



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

A WARM WELCOME to any visitors. Please fill in a contact form on the back of this bulletin, so that we can get to know you and leave it in the grey box on the Welcome desk. Do stay for a drink and chat.

SUMMER 2017

July 30th

9am Morning Service
11am Holy Communion
7pm Evening Service

The Great Bible Bake-off *1 Kings 17. 7-16*

My Life Verse *Psalms 139/ Romans 5*

August 6th

9am Holy Communion
11am All-Age Service
7pm Evening Service

The 15 Minute Vegan *Daniel 1. 1-20*

My Life Verse *2 Corinthians 12. 9*

August 13th

9am Morning Service
11am Morning Service
7pm Holy Communion

Unsavory Company *Matthew 9. 9-13*

My Life Verse *Psalms 91. 2*

August 20th

9am Holy Communion
11am All-Age Service
Picnic, if weather permits
7pm Evening Service

The 5/2 Diet *Matthew 14. 13-21*

My Life Verse *Jeremiah 29. 11*

August 27th

9am Morning Service
11am Holy Communion
7pm Evening Service

At My Table *Matthew 26. 17-30*

My Life Verse *1 Corinthians 15. 58*

JUNIOR CHURCH Our usual Junior Church groups will resume after the summer on **September the 3rd** at the 9am Service and **September 10th** at the 11am Service.

During the summer at the 9am service there will be a DVD and crafts for children during the sermon, parents or carers will need to supervise their children. During the summer at the 11am service there will be All Age services on the 6th August, 20th August and 3rd September. On 30th July and 13th & 27th August, there will be a DVD for primary school children, with leaders to supervise, and toys and crafts for pre-school children, who will need to be supervised by a parent or carer.

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS UPDATE: After 18 months, we are finishing with our 'Put God First' prayer pattern on **Thursday 3rd August** with prayer in church 12-1pm, and Awakening prayer meeting 8-9pm. From September, we will be

simplifying our pattern of monthly prayer gatherings by stopping the lunchtime prayer meetings and prayer cards, but continuing with a monthly alternating pattern of Awakening prayer meetings (worship, listening to God, and intercession) on **6 Sept** and **7 Nov**, and Godspace prayer evenings (time for space and quiet to listen to God) on **2 Oct** and **4 Dec**. Over the summer weeks, our renewal prayer meetings (Thursdays weekly 7-7.30pm) will pause, and re-commence on Thursday 7th Sept.



WOMEN'S COFFEE Join us for coffee in Esquires on Cheapside at 10:30am on **5th August**; and in the upstairs centre at 10.30am on **16th August**. All women welcome.

HOLIDAY AT HOME Booking forms are on the Welcome Desk, our summer event for older people from **Tuesday to Thursday 8th to 10th August**. The theme is 'Desert Island Discs; the Music of Your Life.' Please invite friends, neighbours and family; this is for anyone over 60. Please try to book by Friday 5th August. (Ring Jeanette for late bookings 07486 985 357.) If you're able to help at the event (serve tea and chat) or if you can bake please sign up on the welcome desk or email jeanette@st.tees.org.uk.



SUMMER FUN DAY, Tuesday 15th August, 10am-2pm, for under 12's and their families. Come along and bring your friends to enjoy a bouncy castle, face painting, games, toys and lots of cake. We need a team for the fun day! Could you help with welcome, refreshments, leading crafts or games, leafleting in town, making cake or setting up? Contact Emma Dixon at children@st.tees.org.uk



PICNIC, Sunday 20th August – Weather permitting, how about a picnic lunch after the 11am all-age service at Williamson Park? If it's dry, bring your own picnic and let's meet on the hillside below the playground.

9 AM AWAY DAY 21ST OCTOBER We are very much looking forward to welcoming Bishop Philip North to our Away Day on **21st October**, from 10 am – 3.30, at Brookhouse Methodist Church. Children's activities will be provided. Please put this date in your diary, further information and booking forms will be available in September. Join us there for an inspirational day, worshipping together, hearing about our role in God's mission, and getting to know each other better.

LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY A short summer school on spirituality and prayer **Tuesdays in August, 2-3.30pm** For more information contact Simon Stewart on 01524 840027 simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com

DAY OF PRAYER for a spiritual awakening in Lancashire. **30th September** at the University of Cumbria

NOTICES



YOUTH CAMPS The summer is a busy time for STY:LE and throughout July and August we have young people attending various camps and conferences both locally and nationally. Please remember to pray for the young people attending these camps throughout the summer. 30 young people from St Thomas Church are part of a group of 65 young people from Lancaster that are attending Soul survivor in Staffordshire. Others are going away with organisations such as PACT, Ventures, Spring Harvest & Scripture Union. Please pray that they have a superb time with one another and that they meet with God.



NEW YOUTH COORDINATOR, ALI DEMET: We are delighted to announce that Ali Demet will be joining St T's in September, along with her husband Aled and daughter Zoe. Please pray for them as they finish their time at Lancaster Baptist Church, and prepare for a new season here at St T's.



ASSISTANT YOUTH MINISTER: As Ian Sarginson finishes in his full-time role as Youth Coordinator (40 hours a week) on 31st August, and Ali Demet begins her role as our new part-time Youth Coordinator on 30 hours a week (4th Sept), the PCC would like to appoint an assistant youth minister for 15 hours a week, with the option of an additional educational training bursary towards the cost of gaining a professional youth work qualification. Full details on the church website, www.st.tees.org.uk; application deadline noon Friday 8th September.

JUNIOR CHURCH LEADERS We have several team members who are stepping down. We are looking for new leaders, particularly at the 9am and in Impact (8-11s) at 11am. If you are interested to know more about volunteering in our children's ministry please come and speak to Emma Dixon or Sarah Evans or email children@st.tees.org.uk. Thank you for your prayers and response to our under 5's ministry which is now in a much stronger position although we would continue to welcome new volunteers!



THE NEXT BULLETIN will be published on September 3rd. Any request for a notice to go into this bulletin, must be at the Church office by **8am** on Thurs before

MAINTENANCE HELPERS WANTED: With a large church site, there are a lot of things that need fixing or replacing from time to time. We are looking to build up a pool of skilled volunteers that can be available to come and deal with these issues when they are reported. If you have appropriate skills and would like to help please contact Leslie via the church office or at leslie@st.tees.org.uk

BUILDING FOR MISSION UPDATE: WORK continues on the building project: a) Boilers in church – tenders have been received from 6 contractors, and new boilers are due to be installed in September and operational by 1st October, b) Spire works – tenders and faculty are still being actively pursued, but the busy 2017 work schedules of good contractors mean that spire works are now likely to wait until warmer weather in 2018, c) most of the condition surveys have been completed now, and are being examined by the BFM teams, and d) as Tim Parsons starts as internal Project Manager, the BFM teams have been working on getting the right processes in place to be ready to start planning the detail of the main project.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY –JOB OPPORTUNITY—to set up and develop a Debt Centre for the Lancaster and Morecambe district, run in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Hours: 16 hours per week Salary: £10,400. Some more details are on the notice board and a detailed job profile can be found at www.lmdebtcentre.org.uk. For details on CAP, visit www.capuk.org

BUILDING FOR MISSION (BFM) To give to the BFM project you can make a payment to the Church's CAF Bank account with an on-line payment or by setting up a standing order. Details of the account are: Bank: CAF Bank; Account name: St Thomas's PCC Lancaster; Sort code: 40-52-40; Account number: 00030499; Reference: BFM. You can also give by cheque to 'St Thomas's PCC Lancaster' in an envelope clearly marked BFM and sent to the Church Office.

PHOTOS IN CHURCH: In line with our safeguarding policies which are intended to keep children and vulnerable adults safe in church, please do not take photos or videos in church services without asking permission of the clergy first.

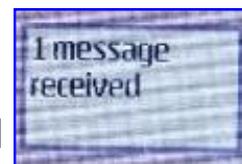


PASTORAL ISSUES Please inform the church office or one of the leadership of any pastoral needs that arise such as illness, accidents or bereavements.

PRAYER MINISTRY CORNER As a church, we offer prayer ministry after every main service, in the prayer ministry area at the back right corner of the main church building. If you would like prayer for anything at all, please don't hesitate to go over to the prayer ministry corner, and ask a member of the prayer ministry team to pray with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER CHAIN Please send your prayer requests to Margaret Stocks 66257

TEXT-A-PRAYER If you would like us to pray about anything at all, please text your request to **075 34 998 205** Texts will be read and prayed for each Sunday. We will not send replies. Texts will be treated in confidence (in line with our safeguarding policy).



CRAFTAID SHOP The shop will only be open on Saturdays from 23rd July. It will then return to normal on Tuesday 5th September. If you would be able to help in the shop on some Wednesday mornings or some Fridays, please see Corina Redmore or email the church office on admin@st.tees.org.uk

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 If you have recently come to St Thomas's, we'd like to welcome you & get to know you. Please fill this information in, & hand it in at the Welcome desk

Name <small>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Other)</small>	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	
Children <small>(include DOB)</small>	
If you are interested in joining a Life Group tick here <input type="checkbox"/>	
If you are a student tick here <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there anything particular you would like to get involved in?	

Which service have you come to? 9am
 11am 7pm

Please could you indicate your age group.
 Under 20
 20-30
 30-50
 Over 50

Please tick if you **DON'T** wish your information to be held on our database

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Date card	
Followed up? <input type="checkbox"/>	
By:	
Date:	
Notes.	

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