



# ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

## NOVEMBER 4TH

**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**

**This life of Generosity**  
*2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

**7PM EVENING SERVICE**

**OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS** for November are for Friends International.



### THIS WEEK

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** Group in the church foyer each month. The next one is **Tuesday 6th November**. Drop in between 7.30 and 9pm.

**EXTRA TIME** will be on **Tuesday 6th November** downstairs in the Church Centre (behind the Church) at 10.30am or 10.15 for coffee and biscuits. We welcome Capt Jonathan Stewart with a talk entitled 'Off to the Sea in OM Ships' Why not join us and bring a friend? All are most welcome. Also please bring your cakes for Autumn Fiesta!

*Extra Time*

**RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING** Please join us **every Thursday** at 7pm in the upstairs church centre lounge as we pray for renewal for the city of Lancaster.

**PUDDING AND PRAYER EVENING Thursday 8th November**, 7.45 pm onwards, in the Upstairs Lounge. If you are a parent of a child with special needs, come and join other parents in the same situation to share the joys and challenges and to pray for each other and for our children. There will be refreshments!

**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](mailto:stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk) or speak to Maja Moller.

**PRAYER MINISTRY** whole team meeting on **Monday 12th November** from 7.45pm-9.15pm. A chance to catch up, pray together and look at prayer ministry across the congregations. If you are on one of the teams it would be great to see you there.

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## FURTHER AHEAD

**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](mailto:bfm@st.tees.org.uk)

**GODSPACE Tuesday 13th November 8pm** in Church. A contemplative 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.

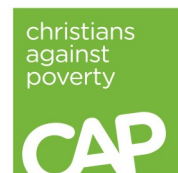


**CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP** For all health professionals. Guest speaker Dr Paul Wadeson will be talking about 'Jesus the Greatest Role Model and Mentor' and what this means for our relationships with colleagues and patients. 9:00-11:00am on **Saturday 24th November** in the downstairs Church Centre.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** C1/C2 training will be on **Monday 26th November** from 7.30-9.30 in the upstairs centre lounge.

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

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR LOCAL CAP CLIENTS** The CAP local debt centre (run by our Jono Peatman) would like to give a hamper to each of the clients. This is a chance to show the clients that they are truly loved and valued both by us as the Church and of course by Jesus, whilst helping them practically as well. Each supporting church is asked to collect food (non perishable only) for collection by CAP on 19<sup>th</sup> November, so any contributions need to be here by **18th November**, please. There is a collection box in the foyer in Church.



The hampers will be made up on **Saturday 24th November** at New Life Church Lancaster (formerly known as at Christians Alive) on White Cross, from 10am and they would be glad of any help. More details [lmdebtcentre@gmail.com](mailto:lmdebtcentre@gmail.com)

**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.

**BUILDING WORK ON CHURCH** - the next phase should be completed on **16th November**. Maysands are repointing walls, fixing problems with the roof and repairing plasterwork in the Upper Lounge and part of the North Balcony.

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

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME SERVICE** The weekly service, at noon, is very quiet and peaceful and consists of a said communion with a short talk and time of prayer and in total it lasts about 40 minutes. We all need a bit of time out to find peace and reconnect with God during the week, so we offer you a warm welcome to our midweek spoken communion service.

**THE OLIVE BRANCH** The Olive Branch (Faith in Action) provides Lancaster's foodbank and a drop-in centre. We have been overwhelmed this year by the support of our local churches both food and cash donations; this is the best year in terms of food donations as well as the demand we have experienced for emergency food supplies. We have volunteers from across the churches in the city and we certainly enjoy the diversity and challenges that this brings. We are looking to the future with vision and excitement.

We would like to bring a greater diversity into our trustee body. Do you know anyone especially with business/administration and governance experience? Our AGM will be on Monday 12 November at 1 Westbourne Road, LA1 5OB, starting at 5:00pm, with refreshments from 4:30. You can find out more about the wonderful work we do. You can become a member of the Olive Branch, making your support more official. Contact Mick Pidd (01524 824541, act435@the-olivebranch.org.uk) or download a membership form from the website (<https://www.the-olivebranch.org.uk>).

**BRIDGET HATHAWAY** Please look out for Bridget's November prayer letter on the welcome desk. She works in Tanzania for BCMS Crosslinks, and is supported by St Thomas.

**BIBLE SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING** on **Saturday 17th November** from 10.00-11.30am at Lancaster Baptist Church. There will be a bring and buy.

**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](mailto:vivien.hawksby@btinternet.com) for more information.

**GOVERNORS FOR DALLAS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL** The school is looking for new members for the governing board. You do not need to be a parent of a child at Dallas Road. 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. If you want to know more, please contact Uschi Maden-Weinberger after a service (usually 9 o'clock) or email [uschi@miralis.co.uk](mailto:uschi@miralis.co.uk)

**FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL'S** hospitality scheme for international students. If you are able to offer hospitality and friendship to one or two students or need more details, contact Jamie at [friendsinternational@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto: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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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