



ST THOMAS

CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

SEPTEMBER 16TH

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 **Life-lessons from a boat:**

11AM MORNING SERVICE

Re-cast the nets

7PM EVENING SERVICE

Luke 5. 1-11

Our Mission Partner Prayers for September are for **tearfund**

THIS WEEK

OPEN CHURCH. The church will be open for prayer and quiet reflection between 1.00-3.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week.

EXTRA TIME Tuesday 18th September downstairs in the Church Centre please come along for a 10-30 start or 10-15 for coffee. This week we welcome Rosemary Blanchfield with a talk entitled "History of the W.I." Why not come and join with us?

Extra Time

MESSY CHURCH Church but not as you know it! Messy church is this week Tuesday **18th September** 3:30-5:30. It's for families with children aged between 2-8. There'll be lots of games, craft and tea. A £2 donation per family suggested.



GODSPACE Tuesday September 18th 8pm in Church. A contemplative meditative time of prayer with prayer stations, allowing space and silence. If you can't join us on-site, download prayer points from the website or paper copies are on the Welcome desk, and join us in prayer wherever you are.



JUDAH IS BACK! Judah, the worship band for our younger musicians, will be starting back up again on **Wed 19th Sept** and running fortnightly, 3.45pm-5.15pm in church. Contact Jono Peatman or Emma Dixon for more info.

LANCASHIRE PRAYER CONFERENCE 'Hearing God's Voice Through Each Generation.' **Sat 22nd September** 10am-4pm (registration from 9.30am), in the View Room, Gateway Building at the Uni of Cumbria.

MORECAMBE BAY CMF (CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP) Sat 29th Sept, 9:00-11:00 am, in Downstairs Centre. All health professionals are invited

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to hear "The Culture of Joy - Uncut" with speaker Dr Andy Knox, talking about the importance of a Culture of Joy in healthcare and how his faith has given him a deep joy. Info morecambabaycmf@gmail.com or Facebook page 'Morecambe Bay CMF'.

FURTHER AHEAD

STAG BONFIRE AND BBQ The next St. Thomas All Guys event will be a bonfire and BBQ on **Saturday 29th September**, 7:00pm at the Carter's. Sign-up via Churchsuite or the list at the back of Church. Cost will be £5 for the food and bring your own drinks.



STAG ON THE ROAD – NEW WINE MEN'S DAY Saturday 13th October at Liverpool Cathedral, costing £22. A choice of 12 different seminar topics, from sport to mental health plus great worship, interviews, discussion & keynote speakers, including Carl Beech, Mark Melliush and Justyn Rees Larcombe. Check out www.new-wine.org/events/new-wine-mens-day-liverpool for more details. Let craig@st.tees.org.uk know if you want to come so we can share lifts.

LIFE GROUP LEADERS We are grateful to Phil Hendry who has recently stepped down as Life Group Coordinator, after two years in the role. While we find new leadership in this area, if you have any enquiries about Life Groups, please contact Jon Scamman – jon@st.tees.org.uk. The next meeting for Life Group Leaders' will be at 7.45pm at **Monday 8th October** in the upstairs centre lounge.



SAVE THE DATE! THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES A social and stories evening on **Sat 13th October** at 7.30pm. There will be food, music & a chance to share stories of family life, around the theme of technology and media. Any adult is welcome who is invested in the life of children or young people

AUTUMN FIESTA Saturday 10th November (10.30 am to 3pm) in church. A chance to celebrate all that goes on supporting asylum seekers and refugees in our city, to meet them and the different groups involved. We need volunteers to help with washing up, chopping veg., baking cakes, serving drinks, stewarding. If you can help please let us know: stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk or speak to Maja Moller.

AUCTION OF PROMISES on **Friday November 16th** in Church. If you think you might have something you could offer as a lot, for example: a meal for 4; teaching a special skill, gardening, a cake a month for a year then please email bfm@st.tees.org.uk



NOTICES

JUNIOR CHURCH If you could help with our junior church either at the 9am or the 11am service we would love to hear from you. Please contact children@st.tees.org.uk. Hannah & Emma.

LITTLE FISHES would value some help 9.45am-11.45am to make refreshments and wash up. Please contact Judy Dyer or Hannah Parry judysdyer@gmail.com or h.parry@st.tees.org.uk or the Church Office.



STYLE We need leaders to share experiences, help in groups & encourage young people to go deeper with their faith. We run weekly youth groups/Bible studies and worship/Sunday Groups/socials so there is definitely a style and age group to suit your talents and calling. Please contact t.bowker@st.tees.org.uk or hannah@st.tees.org.uk for details.



COME TO NEW WINE! This summer, we are inviting you to join us at the New Wine Summer Conference in Peterborough. There are groups for children & youth, great seminar speakers, and worship celebrations, all while enjoying the fun of camping with the church... (though off-site non-camping options are available too). To come with the church, book onto Week 1 (27th July – 2nd August), choose St Thomas' Church Lancaster on the bookings page, and then tell Mick and Sally Pidd, or Jon and Helen Scamman you're coming.

NEW LIFE GROUP Fran & Adrian Wolton are starting a new life group for those that live in Morecambe and surrounding area. It will take place at their house on Hornby Terrace every Tuesday evening, starting on 25th Sept. Please do speak to them or email them (fran@thewoltons.co.uk) if you are interested in joining.

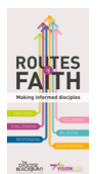
ASYLUM SEEKERS NETWORK To get regular updates & information by being part of St Tees AS&R support email list, contact stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk.

CITY BLOCK contractors have rented space for a cabin in the clergy parking space, at a competitive rate, all in support of HOTC.

WEST RUNTON HOLIDAYS 2019 Transport organised from Lancaster to the 3 former **PACT Holidays** - Viney Hill Discovery, Surf Impact, Snowdonia Adventure - sch. yrs. 4-12. Save £20 by paying £40 deposit by 30th Oct. www.activities.org.uk. (Chris Maude 66313).

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

THE NEW ROUTES OF FAITH PROGRAMME for anyone who is interested in learning more about their Christian faith. Run by Blackburn Diocese, during 2018-2019. Each module is independent, you can do 1, all 6, or any number between; they don't have to be done in order or even in the same year. Details & application form on the Welcome desk.



'LOST ART OF LIVING' HEALTH FESTIVAL September 20th-23rd With multiple venues and activities. Including mini health MoT's on Friday in Market Square and on Saturday & Sunday at Lancaster Castle. On **Sunday 23rd** 1-2pm a conga round the Castle with a Samba band, -at least 2000 people needed! Details www.thelancasterhealthfestival.org.uk

The Lost Art of Living ©

OLIVE BRANCH need a project manager from the end of the year. This is a PT job, 20 hrs/wk, and pays £11200 pa, plus pension contribution. For more information contact Mick Pidd (01524 824541, m.pidd@myphone.coop)

OLIVE BRANCH Would you sponsor a Bible? We have been sourcing Bibles in different languages and £10 would provide a visitor with one in their own language. You can donate through our website. Please remember to tell us if you are a taxpayer so that we can claim an extra 25% from the government.

THE SERMONS ARE ONLINE The majority of the sermons are available to download, or listen to as a podcast. Go to www.st.tees.org.uk/sermons.

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 We offer prayer ministry after every main service, in the prayer ministry area at the back right corner of the main church. 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 on 01524 66257.

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

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 update their contact details. 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. 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 the box if we **may add** 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

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