



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.

15TH OCTOBER

9am Holy Communion Service

Made Alive in Christ

11am Morning Service

Colossians 2. 6-15

7pm Evening Service

New Creation in Christ *2 Corinthians 5.1- 6.2*

MISSION PRAYER PARTNER FOR OCTOBER IS NISCU (North Inter Schools Christian Union)



OCTOBER COUNT Each October, at every service during the month (like all Church of England churches) we have to ask everyone in church to complete a short form. There are no names on the forms, we use the information to complete a return for the National Church, and to help with planning at St Thomas'. Everyone in Junior Church or the Youth groups will be counted by the leaders there, so please don't do a form for anyone not in the service.

MESSY CHURCH—Church but not as you know it! Messy church is on this week. It's on **Tuesday 17th** 3:30-5:30. It's for families with children aged between 2-8. There'll be lots of games, craft and tea. We're looking forward to welcoming you.



EXTRA TIME Tuesday 17th October downstairs in the Church Centre please come along for a 10-30 start or 10-15 for coffee and biscuits. This week we welcome Kathryn Dixon with a talk entitled "The Art & Origins of Parchment Craft". All are most welcome.



- **WOMEN'S COFFEE** Wednesday **18th October** in the upstairs centre at 10.30am All women welcome

1STEP2STEP AGM on Thursday **19th October** 8.00pm in the upstairs Lounge. Come and hear about our work in the last year and see pictures and video clips of Nicola and the children.



LIGHT EXPLOSION, our alternative Halloween party for primary school children, will be Tuesday 31st October, 4-6:30pm in church. Older children in school years 4-6 have the option to stay on until 8:15pm for a film. **Book through Churchsuite by Monday 30th October.** Paper forms for friends are on the welcome desk, or available to download from the web site. More information from children@st.tees.org.uk

LIGHT EXPLOSION NEEDS A TEAM! Can you share God's love with his children by helping them to enjoy crafts, games and food, and by joining in with worship and teaching? Sign up on the welcome desk or email sarah@st.tees.org.uk



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

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCOVERY COURSE: At St Thomas' Church, we believe that God has designed every one of us to make a unique contribution to his purposes in the world. If you've ever wondered what your unique contribution might be, then this course may be for you! Jon and Craig will be leading a Spiritual Gifts Discovery Course for 3 Thursday evenings, **9th, 16th, 23rd November**, 7.45 pm in the upstairs lounge in the church centre. This course is intended for those who want to know more about the gifts God has given us, in order that these might be used in practical service, but don't worry, you won't be forced onto a rota if you come on the course! There is a £10 cost for course materials, and numbers are limited to 20. To find out more, speak to Jon or Craig. To sign up for the course and pay, log into My Church Suite (. If you need help with this, contact the church office on admin@st.tees.org.uk.

TALKING ABOUT JESUS Usually at this time of year, we would prepare to run Alpha and ask everyone to think about inviting a friend. But does the thought of that fill you (like others) with mixed emotions? – dread, embarrassment, awkwardness, feeling stumped for answers. Or perhaps that our own questions about our faith flood to mind. I would love to gather together those of us who don't know where to begin in talking about Jesus outside church in order to wrestle with some of these challenges with each other, over a pint (or half) somewhere. If you would like to join the conversation, drop me an email at claire@st.tees.org.uk (more details to follow)

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING You may have noticed that there is no safeguarding training booked in for adults or children this year. This is due to the Church of England rolling out a new policy (due to be released very soon) which combines children and adults safeguarding together. The training is also combined, has been standardized nationally and will be delivered by staff and volunteers from the diocese. Everyone who works/volunteers with children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable needs to complete the C0 course. This is an interactive online course, is completely free and takes up to one hour to complete. All you need is access to the internet and an email address. The link for this is: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/course/view.php?id=7> if you do not have access to the internet we can provide a computer in the church office to assist. Please contact admin@st.tees.org.uk or Mary-Jayne.Carter@hotmail.co.uk if

you need further information. Please also provide the church office with a copy of your certificate once completed for our records. Many thanks, Mary-Jayne Carter, Safeguarding Adviser.

BRIDGET HATHAWAY The latest newsletter is on the rack next to the Welcome desk to collect.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH Do you enjoy the flowers on Sundays? Would you like to help with preparing them? Please contact Sally Anderson on 01524 388199 if you might be interested in joining the team. No experience needed as help is offered to get you started.

CHURCH BOILER UPDATE Work on the boilers is almost complete. Heat was due to be restored by now, however there has been a snag with the pipework that needs resolving. We are hopeful that we will have heat very soon.

SPORTS MINISTRY MORNING at St Cuthbert's Fulwood on Saturday 21st October 2017. The morning will include a keynote address from Rob Taylor, National Sport Ambassador, and a series of workshops. There will a Marketplace with information and advice to help you with your own Sports Ministry. Details from www.blackburn.anglican.org/events/65/sports-ministry-morning-with-keynote-add

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.



THE OLIVE BRANCH FOOD BANK is in need of donations all year long. You can bring non-perishable donations each week to put in the Olive Branch collection bins beneath the welcome desk. Or you can give money through the website, <http://www.the-olivebranch.org.uk/> Or to make a donation to a local family in need, at <https://acts435.org.uk/>.



MODERN DAY SLAVERY AND THE TRAFFICKING OF HUMAN BEINGS It is sad but real that this is happening. A Christian Charity, A21, is having a Walk for Freedom on **14th October** in Preston at 2pm from the Old Corn Exchange on Lune Street to Fishergate car park (approx 2 miles). This will join with over 500 walks happening worldwide. Details from www.a21.org or email peoplematter@valleychurch.eu for more details, or see Mary-Jayne Carter.

ST TEES FC SOCCER SCHOOL (Saturdays 9.30- 10.30 am for years 5-11s) is looking for one or two additional (assistant) coaches. If interested please contact John Schad - j.schad@lancaster.ac.uk

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION We have a short service with communion at 12 noon every Wednesday, everyone welcome. A chance to take some time out midweek with God.

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.

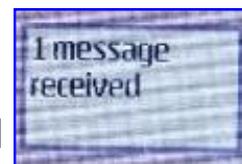


PASTORAL ISSUES Please inform the church office or one of the leadership of any pastoral needs that arise such as illness, accidents or bereavements.

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).



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

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

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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