



# 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.

## 12TH NOVEMBER

9am Morning Service

**Working as for the Lord** *Colossians 3. 18- 4.2*

11am Morning Service

7pm Holy Communion Service **Treasures in Jars of Clay**

*2 Corinthians 8. 16- 9.15*

**MISSION PRAYER PARTNERS FOR NOVEMBER ARE FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL**



**GEA CHAMPNESS** sadly died on Tuesday morning, 7th November. Gea and Richard are well known to St Thomas' members. Our love and prayers to Richard, Dave, Sue and family.

**EXPLORING FUNDRAISING NIGHT** Are you interested in food and fellowship? Do you like meeting new people? Are you up for an adventure? If the answer to these three questions is yes then you just have to come to an 'Exploring Fundraising Night' in the Downstairs Renewal Centre on Tuesday **14th November** from 8.00-10.00. There will be food, laughter, an opportunity to make new friends and a chance to think creatively about fundraising for the BFM Project. For further details speak to or email Jess Walmsley martinandjess@outlook.com

**BIBLE SOCIETY Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th**

**November** from 10am to 12 at Lancaster Baptist Church. At which there will be a DVD showing the work of the Bible Society



**ST THOMAS' BOOK GROUP** On **18th November 2017** at 11am at the Print Room café and bar at the Storey we will meet to discuss: The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George. We meet in the main bar area. You are welcome whether or not you have read the book! At this meeting we will also discuss our book choices for next year. Please send any suggestions through, in advance, to Alison Purvis. For further information please contact Alison Purvis via the church office. New members most welcome!

**MESSY CHURCH**- Church but not as you know it! Messy church is coming up. It's on **21<sup>st</sup> November** 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

**INFORMATION MEETING** for people interested in finding out more about starting a Lyrics and Lunch Group for people with dementia and their carers. Tuesday 21st Nov 7.30 - 9.30 in church. Tell any friends from other churches who might be interested. See Lyrics and Lunch on Facebook or on church website for more details.

**AUTUMN FIESTA** at St Thomas Church Lancaster, **Saturday 25th November** from 11am to 3pm: Festival of Food, Music and Family Activities to raise awareness and funds for Asylum Seeker and Refugee Groups. If you would like to help with the event, please email [stlancasterasr@gmail.com](mailto:stlancasterasr@gmail.com)

**CRAFTAID** We have a stall on 26th November during to the morning service. We now have Christmas cards in stock



**ILLUMINATE - Friday 1st December 2017 at 7.30pm** An extended night of worship hosted by the New Wine Landmark Sanctuary Band. Make space at the beginning of Advent to focus on the real reason for the Season. This event is being publicised throughout all churches which were involved in this years Landmark Conference. All are welcome.



**WHERE ADVENTURE BEGINS** Riding Lights are coming to St Thomas' on **Friday 12 January 2018, 7.30pm-9pm** with their entertaining, touching and hilarious show which will deepen our understanding of "family". Tickets are £10 each. For more information and to book visit: <https://www.new-wine.org/adventurebegins>



**HEALING SERVICE:** Meet Acorn Healing and Wholeness team and find out more about Acorn and courses ( with tea and cake) at 3pm to 5pm followed by a healing service at 5:15 to 6pm at St Luke's, Slyne with Hest on Sat 18th Nov. Paul Wadeson [pwadeson@yahoo.com](mailto:pwadeson@yahoo.com)

**ADVENT COURSE: 'WELCOMING CHRIST, THE STRANGER'** Karl Moller has developed a course for use in Advent, for groups or individuals. Reflecting on a range of biblical stories, exploring what it means to be invited in from the margins, to be invited to respond to God's call, to be invited to radical hospitality, and to be invited to the feast. The talks, liturgies and all other materials are online at <https://www.cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk/event/welcoming-christ/> More details on Welcome desk

**SUNG WORSHIP COORDINATOR:** The PCC has agreed to appoint a part-time Sung Worship Coordinator on 24 hours a week, preferably from early January. If you are interested in the role, the full application pack can be found on the church website, [www.st.tees.org.uk](http://www.st.tees.org.uk).

**ACCOMODATION REQUIRED:** We will be saying goodbye to our two Brazilian interns, Felipe and Artur, at the end of December but we have the opportunity to welcome other interns from their Church in Brazil from January-December 2018 [probably female]. If you could accommodate them in your home for the

year, please get in touch with Craig.

**JEFF LUCAS** The concert that was to be held at St Thomas' this November has been cancelled. If you bought tickets you should have heard from Searchlight.



**OLIVE BRANCH CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL** Please fill a decorated shoe box with Christmas related food, chocolate or toiletries; marking each box as male or female and adult or child. Shopping lists for things to fill your box are on 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/>.

**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.



**CONCERT IN AID OF CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT SHELTER** Come and hear Lacuna Upper Voice Choir sing a varied selection of music on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road, Lancaster. Join us for some lovely music and some delicious cakes! Tickets £7 available on the door.

**WEDNESDAY COMMUNION** We have a short service with communion at 12 noon every Wednesday. Everyone welcome. An opportunity chance to take some time out midweek with God.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY** are looking for help in 2 areas: volunteer(s) to take Holy Communion to patients on the wards on Sundays; and we need people who would be able to collect patients from the wards on a Sunday and take them to a Sunday service and then return them to the wards. Full training would be given.

**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](mailto:admin@st.tees.org.uk) or [Mary-Jayne.Carter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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.

**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.

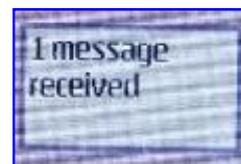


**PASTORAL ISSUES** Please inform the church office or one of the leadership of any pastoral needs that arise such as illness, accidents or bereavements.

**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](mailto: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

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| Telephone  |  |
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| Children <small>(include DOB)</small>  |  |
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| 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?                  |  |
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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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