



# ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

## JANUARY 20TH

**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** **Impossible task, all-powerful God**

**11AM MORNING SERVICE**

*Exodus 3.1- 22*

**7PM EVENING SERVICE** **Taking Care of a Chaotic World.**

*Gen1:26-2:2*

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

### THIS WEEK

**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).

**ST THOMAS BOOK GROUP** Our first meeting of 2019 is on Saturday **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 to say you are coming, please email [Claire@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:Claire@st.tees.org.uk)



**CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP Sat 9th Feb** 9:00 - 11:00 am All health professionals are invited to "The Culture of Joy - Part 2" with guest speaker Dr Andy Knox. Andy will be talking about the importance of a Culture of Joy in healthcare and how his faith has given him a deep sustaining joy. In the Downstairs Church Centre. Tea, coffee, croissant and fruit will be served. For more information please email [morecambabaycmf@gmail.com](mailto:morecambabaycmf@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page - search 'Morecambe Bay CMF'

## FURTHER AHEAD

**JONATHAN VEIRA**, international singer and comic, is bringing his **Songs and Tales** show to St Thomas's Church on **Saturday March 16th** at 7.30pm. A regular on BBC 'Songs of Praise', his glorious singing can move people to tears; his tales will have you rolling with laughter. Tickets (£10, £8 student, £5 child) are available from ChurchSuite - or see <http://1step2step.org/events/jv/> Proceeds to 1Step2Step and Heart of the City Project



**HOLIDAY CLUB 2019** is from **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**, 10am-1pm for children at primary school. We have a fantastic week of fun activities and learning more about Gods love for us. We need a team of young people and adults who would be able to help with activities and spend time with the children. And we need people to help with Refreshments, Registration and Security. Please take a leaflet from the welcome desk if you are interested in helping or email [emma@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:emma@st.tees.org.uk).

## NOTICES

**RUBIK'S CUBE-A-THON** Thank you to everyone who supported Matthew Dixon for his sponsored Rubik's Cube-A-Thon in December. Matthew solved an impressive 45 Rubiks Cubes in 1 hour which raised £535.50 for the HOTC building project.

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

**NISCU** The Team would like us all to join them to pray for all the 72 schools in this area between **February 3<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome desk with the school you want pray for and they will contact with prayer points.

**MISSION PARTNER** As one of our long-standing mission partners is retiring, 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 12<sup>th</sup>.** 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 a car, please put it in an envelope marked 'Imran/car' and place it in the collection bag or hand into the church office. Or email Martin Bateman on [mbateman@ambassadorsfootball.org](mailto:mbateman@ambassadorsfootball.org)

**NEW WINE PETERBOROUGH.** Some of us will be camping at the 30th Anniversary New Wine Conference from **July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>**. When it was at Newark, a sizeable group from St Ts went and had a great time together. We learned more about how God is at work and had our faith challenged. We enjoyed time in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and the children loved the kids events. Book at <https://www.new-wine.org/week-1>. If you book yourself on it, please can you tell the church office so we can have some idea of how many of us will be there.

## 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. 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 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? 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.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ** We would like to thank everyone who bought a Christmas Quiz, £60 was raised for the building fund. The winner is Judy Franklin (Jeanette Maines' Mother.) Judy got all of the answers correct. If you would like a copy of the answers, Susan Baines will let you have them.

**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

**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.

**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