



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

3RD NOVEMBER 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 join us to take Communion.

11AM MORNING SERVICE

7PM EVENING SERVICE

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Matthew 5. 13-16

MISSION PARTNERS This month's partner is Friends International.



THIS WEEK

Extra Time

Tuesday 5th November downstairs in the Church Centre (behind the Church) please come along for a 10.30 start or 10.15 for coffee and biscuits. This week we welcome Keith McIntosh with a talk entitled "Sporting Memories". Why not come and join with us and bring a friend, all are most welcome.

AUTUMN FIESTA a festival of food, music and fun to raise awareness and funds for local Asylum Seeker and Refugee groups. In Church, **Saturday 9th November** 10.30am – 3pm. **Help needed!** We need cakes and people to be stewards. To help sign up on the welcome desk or email moeller.maja@gmail.com



BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS On Saturday 9th

November Phil & Alex Sayer (our new Family Life Centre Manager) are hosting a Bonfire & Firework display to raise money for HOTC at Crag Hall Farm, Ellel. Tickets are £10 per adult and include a wood fired Pizza from Big Bear's Pizza! Family & u16s tickets are available. There will be plenty of fun activities for children and drinks will be available to purchase. Pizzas served from 5:30pm, the bonfire will be lit at 7pm, with Firework Display at 7:45pm. Buy tickets via Churchsuite or homepage on the church website.

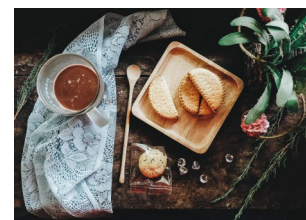


ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

COMING UP

WEEK OF HOSPITALITY AT ST THOMAS' 11th – 17th

November, we are going to be challenging ourselves to get to know each other better. Do you have a neighbour you've been meaning to invite over for coffee? Is there someone in your congregation who doesn't know many people? Could you meet up for a cuppa, or have them over for supper? Join in and extend the hand of friendship.



WALKING GROUP, Saturday 16th November. All hikers are welcome to join our low-level walk around Whitbarrow Scar, near Levens, weather permitting. This B-route is about 6 miles, with a moderate ascent. We will leave the church car park at 9.30am. Please bring lunch, drinks, warm clothes, waterproofs and hiking boots. For further details or if a lift is required please contact Stephen & Sally Taylor, by e-mail to taylorallya@gmail.com or through the church office.



SALINE SOLUTION All health professionals are invited to this day conference on faith in the healthcare workplace led by a team from national CMF on **Saturday 16th November** at St Thomas' Lancaster. Book at <https://www.cmf.org.uk/doctors/events/saline-solution-morecambe-bay/>

NEW AT ST T'S? WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU! On **17th November**, after both the 9am and 11am services, we'll be having coffee and cakes in the downstairs centre lounge for anyone who has joined the church in the past year or so. Do come across and join us if you can: children are welcome too.



INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTISED? We're having baptisms by immersion at the 7pm service on **17th November** – if you'd like to be baptised that day, then speak to one of the clergy.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE From **24th -29th November**, we are sharing in a week of guided prayer with New Life Church. A team of trained prayer guides are coming to Lancaster, led by Steve Hoyland. This has been very popular in the past; many at St T's have had profound experiences of God. We have capacity for 60. For more info, collect a leaflet from the welcome desk or download it from the church website.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

CARE FOR THE FAMILY Rob Parsons and Gerrit Bantjes are delivering a men's event at Fulwood Free Methodist, Preston on **Thursday 14th November** 7.30pm -10pm. Tickets are between £5-£7. Rob Parsons is an inspirational and humorous speaker, full of practical advice.

BIBLE SOCIETY The annual coffee morning is in the Baptist church, Robert Street on Saturday **16th November** 10am—11.30am. Details of work done by the society will be shown and there will be a bring and buy stall.



JOURNEYING IN PRAYER is a course open to all who wish to deepen their experience and knowledge of prayer and to explore the journey of prayer with others. Held at the Xavarian Spirituality Centre, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston. PR2 8HE, **January – June 2020**, 10 Mondays 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 pm plus a residential weekend. Details and application leaflet on the Welcome desk.

NOTICES

LOOKING FOR RECRUITS We are needing new recruits for 11am service tea and coffee rota. If you are able to join a team, once every seven weeks please text Cheryl on 07720052566 or let office know. It's a great way to get to know new people and hone your barista skills.



LEADERS NEEDED!! Our children's ministry is growing and growing - we urgently need more leaders to share God's love with his children. We are looking for 4 leaders for Junior Church, serving twice a month:

1 adult with our 1 year olds in Sparklers at 9am; 1 adult with our 1-2 year olds in Ladybirds at 11am; 2 adults with our 8-11 year olds in Impact at 11am. And also 2 adults with our 8-11 year olds in Refresh, twice a month on Thursdays at 6pm. Please contact Emma and Sarah on children@st.tees.org.uk to find out more.

HOTC FUNDRAISING: One of our churchwardens, Linda Hendry, has just started a 12 week slimming challenge to raise funds for the HOTC project. She is aiming to lose 14lbs (or 7kg) before Christmas. If you'd like to sponsor her, you can do so at: www.give.net/Linda_H_Slim_Challenge

ST THOMAS PRESCHOOL has the following vacancies:

Two members of staff (with a relevant Level 2 qualification) to join our supply register, providing casual cover when needed. This will be paid at national living wage plus holiday pay. We would also be really grateful for some volunteers to help out in preschool during our busier sessions. No qualifications needed for this - just a heart for preschool children and their families.

PENCIL CASE APPEAL Make a difference to a child's education. Fill a pencil case with a ruler, rubber and pencil etc. Mike Doran will be flying out to the Gambia on **18th November** and would like to take pencil cases filled with basic education materials to be given to school teachers and children. If you could provide a filled pencil case, please bring it to church or the office before **18th November**.

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 Dorothy Mairs on 01524 382206 for a chat.

ENCOUNTER Saturday 16th November, at 7pm at Father's House Church. A worship evening lead by Sarah Johnson.


ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Light and Hope' **Sunday 1st December** at 6.30pm. This will include music sung by the Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Girls' Choir and *Schola Cantorum*. There will also be the opportunity for all to join in singing the traditional Advent hymns. Seating will not be reserved this year, so simply arrive in good time.

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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