



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

11TH FEBRUARY 2018

Charity No 113 055

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 MORNING SERVICE **Follow me?** *Luke 5. 1-11, 27-32*
11AM MORNING SERVICE

7PM HOLY COMMUNION **Church: As Community** *Acts 2. 42-47*

MISSION PRAYER PARTNER FOR JANUARY is Wycliffe bible Translators and the Robinson family



RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING Please join us on Thursday 15th February when we will be praying at 7pm for half an hour in the upstairs centre.

COMING SOON

ALPHA COURSE, which begins on **Wednesday 21st February**. No need to book, just turn up on the night. Please email Claire (claire@st.tees.org.uk) to say you are coming and with your dietary requirements, for the catering team. Invites are available on the welcome desk.



This year, **Alpha will be held straddling the Easter period**. The first half of Alpha focuses on Jesus and the bible, so to have this lead into the time where we remember and celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus could be helpful for those on the course. The second half of Alpha explores the person and role of the Holy Spirit and the way He empowers us to live when we follow Jesus. This falls nicely into Pentecost – when we remember that the Holy Spirit fills and empowers the church to fulfil Christ's Commission. There will be a baptism and confirmation service with Bishop Philip on **Sunday 17th June**, once Alpha has finished.

THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES – Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm We all love a good story. The Adventure Continues is going to be an entertaining evening of stories of family life and an opportunity for us to share our experiences together as we journey on our adventure of faith with our families. Apart

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from the stories there will be live music and refreshments. So if you are a parent/carer/grandparent/godparent or anyone who shares their faith with children we would love to see you there!

WORSHIP, PA, SCREENS TEAM MEETINGS On **Thursday 15th Feb** and **Monday 26th Feb** at 7.30pm in Church, Jono is inviting anyone currently on any of the sung **worship teams, PA teams or Screens teams** to come and informally chat, share ideas and hear some of his heart for worship. Please come along to one of the evenings if you can. For more info contact jonopeatman@st.tees.org.uk

FURTHER AHEAD

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER On Friday, 2nd March, at 1.45 pm, St Thomas' will be hosting the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer. This year the service, entitled 'God's Creation is very Good', has been prepared by the women of Suriname, and Helen Scamman will be leading it, with contributions from others. There will be refreshments afterwards. Please do come and take part in offering a warm welcome to St Thomas' for all those who join us for the service



1STEP2STEP are holding the annual quiz night on Friday **9th March** at 7.30pm at the Trimpell Club in Morecambe. Everyone is welcome. Entry is £10 for teams of up to 4 players and £15 for teams of 6.



BOOK GROUP The programme for 2018 is now available from Alison Purvis or the welcome desk. On **17th March** we have Lindsey Moore from Lancaster University English department joining us and the book for discussion is: The Translator by Leila Aboulela. Please see the church website 'groups' section for more details or contact Alison Purvis via the church office.

REACH FOR THE SKY HOLIDAY CLUB is From **Tuesday 3rd April** to Friday 6th April, 10am-1pm for children at primary school. We have a fantastic week of fun activities and learning more about Gods love for us. Can you help? We need a team of young people and adults who would be able to help with activities and spend time sharing with the children and we need people to help with Refreshments, Registration and Security. Please take a leaflet from the welcome desk if you are interested in helping or email emma@st.tees.org.uk.

WANTED: CHURCH MANAGER. Leslie Mann is finishing as Operations Manager early in the summer, so the PCC is looking for a full-time Church Manager to oversee the church office, leading in the areas of administration, finance, and site management. To find out more, visit www.st.tees.org.uk or speak to Jon Scamman. Application deadline: 9am, **Mon 26th February**

FAMILY NEWS Nigel Vogeli's memorial service will be at Hockcliffe Road, Baptist Church at 12.15pm on **16th February** If you would like to make a donation in Nigel's memory, please visit: <https://nigel-vogeli.muchloved.com> Donations will go to the hospice in Leighton Buzzard

NOTICES

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES Would you like to improve your English and meet new people? Come to the Church Centre on Mondays at 10.30 am. Each week we discuss a different topic over coffee for about an hour. For more details, contact taylorsallya@gmail.com or the Church Office

REFRESH NEEDS MORE LEADERS! Our Thursday 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. 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

Refresh

ST TEE'S ANGELS consists of a group of wonderful volunteers, (led by a tiny team of "archangels"!) who provide practical help in times of need. We make meals for members of the church who are ill, bereaved or have just had a baby. We give short term help in a wide variety of difficult situations, often where Life groups are struggling to offer support. Please see our leaflet on the welcome desk.



We are particularly keen to "lighten the load" for families with new babies. If you're pregnant (or know someone in church who is) please contact so we can arrange the delivery of meals for a few days after the birth. We can liaise with life groups who are often willing to cook.

Also, we are looking for a new archangel to assist with the running of this much appreciated service. If God's laying this on your heart please let us know. You can contact us via the church office or ring Wendy Moore on 07817 754095

OLIVE BRANCH would particularly like donations of oil, rice & flour. At the moment they have no storage space for clothes



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.

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).

£130 TO YOUR CHURCH Ecclesiastical Insurance are offering to donate £130 to any C of E 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

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

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.

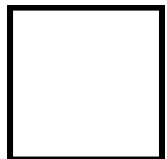
SIGNING UP TO ChurchSuite: We use church management software called ChurchSuite. This gives all the adults on our database the option to access their rotas, the church calendar, sign up for church events, see and the contact details we have for them online. If you don't have access to My Churchsuite, 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.

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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. Please tick the box if we **may add**

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?	

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