



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

NOVEMBER 18TH

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 Good News Luke 4. 14-21*

7PM EVENING SERVICE *The Awesome Spirit Acts 2. 1-41*

THIS WEEK

OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS for November are for Friends International.



HEART OF THE CITY UPDATE: Many thanks to everyone who has pledged their support for the building project. Since the end of October, an additional £418,424 (inc Gift Aid) has been pledged towards the project, taking our total pledged to an amazing £1,758,960 (inc Gift Aid). After we have finished paying approx. £250,000 for Phase 1, this gives us potentially £1.5 million to put towards the £2.8 million new centre. Encouraging though this is, we are still some way short of the total needed to proceed with confidence, so we are calling the church to a time of prayer, to ask God for his guidance and provision. There will be a church-wide day of prayer on Sun 2nd Dec, followed by an Open Meeting at 7.30pm on Tues 11th Dec in church. Please do join us for both of those if you can.

EXTRA TIME Tuesday **20th November** downstairs in the Church Centre please come along for a 10-30 start or 10-15 for coffee and biscuits. This week we welcome Christine Workman with a talk entitled "Votes for Women" All are most welcome.



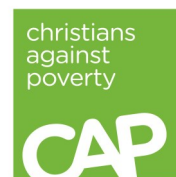
MESSY CHURCH Church but not as you know it! Messy church is this week **Tuesday 20th November** 3:30-5:30. It's for families with children aged between 2-8. There'll be lots of games, craft and tea. A £2 donation per family suggested.



WOMEN'S COFFEE **Wednesday 21st November** in the upstairs centre lounge. All women welcome for coffee and fellowship

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 relationships with colleagues and patients. At 9:00-11:00am on **Saturday 24th November** in downstairs centre.

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. We are collecting food (non perishable only) for collection by CAP on 19th November. 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



FURTHER AHEAD

NEW TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH? Then we'd love to get to know you! There will be an afternoon tea on **Sunday 25th November** 4.00-5.30pm at 97 Barton Road for anyone who has started coming along to St Thomas' in the past year or so. Email claire@st.tees.org.uk to let her know you're coming and mention any dietary needs.

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

ROOFBREAKERS The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27th November** from 7.00-9.00pm in the downstairs church centre.

NOTICES

OFF TO BRAZIL Two of our interns, Chloe Dietz (children's) and Sarah Möller (youth) are heading out to Salvador, Brazil on 1st January 2019 on a 3 week mission trip in partnership with Vilas do Atlântico Baptist Church. They will be assisting the local community with physical as well as spiritual resources. The girls have both set up Just Giving pages, and have planned a range of fundraising events to help make this all possible. Please do contact either Chloe (c.dietz@st.tees.org.uk) or Sarah (s.moller@st.tees.org.uk) or speak to them directly to find out more. Link to Chloe's page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/connection-campaign-northeast-brazil> Link to Sarah's page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-mller>

LANCASTER HOMELESS ACTION CHRISTMAS NIGHT SHELTER will run from **24th -29th December**. If you would like to help at the Christmas Shelter (Offers of help for set up, cooking, meeting clients and enjoying games and TV are welcome), please take a form from the Welcome desk and return it to LDHAS Edward Street or email volunteering@ldhas.co.uk

AUTUMN FIESTA A total of £1556 was raised on the day and distributed amongst the four AS&R groups that helped to organise the Autumn Fiesta - City of Sanctuary, East meets West, RAIS and Lancaster University's Red Roses Refugees. In

addition, different craft stall holders were able to raise for their own profits a total of approx £1400!

CRAFT AID will have a stall after the morning services on 25 November and 2 December. Come to buy advent candles and calendars, Christmas cards and gifts.

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.

FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL have a 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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ COORDINATOR Cornerstone Lancaster have a full-time vacancy in the Fresh Expressions Café. You will need to bring creative and exciting ideas to build on the well established inclusive Christian presence and make the café a welcoming, healthy and safe place. Closing date is **26th November**. Further details from Alison Ransome at ransomea@methodistchurch.org.uk

DECK THE HALLS Carols organised by Lancaster students will take place in the Town hall on **Monday 3rd December** – please contact Jane for more info (jane@newlifelancaster.org.uk). They need minced pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine, if you are able to donate either please bring to the church office or leave in church.

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.

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: HOTC. You can also give by cheque to 'St Thomas's PCC Lancaster' in an envelope clearly marked HOTC and sent to the Church Office.

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING Please join us **every Thursday** at 7.00pm in the upstairs church centre lounge as we pray for renewal for the city of Lancaster.

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/



.....✂️.....✂️.....
 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