



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

15TH APRIL

Charity No 113 0550

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 **Jesus on relationships** *Luke 6. 27-45*
11AM MORNING SERVICE
7PM EVENING SERVICE **Daily Prayer** *Matthew 6. 5-13*

MISSION PRAYER PARTNER FOR APRIL is  **AMBASSADORS FOOTBALL**

ELECTORAL ROLL. The Annual Church General meeting is coming up! (**Monday 23rd April**) The two APCM reports (one white and one pink) are available by the Welcome desk for collection if you would like copies. If you do take copies please bring them with you to the APCM meeting, if you are able to come.

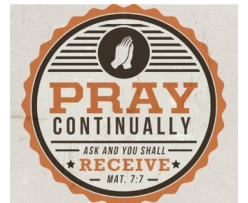
THIS WEEK

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING Join us on Thursdays when we will be praying at 7pm for half an hour in the upstairs centre.

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM MEETING for all congregation teams. **Monday 16th April** from 7.45pm-9.15pm. An opportunity for all congregational Prayer Ministry Teams to get together.

ROOFBREAKERS Meeting **Monday 16th April** at 7-9pm in the Church Foyer, please come in via the back door. All welcome! Refreshments provided. Roofbreakers is a group keen to see everyone involved in church life, including people who have a disability or are on the margins. The church is accessible and has an accessible toilet. For more information, email amandatopps@hotmail.com or via the church office.

EXTRA TIME, Tuesday **17th April** downstairs in the Church Centre (behind the Church) please come along for a 10-30 start or 10-15 for coffee and biscuits. This week we welcome The Rev John Slee with a talk entitled "Is There Anything Stopping You?" Why not come and join with us and bring a friend, all are most welcome.



ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP We are considering hosting a bereavement support group, to include people from the community as well as those in our church. We will hold a meeting to discuss what people would like on **Tuesday 17th April** in Church 8pm-9.30pm. Jeanette is looking for two or more people to facilitate the group with her, to listen to people's stories, chat, serve refreshments and to signpost them to further help. Email jeanette@st.tees.org.uk to find out more

VINTAGE TEA PARTY Fundraiser Event **28 April 2018** For information email: stteesvintage@gmail.com or speak to Cheryl Brown. Please book on via Churchsuite or there will be someone with tickets in church after each service.



QUIZ NIGHT There will be a quiz night at Fathers House Church on **Saturday 21st April** and all proceeds will go to the work of The Olive Branch. Please let your friends know. It would be great to have a good attendance, and raise lots of funds, It's bound to be a great evening.

BOOK CLUB The book we will be discussing this time is 'Owl Song at Dawn' by Emma Claire Sweeney, a book based in a Morecambe Guest House. We will meet at 11am on **28th April** 18 in The Print Room Café at The Storey, in the main bar area. You are welcome whether or not you have read the book! . For further information please contact Alison Purvis via the church office. New members most welcome!

UGANDA CHARITY (CRMI) INFORMATION EVENING. May 8th Please come along to hear more about our newest mission partner. There will also be presentations about the medical trip which took place in January 18. Downstairs in the church centre at 8pm. Refreshments provided

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT with Tearfund. **1st & 2nd June** at Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire. Information & to purchase tickets <https://bigchurchdayout.com/north> . The Big Church Day Out (BCDO) is the UK's largest annual gathering of the wider church that creates a space for all denominations and ages to gather each year for 2 exciting days of worship and celebration.



FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL Information evening & prayer for the new Centre Manager, Jamie Haxby. At Lancaster Free Methodists on **April 23rd** at 7.30pm

LAKES GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT in St John's Church Ellel (Galgate) on Saturday April 28th at 7.00pm. Tickets are £8 (under 16's free), proceeds will go to Education for Life, Mombasa and St Johns. Tickets are available via Dave Cumming, Rev Craig Abbott and the Craft Aid shop.

A RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND hosted by Lunesdale Community in Halton, Lancaster. **15 - 17 June 2018** . Details on: <http://lunesdale.community/>
Registrations: email community@lunesdale.community tel. 01524 888588

NOTICES

ASYLUM SEEKERS NETWORK Their new email address is stlancastrasr@websuite.co.uk

THE ARK is currently short of cooks. If you feel you could cook a simple meal once a month, your help would be greatly appreciated. Full training will be given. Please email Anne Carman for further details. awcarman@yahoo.co.uk

HEART OF THE CITY PROJECT: The planning application has now been submitted to the Lancaster City Council. It is anticipated that we will receive a response in late June – please do be praying that our application finds favour with the planners. If you have any questions about the planning application, or would like to chat about any other aspect of the project, please catch one of the HOTC Project team after a service.

CHURCH MANAGER: Katharine Shentall has been appointed to the post of Church Manager, and she will start on 30th April, allowing a two week handover with Leslie Mann before he finishes in the office. Our thanks are due to Leslie for all his hard work in the role of Operations Manager – if you wish to contribute to a thank-you gift for Leslie Mann, please send this into the church office, care of Pauline Joslin.

2 MATERNITY COVER POSTS: Following the exciting news that Sarah Evans and Ali Demet are both pregnant, we are now recruiting for two maternity cover posts on the staff team. The Children and Families' Pastor role is for 20 hours a week (negotiable) to job-share with Emma Dixon; the Youth Coordinator role is for 30 hours a week. Application deadline noon on Monday 23rd April, start dates end June/start July. Full details on the church website.

11AM SERVICE We're looking for one person to join the 11am service welcome team - welcoming people at the door, handing out newsletters, and generally making sure people feel welcome. This would be once every 3 weeks. Contact Emily Barry on 07523289679 for more information.

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 taylorallya@gmail.com or the Church Office. They start again on Monday 16th April at 1030 and finish on Monday 21st May (No class on Monday 7th May as Bank Holiday).

SPIRE PROJECT - work to repair the spire is due to be completed by Friday 15th June.

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 lifegroups are struggling to offer support. Please see our leaflet on the welcome desk.

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.

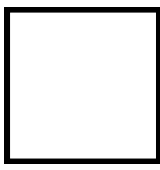
SIGNING UP TO ChurchSuite: We use church management software called ChurchSuite. This gives all the adults on our database the option to access their rotas, the church calendar, sign up for church events, see and the contact details we have for them online. If you don't have access to My Churchsuite, contact the church office. All information is stored securely in line with the Data Protection Act. Unless you choose otherwise 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