



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 055

7TH JANUARY 2018

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 *Destiny's Child* *Luke 2. 22-40-18*

11AM ALL-AGE SERVICE *Growing a faith that sticks* *Luke 2. 41-52*

7PM EVENING SERVICE *Remember what God has done* *Psalm 77. 7-15*

A warm welcome to the friends and family of those who are being baptised during this evenings service

MISSION PRAYER PARTNER FOR JANUARY is Indigenous Mission – Danesh, Imran & Romi

CHRISTMAS EVE COLLECTION Just over £1,200 was given, which will be shared between The Ark and Christchurch Night Shelter.

THIS WEEK

AWAKENING The next of our monthly prayer meetings is on 8th January in Church at 8pm a time of extended worship, prayer and testimony as we pray for God to move in our lives and nation



THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP restarts on **11th January** 2018 13.15 for 13.30 start, in downstairs church centre. New members always welcome. More info contact Alison Purvis via church office

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>

COMING SOON

CAP DEBT CENTRE for Lancaster, Morecambe and the surrounding area need to recruit a Befrienders team and members for a monthly Prayer Group, to prayer for the centre and clients. Befrienders will



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come on the home visits with myself, and then they will be the people providing care and support going forward for some clients this involves very little but for others, this can be a large job. There is training; sessions on the **16th Jan either** in the morning **or** in the evening. More details about either from Jono Peatman jonopeatman@capuk.org

ST THOMAS' BOOK GROUP 20th January 2018, 11am at the Print Room café at the Storey we will discuss: The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George, postponed from last year. You are welcome whether or not you have read the book! This year's list will be available soon. To join the emailing list or for further info please contact Alison Purvis via the church office. New members most welcome.

NOTICES

REFRESH NEEDS MORE LEADERS! Our Thursday evening group for children in years 4-6 is growing as children are inviting their friends. With 20-25 children each week, we need more adults and young people on the team, to have fun with the children and pray with them. You would be needed on 2 Thursdays a month, from 5:30-8pm. Please contact Sarah on 01524 590418 or sarah@st.tees.org.uk to find out more about what's involved.



RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to join our reception team in the church office, supporting the ministry of the church by welcoming visitors, answering enquiries from church members and the public and doing basic admin tasks. For more information contact the church office or Leslie Mann.

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 22nd -December 2018 [probably female]. If you could accommodate them in your home for the year, please get in touch with Craig.



OLIVE BRANCH needs someone with a car or van who would be able, on Thursdays or/and Fridays each week, to collect the stock that Lidl, Morecambe would normally throw away at the end of its shelf life. Contact 01524 555715 or 07572577426 or tob.olivebranch@live.co.uk

PRESCHOOL We require one or two additional people to join our bank of supply staff, to cover for staff absences or at busy times in pre-school. If you hold a relevant childcare qualification at level 2 or above and would like to know more details please email jessica@preschool.tees.org.uk or call 01524 60652.



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



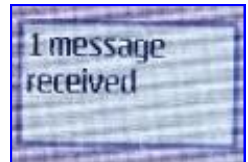
Lancaster; Sort code: 40-52-40; Account number: 00030499; Reference: BFM. You can also give by cheque to 'St Thomas's PCC Lancaster' in an envelope clearly marked BFM and sent to the Church Office.

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETINGS (Thursdays weekly 7-7.30pm). Please join us to pray for the renewal of our church; its people, its buildings and its city. We pray for just half an hour in the upstairs centre each Thursday evening.

£130 TO YOUR CHURCH Ecclesiastical Insurance are offering to donate £130 to any CofE church (at St Thomas' this will go to BFM) for every new home insurance policy taken out before December 2018. See www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130

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.

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).



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

ST THOMAS BADMINTON GROUP: We play badminton every Friday at 7.30pm at Heysham High School. Everyone is welcome, there is no commitment to come every week! We are a mixed group, different ages, different abilities. If you are interested to find out more, contact Maja, via the church office.

ST THOMAS' ASYLUM SEEKERS SUPPORT NETWORK: Information on our activities and how you can get involved can be found in the foyer on a notice board, and on the Welcome Desk. If you would like to be part of the mailing list, please email abrahamsunita@yahoo.com or moeller.maja@gmail.com

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



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 01524 66257

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

SIGNING UP TO Churchsuite: 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 the contact details we have for them online through a My Churchsuite login. 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 chose 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 if we **may add** your information to our database (Churchsuite)

Which service have you come to? 9am
 11am 7pm

Please could you indicate your age group.
 Under 20
 20-30
 30-50
 Over 50