



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

11TH MARCH 2018

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

11AM MORNING SERVICE

Sent *Luke 9. 1-17*

Due to the STY:LE Weekender, there is *no Encounter or The Gap this week*

7PM EVENING SERVICE

**Church: Full of Wisdom and Understanding of
Scripture** *Acts 8. 26-40*

MISSION PRAYER PARTNER FOR MARCH are CRMI Uganda

ELECTORAL ROLL. The Annual Church General meeting is coming up! (**Sunday 23rd April**) Join the Electoral roll to take part! Our Electoral Roll is the official membership list for this church; by being on it we declare our commitment to St Thomas's life and worship. If you wish to be on the Electoral Roll and aren't already, complete the form found on the Welcome Desk (or on the Useful Documents page of the website) by **29th March** and put it in the box on the Welcome desk or deliver/post it to the Church.

THIS WEEK

ALPHA COURSE, began on Wednesday 21st February, but it's not too late to join in. No need to pre-book, but it would be helpful if you can 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.



BUILDING PROJECT OPEN EVENING, 14th March, 7.30pm:

Over the past year, the building plans for our Heart of the City Project have developed further and are looking exciting. Our planning application is due to be submitted by the end of March. If you'd like find out more about the latest plans, and ask questions, then come along to our Open Evening, to be held in the church building, 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th March. In addition to the main Open Evening on 14th March, there will be a brief 'lite' session at

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ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

12.45pm on **Sunday 18th March** for those who can't make it to the main session, in the downstairs centre

PADDINGTON 2 Come and join us for a special screening here at St Thomas' Church on Saturday **17th March**. Doors open at 2pm with film starting at 2.30pm. Tickets £3 per person. Buy on the day at the door. Refreshments and snacks will be available to purchase. All proceeds will go to St Thomas' Church, Lancaster "Heart of the City" project.

ST THOMAS' BOOK GROUP On **17th March 2018** at 11am at the Print Room café and bar at the Storey we will meet to discuss: *The Translator* by Leila Aboulela. We meet in the main bar area. You are welcome whether or not you have read the book! At this meeting we will welcome our guest, Lindsey Moore an English literature lecturer at Lancaster Uni, who chose our book for us. This discussion promises to be a good one as we have Lindsey to contribute to it. It would be great to see you there. For further information please contact Alison Purvis via the church office. New members most welcome!

EASTER PARISH WALK to deliver Easter booklets This is a great opportunity to take the good news of Easter to the people of our parish. Please either pick up a bundle of booklets from the foyer on Sunday 18th after the services to deliver during the week; or come on Monday 19th at 9.30am to church (hot cross buns and drinks on your return); or come to church on Monday 6pm-7pm to collect a bundle to deliver.

SEMINAR ON PARISH NURSING for anyone interested in developing a health-enhancing programme from any local church, on Thursday **MARCH 22nd** 1.00 for 1.30 pm till 4 pm at St Thomas's Church Kendal

STAG BREAKFAST The next STAG event will be a breakfast on **24th March** from 8:30am-9:30am in the downstairs centre. The cost is £5 which is not bad for a full English breakfast with tea/coffee but not only that, we also have Rev. Adrian Wolton, Chaplain at Ripley St. Thomas Church of England Academy giving a short talk about his faith so it will be a great event to invite a friend to. Sign-up and via Churchsuite or on the list at the back of Church and either pay online or on the day. Speak to Craig Abbott if you have any questions.

REACH FOR THE SKY HOLIDAY CLUB Tue 3rd Apr – Fri 6th Apr, 10am-1pm

Our holiday club this year is called Reach for the Sky and is for children at primary school. We are going to have a fantastic week with lots of fun games and activities each day and time worshipping our amazing God and hearing stories of King David. Registration is now open and can be done via the church website. Registration is easy for those with children at Junior Church as it can be done via ChurchSuite. Registration forms are



also available on the website and at church so please invite your friends along. This is a really amazing week and lots of fun. For further details please speak to Emma Dixon or email children@st.tees.org.uk

VINTAGE TEA PARTY Fundraiser Event **28 April 2018** We Need You!!! Bakers, Unwanted Vintage Teasets, Teacloths, Cake stands, Eggs If you could provide any of these things or just want to get involved please email: stteesvintage@gmail.com or speak to Cheryl Brown

NOTICES

BRIDGET HATHAWAY has sent her latest newsletter, which is on the Welcome desk for those who might like a copy.

CLOCKS CHANGE Remember the clocks are changing on 25th March.—forward by 1 hour

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

SPIRE PROJECT - work to repair the spire is due to start on Monday 19th March and be completed by Friday 15th June. Normal access will be available to church, the Church Centre, and the Pre-school, and we expect all regular activities within them to continue as normal over that time. The contractors will be using car park to the right of the ramp for their site huts, but none of their vehicles should be using the ramp or the car park.

NISCU want to get everyone praying for specific schools on specific days this term. To join in please sign up on the sheet on the desk, with your name, contact email or phone, and the school you would like to pray for. They will then let you know the date for that school. Many thanks.

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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

OLIVE BRANCH are collecting Easter Eggs for disadvantaged members of our local community. If you would like to donate please take them to 1 Westbourne Road, or leave them under the Welcome desk with the usual Olive Branch collecting bins.

The Olive Branch
faith in action

HEART OF THE CITY PROJECT formerly known as **BUILDING FOR MISSION (BFM)** To give to the Heart of the City 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.

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.

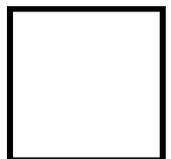
SIGNING UP TO ChurchSuite: We use church management software called ChurchSuite. This gives all the adults on our database the option to access their rotas, the church calendar, sign up for church events, see and the contact details we have for them online. If you don't have access to My Churchsuite,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

 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. 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