



# ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

## 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

**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.

### 9AM HOLY COMMUNION

*The children will return to take  
Communion with us*

**In the shadow of the Almighty** *Psalm 91*

### 11AM MORNING SERVICE

### 7PM EVENING SERVICE

**Comfort food...** *Luke 24. 36-53*

**MISSION PARTNER OF THE MONTH** Tearfund

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### THIS WEEK

**WOMEN'S COFFEE** at the Storey Institute in the café, on **Saturday 7th September**. Meet at 11am. All women welcome to join us.

*Extra Time* **Tuesday 3rd September** downstairs in the Church Centre. Come along for a 10.30 start. This time we welcome Jono Peatman with a talk entitled "Christ My Rock." All are most welcome.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** Restarts for the 9am Service today and for the 11am Service on the 8th September.

### COMING UP

**ST THOMAS BOOK GROUP** Our next meeting is on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at 11am at The Print Room Café at The Storey. We will be discussing: **The Beekeeper's Promise by Fiona Valpy**. You are welcome to come even if you haven't read the book or are still reading it! New members are very welcome, why not bring a friend? More info from Alison Purvis via church office or ChurchSuite.

**LANCASHIRE SANCTUARY HOMES PROJECT** Lancaster Hosting Roadshow, **18th September 19.30-21.30** at St Thomas'. An informative and informal evening to learn more about hosting refugees and asylum seekers in your own home. More details from [stlancasterasr@websitesuite.co.uk](mailto:stlancasterasr@websitesuite.co.uk) or ask Maja Moller.

**PARISH WALK** There will be a Parish walk on **Wednesday 18 Sept** to deliver invitations for the Autumn Alpha course. If you can help, please meet in the upstairs church centre at 9.30am, and join us for some exercise with refreshments on return. If you can help but at another time please let the office or Sally Pidd know [spidd@doctors.org.uk](mailto:spidd@doctors.org.uk).

**YEAR OF ALPHA** We plan to launch an Alpha course on Thursdays in the Autumn from 7.45-9.30pm culminating in a Christmas meal together and an invitation to our alternative carol service at the 7pm congregation. Following on from that we aim to cultivate a missional group fostering a culture of both discipleship and outreach onwards into 2020. If you are interested in being a part of the Alpha team please contact: Jon Scamman [jon@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:jon@st.tees.org.uk) or Angie Letchford [a\\_lechford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:a_lechford@yahoo.co.uk).



**KEEP THE DATE!** The 9 am congregation will be having our Away Day at Brookhouse Methodist Church, on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, from 10 – 3pm**. Ruth Hassall speaking to us on the theme of 'Abide and Thrive' from John chapter 15. There will be children's provision, so do come, bring families, bring a pudding for our lunch together, and enjoy the day!

**AUTUMN FIESTA** at St Thomas Church, **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November** from 10.30 am to 3 pm. This is a festival of food, music and family activities to raise awareness and funds for Asylum Seeker and Refugee groups working in the Lancaster district.

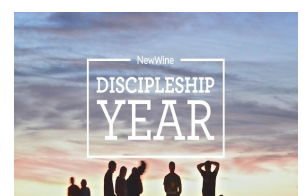
## STAFF TEAM NEWS

**FAMILY LIFE CENTRE MANAGER** Alex Sayer has been appointed as our new FLC Manager, and will be starting in the role from 10<sup>th</sup> September, in a post made possible by a grant from the diocese of Blackburn. Alex is an experienced social worker with a background in child protection, and will be moving to St T's from Hope Church, along with her husband Phil and two sons, Zeb and Zeke.

**ASSISTANT YOUTH PASTOR** During the summer Hannah Wolfenden sadly moved on to live and work in Germany. Many thanks to Hannah for everything she achieved and all her hard work, working alongside Ali. The great news is that Tom Swallow has been appointed to replace her. He is already on the PCC and a member of the Student team



**NEW WINE DISCIPLESHIP YEAR INTERNS** Since Chloe and Sarah have left us to go to University we have two new Interns starting this month. Tom Swallow to work with Claire to support students and Matt Dobie to work on our publicity. (Thales is with us til the end of the year).



**CURACY** Congratulations and thanks go to Angela Letchford, who will be serving her self-supporting curacy at St Thomas' Church, following ordination in the summer of 2020.

## NOTICES

**MESSY CHURCH** is taking a pause this term and not meeting monthly. Our next Messy Church will be our Christmas Special on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.30pm-5.30pm. All families are very welcome. We will be having lots of festive fun and celebrating the birth of Jesus. Please put this date in your diaries and invite your friends and family along. Please contact Emma for more information [children@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:children@st.tees.org.uk).

**ADOPT A STUDENT** We are looking for individual people, families or life groups to invite a student or two to join them for tea starting in October. You might find you really like them and want to invite them to join you for *other* fun events too, but a meal once every 6 weeks is the minimum commitment we are asking for. Email [claire@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:claire@st.tees.org.uk) if you want to find out more.

**RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING** Please join us on **Thursdays during term time** at 7pm, and every term time Thursday afterwards, in the upstairs church centre when we pray for Renewal of our church, city and country.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** If you could help with our junior church, either at the 9am or the 11am service, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [children@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:children@st.tees.org.uk). Hannah & Emma.


**PHOTOS IN CHURCH** In line with our safeguarding policies, please do not take photos or videos in church services without asking permission of the clergy first.



**VALUABLES** Keep your valuables with you all the time while in church, even when going to take Communion or for prayer.

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER CHAIN** Please send your prayer requests to Margaret Stocks on 01524 66257.

 We use church management software called ChurchSuite. This gives all the adults on our database the option to access their rotas, the church calendar, sign up for church events, and update their contact details. If you don't have access to My Churchsuite, contact the church office. All information is stored securely in line with the Data Protection Act. Unless you choose otherwise, your details can only be accessed by church staff and those writing any rotas you might be on. [stthomaslancaster.churchsuite.co.uk/](http://stthomaslancaster.churchsuite.co.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 in this slip & hand it in at the Welcome desk.


Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Other)	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	
Children (include DOB)	
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?	

Please tick the box if we **may add** your information to our mailing list (Churchsuite). You can unsubscribe at any time by contacting [admin@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:admin@st.tees.org.uk)

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

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

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