donations and fundraising activities. To date, we have paid £10,000 towards our parish share of £35,000. *Please*, really think if you are able to give more realistically... some people pay more for their daily coffee fix than they give to the weekly collection... just a thought.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you' 1 Chronicles, 29.14

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carry on shopping.

Cheques have been sent to Dr Kershaw's Hospice, Oldham Foodbank and Andy's Man Club in Halifax from half of the monies donated by friends and families during

recent baptisms. The remainder was donated to St Thomas Church.

Gift weekend has been brought forward to 14th/15th September to coincide with Heritage Weekend. A Gift Weekend envelope is inside the magazine and more will be available in Church. It's a time for people to make an **extra** gift to St. Thomas' Church along with their regular weekly giving wherever possible. Your support would, as always, be greatly appreciated.

Corínne





Thinking about the world around us with harvest in mind

Harvest Service 10.30am Sunday 13th October



Why your garden needs an old sink The number of ponds in Britain has halved since the 1950s. The effect on wildlife has been catastrophic. Beetles, birds, frogs, toads, newts, hedgehogs, and bees are already in steep decline, and with no easy access to water, their struggle to survive is even harder. Kate Bradbury from BBC Springwatch urges people to use old Belfast sinks, buckets or even baths to help their garden wildlife. For such mini-ponds, the RHS recommends oxygenating plants such as a miniature water lily. A guide to building a mini-pond can be found here: https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/createaminipond/

Give nature two hours a week If you want to improve your health and psychological well-being, spend at least 120 minutes a week in nature. Research at Exeter University found that people who spend at least two hours a week walking among trees, listening to birdsong, and engaging with nature have lower stress and blood pressure. The study was published in the journal Scientific Reports.

The reason behind food allergies? Scientists have found that children who eat more takeaways are more likely to suffer from food intolerances. Researchers at the University of Naples found that children with food allergies also had a large build-up of sugary fatty substances under their skin which develop after eating processed and sugary foods. It is thought that these 'advanced glycation end' products (AGEs) may cause the gut to leak. That could trigger an overactive immune response making the body more sensitive. 2% of adults and 7% of children suffer from food allergies; a five-fold rise since the Nineties. Recent decades have seen a dramatic rise in highly processed food in the West

We are killing off the plants as well Twice as many plants have been pushed to extinction over the past 250 years than all the birds, mammals and amphibians combined. 571 species have disappeared from the wild since the mid-18th century, according to scientists and experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. A 30-year research project has found that many plants have been wiped out through man-made habitat loss. And as one scientist points out, "Every species that becomes extinct is supporting other organisms that also become extinct at the same time." For example, "If the English oak were to become extinct, there are around 400 species and animals that rely on it, so the implications are far wider than just losing one species." A Kew conservation scientist adds: "Plants underpin all life on Earth, they provide the oxygen we breathe and the food we eat, as well as making up the backbone of the world's ecosystems." The research was published in the journal Nature, Ecology and Evolution.

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	Second prize	No.58	Audra Walsh
	Third prize	No.48	M.Feber

FLOWER ROTA

1st September – Kathy birthday
15th September – Karen's 50th Birthday
15th September - Jack O'Donnell aged 9
22nd September - Corinne Ogden to remember Dad and brothers birthdays (Gordon Hamilton Smith and Gordon James Smith)

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Sunday 8 12th after	-	ıber	Deuteronomy 30.15-end		Philemon 1-21			Luke 14. 25-33	
Sunday 15th September 13th after Trinity		Exodus 32. 7-14		1 Timothy 1. 12-17			Luke 15. 1-10		
Sunday 22nd September 14th after Trinity		Amos 8. 4-7		1 Timothy 2. 1-7		Luke 16. 1-13			
Sunday 29th September St Michael and All Angels				Matthew 18. 1-10					
Sunday 6th October 16th after Trinity		Habakkuk 1. 1-4, 2.1-4 2		Timothy1. 1-14		Luke 17. 5-10			
Date	Sides	Readers	5	Prayers	Cleaners ALTAR			EUCHARIST	
1 st Sept	Jodie & Margaret	Gail & Pe	eter	Oliver	Hel Luc	en & y	Cameron Ben R	&	Richard & John
8 th Sept	Joan T & Adam	Jen		Emily O'N	Kat & C	hy, Karen hris	Cameron Ben R	&	Parade
15 th Sept	Susan & Debra	Oliver & Wai		Angela	Lou Em	ise & ma	Cameron Emily H	&	Richard & Cathy (Emily O'N shadowing)
22 nd Sept	Zelda & Bev	Millicent Emily	&	Lynn		an, Bev Jiane	Cameron George W		Richard & Lindsey
29 th Sept	Cathy & Lindsey	Susan & Eunice		Gail		n, Eunice laine	Cameron Ben R	-	Richard & Gail
Oct 6 th	Jodie & Margaret	Gail & Pe	eter	Sam A	Hel Luc	en & Y	Cameron Ben R	&	Richard & Debra

A message of thanks from Liam Martin

Just a little note to say *thank you*. I've got back from my jamboree trip and had a fantastic time, saw some amazing places, met some new friends, especially from Switzerland (they had cheese!) and Finland. You'll hear more about our trip. But from me, I wouldn't have been able to experience all of this without your support and help from Akela (Kathy) and the other leaders. So thank you all so much.

Love Liam





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WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	Handbell Group	10.30am – 12pm	Choir Vestry	
	Rainbows	6.30pm -7.30pm		
	Brownies	6.45pm - 8pm	Church Hall	
	Bell Ringers	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Bell Tower	
	Guides	7.30pm – 9pm	Church Hall	
Tuesday	Beavers	6.30pm -7.30pm		
	Cubs	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Church Hall	
	Scouts	8.00pm - 9.30pm		
	Explorers	8.30pm-9.30/10pm		
Wednesday	Youth Group for 3 rd Age	1.30 – 3pm	Church Hall Lounge	
	Wednesday Worship	7pm	Church	
Thursday	Choir	6.30pm – 8pm	Choir Vestry	
Sunday	Parish Communion	8.30am/10.30am	Church	
	Sunday School/Sunday Youth	10.25am	Church Hall	