



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

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

9am Holy Communion **From Overwhelmed to In Control**
 11am All Age Service *Luke 19. 1-12*
 7pm Evening Service

MISSION PARTNER FOR MAY is 1Step2Step



RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING, THURSDAYS 7-7.30PM CHANGE OF VENUE for 6 more weeks Christianity Explored is running—Upstairs lounge in church. Pray for the spiritual renewal of St Thomas' Church, for the forthcoming building project, and for revival in our city and nation join us for this very simple weekly prayer meeting, anytime you can make it .

MARRIAGE COURSE: will run on 7 Thursday evenings in church, from **18th May 2017** Help is needed to set up/ set down in church on Thursday and Friday morning, and make dessert or cake. We need a couple of volunteers each evening to serve and clear away. If you can help, please email Alison Johnstone allybee275@gmail.com

GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS Churches Together General Election Hustings at The Priory on **Wednesday 24th May 7pm**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR POLICE -Thursday 25th - the Police Lunches team would like to encourage you to pray for the police especially on this day or in the period leading up to Pentecost. A suggested hour long prayer time is available on the web site or from the welcome desk

1STEP2STEP Thai Disability Tour **11th-18th June**. Could you offer hospitality for the week? They speak some English. Also drivers needed to take visitors to meetings. A mini-bus driver needed on Wednesday 14th to drive to Liverpool



HOPE FOR JUSTICE EVENT. Live recording of a Worship Recording on Saturday **17th June** at Lancaster Free Methodist Church at 7pm (doors opening at 6.30pm). More details form www.leeandrachelrichardson.org

ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

WOMEN'S DAY WITH KATE COLEMAN. Saturday **23rd September** 2017 at St Mary's Church, Allithwaite. 10.00am-4pm. Details on the noticeboard opposite the welcome desk

NOTICES

GEORGE EDWARDS would like to thank everyone who helped, supported and prayed for her husband and family during Andy's illness and for their ongoing support since his death. It has made, and continues to make a huge difference. Andy was amazed by peoples generosity during his illness in both time and money and I know he could truly see Gods love working in a really practical and helpful way around him.



LADYBIRDS AND BEES at the 11am service. Could you help share God's love with our 1-2 year olds or the 3 to 4 year olds. Contact Sarah (sarah@st.tees.org.uk or 590418) to find out more



ST THOMAS PRESCHOOL requires a cleaner for 2.5 hours a week, to be worked on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please get in touch with Jessica for more information - jessica@preschool.tees.org.uk or 01524 60652.



POVERTY TRUTH COMMISSION FOR MORECAMBE BAY AREA - started in Scotland and spread from there to Leeds- <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk:8082/site/what-we-do/whatwedo/voicebox/hearings/ptc> It is based on learning from post Apartheid south Africa and their slogan NOTHING ABOUT US, WITHOUT US, IS FOR US. They need a part time worker to support the process,16 hours per week. The most important skills will relate to working with community members to identify key areas they wish to research and present. Lived experience of poverty and of working alongside those in poverty will be key. Details on the noticeboard or from Sue Mitchell, joint co-ordinator. sue@2mt.org.uk; 07710288503 Closing Date 31st May

KEN MANSLEY would like to thank all the friends who sponsored him as he 'power-walked' 5km in 45 mins raising £325. Not bad for an 85yr old!

THE OLIVE BRANCH: BECOME A TRUSTEE? The Olive Branch is a local Christian Charity, based near the station. It provides a drop-in centre and is Lancaster's foodbank. It is a practical way to show God's love to people in times of need. The Olive Branch wishes to recruit a couple more trustees. I became a trustee a few months ago and am impressed by what its volunteers provide for its clients. If you'd like to discuss becoming a trustee, please contact me: Mick Pidd, 01524 824541, m.pidd@myphone.coop



FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL need more team members especially younger people to interact with the younger internationals and welcome them to the café, pray with them or help in other ways. More details at www.fi-lancaster.org.uk



GOT A FLAIR FOR FUND-RAISING? If you'd like to get involved with some creative thinking to support BFM through fund-raising activities, then get in touch with Jon Scamman (jon@st.tees.org.uk) or Karen Shackleton to find out more.



WANTED: BFM INTERNAL PROJECT MANAGER. St Thomas' Church is looking for an experienced project manager who can guide the Building for Mission project forwards. This would initially involve about a day a week, developing to potentially 3 days a week while the building project is happening, in either a voluntary or paid capacity. Speak to Jon Scamman if you might be interested, or pick up a role description from the welcome desk.

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.

SHORT TERM MISSION Are you going on a short term mission this year? We may be able to help financially. Application form on the welcome desk or on the web site. For more information speak to Olivia Haines - Olivia.ashton@live.co.uk

CHURCH HEATING Due to the irreparable failure of both church boilers we won't have any heating in church, so wrap up warm.

MISSION SUPPORT If you would like to be included in the monthly prayer e-mail update for our 'Mission Partner of the Month' please send your email address to the office, office@st.tees.org.uk

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FOOTBALL. 8-9pm at Ripley astroturf. We would love for church members to come along, but the purpose is to have an environment where those who don't know Jesus can come along, hear some Good News and build relationships with those who follow Christ.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON HOME GROUP AND CRÈCHE We are a small friendly group that meets 1.15-2.45pm in the Church Centre. Mums if you have small children please bring them and enjoy some 'me' time while our wonderful helpers look after your child. Contact Katie 0786831480

TALKABOUT cafe church - why not join our new Facebook group page, which is open to all? Search for 'Talkabout cafe church' in Facebook, or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/talkaboutcafechurch/>. Join us on the journey.



FRIDAY BABY AND TODDLER GROUP - Welcome to all parents with pre school children. Come to meet other parents in the church, chat and play. Meets 10.30am every **Friday in term time** at a local Mum's house. Contact Anna on annajolliffedawson@googlemail.com

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE. Any request for a notice to go into the bulletin, or anything for the church noticeboards must be at the Church office by **8am** on Thurs

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 Glad Kenyon 34247.

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).

PRESCHOOL are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please leave any vouchers you collect in the grey box on the Welcome Desk.



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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 (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?	

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

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

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