



ST THOMAS

CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

OCTOBER 14TH

HARVEST

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 **This Cross shaped Life**

11AM MORNING SERVICE **This life of sacrifice** *Luke 9. 21-27*

7PM HOLY COMMUNION **Intimate Father** *Luke 15. 1-2, 11-32*

HARVEST APPEAL During today's services we'll be collecting tins and supplies for the Olive Branch food bank which helps many of the most needy in our city, and for the local Women's refuge.



OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS for September are for Tearfund.



TEARFUND SUNDAY. The final gift to Tearfund is £16,441 excluding Giftaid.

OCTOBER COUNT Each October, at every service during the month (like all Church of England churches), we ask everyone in church to complete a short form. There are no names on the forms; we use the information to complete a return for the National Church and to help with planning at St Thomas'. (in the morning everyone in Junior Church or the Youth groups will be counted by the leaders there, so please don't do a form for anyone not in the service.)

HARVEST SUNDAY. Anyone available to help Brian take the donations to the Olive Branch please come to church at 10.30am, **Tues 16th.**

MESSY CHURCH Church but not as you know it! Messy church is this week **Tuesday 16th October** 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.



Extra Time

Tuesday 16th October downstairs in the Church Centre.

Please come along for a 10-30 start or 10-15 for coffee and biscuits. This week Chris Robinson will give a talk entitled "The Strickland Family and Sizergh Castle." Why not come and join with us and bring a friend, all are most welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT If you have been bereaved in the last year or so you are welcome to join in a remembrance service led by Revd Ian Dewar,

ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

Chaplain of the RLI, at 2pm on **Sunday 28th Oct** here at St Thomas'. We also host a Bereavement Support Group in the church foyer each month. The next one is Tuesday 6th Nov. Drop in between 7.30 and 9pm

LIGHT EXPLOSION Wednesday 31st October 4pm-6.30pm (or 8.15pm for children in y4-6) we are having a party for primary school children in Reception – Year 6 (Children in Y4-6 are invited to stay and watch a film). Come wearing bright clothes (no scary costumes) and celebrate light with us! There will be games, crafts, songs, stories, party tea and lots of fun! Pre-book via the website or through Churchsuite by Mon 29th October.



LIGHT UP LANCASTER, Fri 2nd and Sat 3rd November St Thomas is a fringe venue at the Light up Lancaster event. There will be an amazing light and sound installation in the church and tea/coffee for those visiting. The installation, creatively directed by our own Rev Claire Cooke, will be open: 5.30pm-10pm on the Friday 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Saturday. www.lightuplancaster.co.uk/

STAG BREAKFAST AND WALK To dispel the myth that all we do in St. Thomas All Guys is eat and drink, our next event will be a walk up Nicky Nook but, given that we will be burning so many calories on the walk, we are starting with breakfast at the Barn in Scorton. This will be on **Sat 3rd November**; we will meet at 9am in the Barn car park, have breakfast and the walk will follow. Come to both or either. Further details, contact craig@st.tees.org.uk



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. If you can help please let us know at stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk or speak to Maja Moller.



AUCTION OF PROMISES, Friday 16th November 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



NEW TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH? Then we'd love to get to know you! There will be an afternoon tea on **25th November** for anyone who has started coming along to St T's in the past year or so. Save the date, details later.

NOTICES

PATSY WILLIAMSON would like to thank St Thomas' folk for their thoughts and prayers during her recent spell in hospital in Norway. Also many thanks to the Angels.

ST THOMAS BADMINTON. Fridays 7:30pm in Heysham High School gym, a small group meets to play badminton. The playing standard is mixed so that no-one would feel out of place. Contact Vivien on vivien.hawksby@btinternet.com for more information.

BUILDERS CABINS ON THE CAR PARK: apologies for the loss of parking spaces adjacent to the ramp. The site compound on the left is for Maysand; details below. The cabins on the right, and on the Vicar's parking space, belong to Turners, the contractors who are building student residences opposite church; they are due to finish by **mid-August 2019**. The £13,500 they are paying us to rent these spaces will cover much of the cost of resurfacing and properly marking out the main car park towards the end of our own building project. Chris Park (Churchwarden)

BUILDING WORK ON CHURCH - the next phase should be completed on **16th Nov**. Scaffolding will be erected around the yellow front doors to allow Maysand to repoint walls and fix problems with the roof. Church should be accessible through these doors throughout the project, which will also repair plasterwork in the Upper Lounge and part of the North Balcony.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS 16th to 23rd Oct The church office will be open Mon, Wed & Thurs 9am-12.30; & Tuesday 9am-3.30pm.

END HUNGER UK PETITION, calling on the Government to 'fix' Universal Credit to prevent more people going hungry. Bishop Julian has signed the petition and encourages church members to sign it. The petition is on the Welcome desk.

MISSION PARTNER UPDATES. Newsletters from the Robinsons (Wycliffe Bible Translators) and the Cowles (Police Chaplain) are on the shelves in the foyer

WHITE CROSS CAR PARKS Except for Sundays during the day, registration plate scanning is used. You have 20mins (I think) to register your car with a 'valid' reason at reception, or you will automatically receive a financial fine!

JUNIOR CHURCH. We like to make church accessible for everyone. We need 1:1 support for a new child in junior church. Please think and pray about whether you could fill this need and email children@st.tees.org.uk or talk to Emma or Hannah.

PRESCHOOL. Preschool are looking for people to help with their Jam club; it's a time to share Jesus with preschool children who don't always attend church. If you are interested please contact Jessica Fitton at jessica@preschool.tees.org.uk

GOVERNORS FOR DALLAS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL Dallas Road CP School is looking for new members for the governing board. You do not need to be a parent of a child at Dallas Road. This call-out is for co-opted governors, i.e. anyone from the community who shares our passion for children's education. At the moment, we do not need to fill particular skills gaps - if you have been involved in education at some point in your life, that's a bonus, but not necessary. If you think this might be a role for you and would like to know more, please contact Uschi Maden-Weinberger after a service (usually 9 o'clock) or email uschi@miralis.co.uk

FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL'S hospitality scheme for international students. If you are able to offer hospitality and friendship to 1 or 2 students or need more details, contact Jamie at friendsinternational@lancaster.ac.uk

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
 Over 50
 Which service have you come to?
 9am 11am 7pm