



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

JANUARY 27TH

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 **Vision Sunday**
11AM HOLY COMMUNION **Life on the Edge with God'**
7PM EVENING SERVICE *Luke 14.28-35*

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

THIS WEEK

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



WOMEN'S COFFEE **Saturday 2nd February** join us at the Storey Café at 11am All women welcome

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 morecambebaycmf@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page - search 'Morecambe Bay CMF'

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 9th April to Friday 12th April**, 10am-1pm for children at primary school. We have a fantastic week of fun activities and learning more about God's 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.

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 Rubik's 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.

VACANCY Blackburn Diocese has a vacancy for a Vision Coordinator to coordinate the implementation plan of Vision 2026, the agenda for growth and change agreed by the Blackburn Diocesan Synod in 2015

NISCU The Team would like us all to join them to pray for all the 72 schools in this area between **February 3th to 9th**. 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 12th**., Please put your suggestions with your name and contact details in the grey box on the Welcome desk.

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.

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!

HEART OF THE CITY PROJECT: Many thanks to everyone who came to the Open Forum on Tuesday 11th December. If you would like to see the evening's presentation, this is now available on the Building Project page of the church website. We are still pausing to pray for this project, so if you were unable to make it, or if you did attend but still have further thoughts to share, please do send us your views by e-mailing hotc@st.tees.org.uk

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING Join us on Thursdays when we will be praying at 7pm for half an hour in the upstairs centre.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

PRAY FOR CAMPUS 4th Feb at New Life Church, 7:30pm. Let's see God change our university! We will be praying Your Kingdom Come for staff and students as well as the work of Friends International and the CU. All are welcome to this strategic prayer movement.

RUTH HASSELL is being licensed as Diocesan Director of Discipleship at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday **February 17th**. No tickets are needed, so if you would like to go and support Ruth just be at Blackburn Cathedral for their 4pm Evensong.

NEW WINE PETERBOROUGH. Some of us will be camping at the 30th Anniversary New Wine Conference from **July 27th to August 2nd**. 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.

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? **2nd 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.

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 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 11th** – 2pm **Wednesday 13th February** 2019. To book your place, please contact **Whalley Abbey** on 01254 828400 or office@whalleyabbey.org. Cost is £130 full board.

ENCOUNTER EVENT at Fathers House on **March 2nd**, 7pm.

NORTH LANCASHIRE PASSION PLAY APRIL 2019 Locally-based Emma Rucastle is creating a new Passion Play for Lent 2019. Performances will be on **April 11th** and **13th** at 7.30pm and **April 13th** 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 20th**. Contact Emma on erucastle@googlemail.com for further information and/or to express interest in taking part in this exciting project.

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

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