



# ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

## JANUARY 13TH

# MISSION PARTNER SUNDAY

**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** **Life on the Edge — Where the Old Testament is fulfilled** *Hebrews 9:24 - 28*  
**11AM MORNING SERVICE** **Testament is fulfilled** *Hebrews 9:24 - 28*  
**7PM HOLY COMMUNION** **Kairos: When God Intervenes** *Acts 8. 26-40*

**OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS** for January is our Indigenous Mission Partners – Dhan, Imran & Romi

**BRIDGET HATHAWAY** The latest news letter from Bridget is on the Welcome desk, if you would like a copy.

**MISSION PARTNER SUNDAY 13th January** A chance to hear from all of our Mission Partners. The church has a mission to Lancaster, the UK and to the world. Today is our annual focus on our partners in that mission who work in various capacities to help the church make disciples from all nations. Please visit the stands and chat with the representatives today. Take a prayer calendar and be reminded of this work every day through the year. Twice a month we have a mission partner focus either in the morning or in the evening services.

**ALSO** –As one of our long-standing mission partners, Bridget Hathaway, is retiring after more than 25 years service. We would welcome suggestions from church members as to who we might support and will make a short-list for the group to prayerfully consider. **The deadline for submissions is Monday February 12th**, please put your suggestions with your name and contact details in the grey box on the Welcome desk.

**MISSION PARTNER NEWS** Our church partners with a family in Pakistan. The father finds motorbike travel increasingly difficult as he is prone to chest problems and is praying for a car. If you'd like to make a donation towards him being able to get a car, please put it in an envelope marked 'Imran/car' and place it in the collection bag or hand into the church office. Alternatively email Martin Bateman on [mbateman@ambassadorsfootball.org](mailto:mbateman@ambassadorsfootball.org)

## THIS WEEK

**EXTRA TIME Tuesday 15th January** 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 start our New Year with a "Quiz Time" and welcome Judy Franklin as our Quizmaster. Why not come and join in the fun and bring a friend, all are most welcome.

Extra Time

**MESSY 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 16th January 11am** in the Upstairs Centre. All women welcome.

**ROOFBREAKERS** meeting to discuss inclusion in church life for all on Thursday 24 January at 7pm in Room 2 downstairs in the Church Centre. Please contact Amanda Topps for more information [amandatopps@hotmail.com](mailto:amandatopps@hotmail.com).

Through the roof

**ST THOMAS BOOK GROUP** Our first meeting of 2019 is on **26<sup>th</sup> January at 11am** at The Print Room Café at The Storey. We will be discussing: **Three Things about Elsie by Joanna Cannon**. The programme for the rest of the year will be available at this meeting and afterwards on the Church website and Welcome Desk. All welcome, more info from Alison Purvis via church office or ChurchSuite.

**ALPHA** There is an Alpha Course running at St Thomas' starting the **27th February** for weekly for 6 Wednesdays. If you would like any details or say you are coming, please email [Claire@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:Claire@st.tees.org.uk)



## EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**UNITED SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** On **Sunday 20th January** at 6:30pm **at the Priory**, there will be an Ecumenical Service to mark the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,' which is 19th - 26th January. Please publicise this event and let's come together to worship God and pray for our city.

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST** with Steve Bell. **Saturday 26th January**, 9am - 3pm. Venue - New Life Church (The Chapel on White Cross). This event is to help equip our churches in understanding Islam and local Islamic community, in befriending and loving Muslims and in engaging them with the Good News. Please register online by using [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/friendship-first-tickets-53643976578](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/friendship-first-tickets-53643976578)



**CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME.** A day to explore questions, such as: Why, as Christians, should we care for the earth? What are the challenges we face? What can we do, as individuals and as communities? When? **2<sup>nd</sup> February, 9am to 4.30pm.**

**Where? Keswick School.** For further information and to book your place, see <https://caringforourcommonhome.org>. Any questions? Email Karl Möller at [karlhemmoeller@gmail.com](mailto:karlhemmoeller@gmail.com).

**ACORN MODEL OF LISTENING COURSE.** NISCU are running a level 1 course (beginners level) on **9th February** at the New Life Centre in Lancaster. Booking is essential. Contact [nick.klein@niscu.org.uk](mailto:nick.klein@niscu.org.uk) for more details.

**SETTING GOD'S PEOPLE FREE** How do we live as a Christian from Monday to Saturday? Led by Archdeacon Mark Ireland and Ruth Hassall, Director of Discipleship, 3.30pm **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** 2019. To book your place, please contact **Whalley Abbey** on 01254 828400 or [office@whalleyabbey.org](mailto:office@whalleyabbey.org). Cost is £130 full board.

**NORTH LANCASHIRE PASSION PLAY APRIL 2019** Locally-based Emma Rucastle is creating a new Passion Play for Lent 2019. Performances will be on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** and **13<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm and **April 13<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm, one in each of the following venues: Warton, St Oswald's, Lancaster Priory and Torrisholme, Church of the Ascension. There may also be a further performance in Lancaster city centre on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Emma on [erucastle@googlemail.com](mailto:erucastle@googlemail.com) for further information and/or to express interest in taking part in this exciting project.

**EXPLORING FAITH ACCOMPANIMENT** (Spiritual Direction) **January to June 2019.** At the Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre, Preston. Sponsored by the Diocese of Blackburn. Leaflet with full details is on the Welcome desk. This is an opportunity to experience listening to God and to one another.

## NOTICES

**JUNIOR CHURCH** Can you share God's love through our groups for children. We really need more leaders on Sundays for Junior Church especially for the younger age groups.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY** are looking for help in 2 areas: volunteer(s) to take Holy Communion to patients on the wards on Sundays; and we need people who would be able to collect patients from the wards on a Sunday and take them to a Sunday service and then return them to the wards. Full training would be given.

**NATIVITY COSTUMES** We are looking at replacing some of our nativity costumes. If anyone has a children's nativity costume that they are not going to use anymore, we would appreciate donations. We are particularly looking for a Mary, Joseph and angels and perhaps a few animals!

**ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S MINISTER** Congratulations to Nic Barry who has been appointed to provide maternity cover for Hannah Parry, who is providing maternity cover for Sarah Evans (!). Nic will be starting on 27<sup>th</sup> January when Hannah finishes, and will assist Emma Dixon with children and families' ministry until Sarah returns from maternity leave.

**FAMILY LIFE CENTRE** If you would like to read the recent Family Life Centre report for the PCC, it is now available to download via a link on the front page of the church website

**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