



ST THOMAS
CHURCH LANCASTER
 SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

TEARFUND SUNDAY

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.

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| 9AM MORNING SERVICE | Less is more <i>Mark 6. 30-44</i> |
| 11AM HOLY COMMUNION | |
| 7PM EVENING SERVICE | Change for Life <i>Luke 12:13-21</i> |

TEARFUND SUNDAY At this time of year, we pause to remember and support some of the people most in need in the world, and in our community. Today we welcome Anna Laszlo (chair of Tearfund) who will be our visiting speaker, and in which we will be taking up our annual collection for Tearfund.

MISSION PARTNER OF THE MONTH Tearfund



THIS WEEK



Tuesday 1st October downstairs in the Church Centre (behind the Church) come along for a 10:30 start or 10:15 for coffee. This week we welcome Kath Bryne with a talk entitled "A Burmese Adventure". Why not come and join with us and bring a friend, all are most welcome.

COMING UP

WOMEN'S GROUP COFFEE AT THE STOREY. *Change of date* We would normally meet on Saturday 5th October. As this clashes with the 9.00am Service away day, we have changed the date. We will now meet on **Saturday 12th October**, 11.00am at the Storey, as usual.

ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

NEXT SUNDAY - Sunday 6th October is our Harvest Sunday, when we will be taking up our collection for food parcels at the Olive Branch food bank Please come prepared to give generously.

ALPHA - AUTUMN TERM Alpha is starting up very soon. Times and dates: Thursday evenings 7.45-9.30pm **3rd October - 5th December** with a break on 24th October (Half Term) culminating in a Christmas meal on 8th December followed by the 7pm Alternative Carol Service. Please pray for Alpha and consider inviting a friend. Enquiries to Angie Letchford a_letchford@yahoo.co.uk.



You're invited.

#tryAlpha



9AM AWAY DAY The 9 am congregation are having an Away Day, on **Saturday 5th October**, at Brookhouse Methodist Church. We would love to have some help with serving drinks and clearing up on the day. If you could help, please fill in the sheet on the welcome desk or contact Helen on helen@st.tees.org.uk. You would be welcome to join us for as much of the day as you would like. (Please let us know if you would like a lift).

LANCASTER MUSIC FESTIVAL We are hosting 3 events for Lancaster Music Festival 2019! Come along and bring friends, perfect invitational opportunity, all taking place in the main church building:

- **Thursday 10th October** 7pm Resolute Silent Disco for 11-18's, contact ali@st.tees.org.uk for more info!
- **Friday 11th October** 7.30pm - Performance cafe night featuring The Cahoots and Chloe Moyle, open to all, free admission just turn up on the night! Contact jono@st.tees.org.uk for more info
- **Saturday 12th October** 2pm and 3pm - Lyrics and Lunch workshops, back to back sessions hosted by Jeanette and the lyrics and lunch team. Open to all, contact Jeanette@st.tees.org.uk for more info

All events are free admission and will have a range of drinks and snacks available for purchase.

WORSHIP NIGHT Thursday 24th October 7.30pm we will be hosting another worship evening in church, great opportunity to come and learn some new songs and find space. Contact Jono if you'd like a link to the Spotify playlist to learn some new songs before the night!


AUTUMN FIESTA at St Thomas Church , **Saturday 9th November** from 10.30 -3pm. 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.

NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING POSTPONED The training scheduled for Tuesday 8th October at 7.30pm has been postponed. Training will take place

during team meetings for any teams working with Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults. Please make sure you have the date in the diary for these meetings when you have been informed as it is really important that everyone has undertaken the national training and is familiar with our local policies.

THE ARK needs volunteers to staff the running of a film night for Ark guests on the 1st Friday of each month. This will begin in October. Please email Anne Carman for further details awcarman@yahoo.co.uk

NEW WINE / LUMINOSITY Last year, many of us from St T's enjoyed attending the New Wine summer conference and the last ever Soul Survivor. In 2020, New Wine is offering a new youth festival called 'Luminosity' as part of the New Wine conferences - which our youth group will be attending, led by Ali Demet. Both will be happening at the Peterborough site at the same time! For anyone who might wish to book now using the **Flash Sale prices (valid till 25th September)**, **we are planning to attend New Wine Week 2 (2-8 August)**. If you wish to book to camp with us, just choose St Thomas Church from the drop-down menu in the New Wine booking system. If you have a young person who wishes to camp with the youth group (more fun??), then they will need to be booked in separately under the Luminosity Week 2 booking, details of which can be had from Ali Demet on ali@st.tees.org.uk. 

REFRESH NEEDS YOU! Our midweek group for 8-11 year olds aims to be a place where children enjoy getting to know each other, the leaders, and most importantly God. We need 2 more leaders, twice a month on Thursdays, 5.30-8pm. Contact Sarah sarah@st.tees.org.uk to find out more.

HOTC FUNDRAISER Are you an arty and creative person? Then I would love to hear from you. We are planning a pre-Christmas craft fair on **7th December**. Would you like to support this by selling your craft (including suitable food products such as jams, chutneys a.o.) to raise money for the above? Then please let me know (or for any further questions): moeller.maja@gmail.com

CHURCH FLOWERS If you enjoy flowers and would like to join the team, please think and pray. There are only Jane and Dorothy on the team now. Please contact D.orothy Mairs on 01524 382206 for a chat. Thank you.

THE ARK 2 more bakers are needed for the Ark cake baking rota. This involves baking one Friday in 7 for the guests at the Ark and delivering the cakes to the centre in time for the Ark. Please contact admin@st.tees.org.uk

ADOPT A STUDENT We are looking for individuals, 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 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 if you want to find out more.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

ENCOUNTER 'Praise Him'; a evening of worship at Father's House on **Sunday October 5th** at 7pm.

INTER-CHURCH JUNIOR SOCCER SCHOOL Saturdays 9.30 – 10.30, term time, at Dallas Road, Boys and Girls Club for school years 0-7. Beginners or experienced players welcome. DBS-checked coaches. First 2 sessions FREE then, if possible, £1.50 a child or £2.00 a family. No pre-booking needed, but parents please bring child to register first time. Contact: Katie 7868314807 katie.schad@hotmail.co.uk




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/




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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

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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