



ST THOMAS

CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

17TH MARCH

Charity No 113 0550

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 SERVICE

11AM MORNING SERVICE

Old Lessons in New Ways, Exodus 17.1-16

7PM EVENING SERVICE

Blessings and Curses Deut 28:1-24

OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS for March are for CMRI (Christian Restoration Ministries International) Uganda.

THIS WEEK

ROAD CLOSURE Today. People for the 7pm service should be aware that Marton Street may or may not be open as usual, if the work over runs.

Monday 18th to Tuesday 26th Penny Street will be closed to traffic, due to resurfacing. Marton Street will be two way for its full length, but blocked at the Penny Street end.

CAR PARK ACCESS - turn right off the one way system into Marton Street and then left up the cobbles (aka Peter Street). And be aware of 2-way traffic when leaving the car park.

EXTRA TIME Tuesday 19th March 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 welcome Jane Swan with a talk entitled "Lancaster's Canal Celebrates its 200th Birthday this Year " Why not come and join with us and bring a friend, all are most welcome.

MESSY CHURCH Church but not as you know it! Messy church is this week **Tuesday 19th March** 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 & PRAYER In the upstairs lounge on **Wednesday 20th March** at 11am.



Extra Time



ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

FURTHER AHEAD

MOTHER'S DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE. This year, we are inviting people to bring a gift for the women's refuge, to remember and support those mothers for whom family life has become incredibly difficult. Please bring your gifts for Safenet on **Sunday 31st March** (**Safenet** 0300 3033 581 provides safe accommodation across Lancashire for men & women escaping abuse as well as some community support for women affected by domestic abuse in the Lancaster/Morecambe district).

STAG WHISKY TASTING Back by popular demand, the next STAG event is a whisky tasting tour of Scotland which will be led by Rev. Adrian Wolton. There will be a small selection six whiskies of various regions with information and stories along the way. Samples will be small but will give us an appreciation of the different varieties and flavours available across Scotland. This will be on **Saturday 23rd March** from 7:30pm-10pm and the cost is £12 or £6 for an additional guest who doesn't normally come to Church. Space is limited to 30 guys (obviously who are 18 or over) so book on via Churchsuite as soon as you can. Hope you can make it.

PARENTS OF THOSE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS A small group of parents of children or adults with special needs will be meeting on **Thursday, April 4th** at 8pm. in the Upstairs Lounge in the Church Centre to pray in a confidential space for our children, and any challenges we face. Anyone in a similar situation is welcome to join us. Do come along, or contact Helen Scamman on helen@st.tees.org.uk if you would like more information.

MORECAMBE BAY CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP EVENT "A Vision for Parish Nursing" with guest speaker Dr Alison Fleetwood. The event is open to the wider church. Alison will be sharing the vision for Parish Nursing in our area and how health professionals and the church can develop this initiative. At 9-11am, on **Sat 6th April** in the downstairs of the Church Centre. For more information please email morecambebaycmf@gmail.com or search 'Morecambe Bay CMF' on Facebook.

RECORD BREAKERS HOLIDAY CLUB Tuesday 9th April – Friday 12th April, 10am-1pm Our holiday club this year is called Record Breakers and is for children at primary school. We are going to have a fantastic week with lots of fun games and activities each day and time worshipping and hearing about our amazing God. Registration is now open and can be done via churchsuite or the church website. This is a really amazing week and lots of fun. For further details please speak to Emma Dixon or email children@st.tees.org.uk



We have a few spaces left on the holiday club team to help with the children's groups (particularly Thursday and Friday) and registration (Tuesday and Wednesday). If you are interested in helping please contact Emma Dixon.

EASTER WORSHIP NIGHT On **Saturday 20th April** 7.30pm, Jono (our sung worship coordinator) will be leading a night of worship in church. This is open to other churches to come along too, there will be no agenda other than just offering space to sing and worship God together. We hope this will be a really exciting part

of the journey up to Easter Sunday this year, and we're expectant and excited to see what God is going to do! Speak to Jono for more info.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: SPONSORED WALK on **Saturday 18th May**. Bring a picnic and enjoy a beautiful day walking with friends by the canal from St T's Lancaster to St T's Garstang (or just to St John's Ellel if you prefer). A great opportunity to get fit and raise funds for the HOTC project at the same time! Registration is now open at Churchsuite and the church website.

OTHER NOTICES

MARRIAGE. John Slee and Jean Bevington are to be married at St. Thomas's on **Saturday March 30th** at 1pm. You will be welcome to come to the service. Please pray for them as they start this new chapter of their lives.

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING. Please join us every Thursday (and every following Thursday) at 7pm in the upstairs church centre as we pray for half an hour asking God to bring renewal to all aspects of church life.

CURRY NIGHT The team wants to thank everyone for their prayers and support. A total of £881 was raised.

ORDINATION Michael Hutchinson our Ordinand is being ordained at Blackburn Cathedral on **Saturday 29th June** at 10.30am., If you would like a ticket please contact Michael.

BELONGING AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH. There are lots of great things about being part of a big church like St Thomas', but sometimes it can be hard to feel like you belong or are known in a large church. We really want to help you feel part of the St Thomas' church family – and for that, we need to have up to date contact details for you. There are two parts to this.

The first, and most important part, is that we would love you to sign up to **ChurchSuite**, which is our online church membership network.

The second part is joining the **Electoral Roll**. The Electoral Roll is the official membership list for St T's and it is open to those who are baptised and over 16 years of age. Membership of the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC, and vote at the annual church meeting.

We renew the Electoral Roll once every 6 years, which means that anyone who wants to be on the Electoral Roll needs to (re)apply for membership before 7th April, as no names can be carried over.

If you are already on ChurchSuite, you'll have received an email containing a link to an online form, to join or re-join the Electoral Roll. At the same time, you can check and update the details we hold for you on ChurchSuite.

If you're not yet on ChurchSuite, or didn't receive the email, there is a link on the home page of the church website (www.st.tees.org.uk) to the online form, or there is a paper copy of the Electoral Roll form on the welcome desk. Either way, please return your completed form to the church office by 7th April.

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