



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

14TH APRIL

PALM 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

11AM ALL-AGE SERVICE – RECORD BREAKERS HOLIDAY CLUB

7PM HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

WELCOME to 11am service, to all the family and friends of the children who came to Holiday Club. After the service there will be lunch for the families of the children who came to Holiday Club, in the Church centre (behind the Church)



CRAFTAID STALL There will be a Craftaid Stall after the morning services today selling Easter eggs and cards.

OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS for April is Ambassadors Football.

APCM The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be at 7.45pm on **Monday 29th April**. It is an opportunity for electoral roll members to choose PCC members and churchwardens; and to hear the Annual Reports. This year there are 4 vacancies on the PCC for a term of 3 years, 3 vacancies for 2 years, 1 Deanery Synod post which are up for renewal this year. (our Deanery Synod representatives also sit on our PCC).

APCM REPORTS To save paper and resources the two APCM reports have been emailed, as two attachments, to all members of the Electoral Roll who have given an email address. If you have not received them please check your Spam box.

Anyone else whether on the Electoral Roll or not, who would like to receive the reports by email please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

There will be a small number of paper copies of the reports on the Welcome desk for collection (one copy of each report per family please) only for those who cannot access the reports online or from an email.

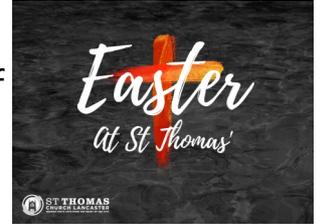
ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

THIS WEEK

EXTRA TIME (Please note the change of venue) on **Tuesday 16th April** we will be meeting in the **CHURCH**, where Jeanette Main and the Rev. Adrian Mairs will be leading our "Easter Celebration". Please come along for a 10.30 start or 10.15 for coffee and hot cross buns. Why not bring a friend, all are most welcome.

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING There will be no prayer meeting during the school Easter Holidays (**Thursday 11th and 18th April**). Please join us on **Thursday 25th April** at 7pm in the upstairs church centre when we pray for Renewal of our church, city and country.

EASTER MEDITATIONS This year for our Easter Meditations, we are taking the theme of 'Windows on the Cross'. In each reflection, we will be exploring one of the great Biblical images of the cross, through spoken word, art, music, and silence. Themes include Sacrifice, Suffering, Reconciliation, Freedom, Justice, Victory, and Glory. Morning meditations start at 7.30 am and finish with the offer of breakfast (**Mon 15th to Thurs 18th April**). Evening meditations begin at 7.30pm, **Mon 15th to Wed 17th April**). Each meditation will last 30 mins, and take place in the church.



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 7.30pm on **Thurs 18th April**, for a quiet, reflective service exploring the intimacy of the Last Supper in the upper room, with the invitation to watch and pray with Jesus in the vigil of Gethsemane.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, 19TH APRIL

At 10.30am, a 1-hour all-age service will offer multi-sensory stations to help all ages participate in the Good Friday story. The service is suitable for children, and mobility is required to move between stations.

At 2pm our Hour at the Cross service will be a quiet service with readings, reflections, and music, exploring the Good Friday story through the themes of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

EASTER WORSHIP NIGHT 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.

EASTER SUNDAY, 21ST APRIL As we celebrate Easter Day together, we will offer communion at all our services (9am, 11am and 7pm) with an all-age celebration at 11am.

FURTHER AHEAD

WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE HOTC PROJECT. Please join us on a great family day out on **Saturday 18th May**, walking beside Lancaster canal, either to St John's Ellel (5 miles) or St Thomas' Garstang (13 miles). Registration is £12 for adults and £6 for under-18s including a baseball cap. Please seek sponsors too if you wish.

Information leaflets and sponsorship forms are now on the Welcome Desk and also online. Please register as soon as possible, at Churchsuite or at the church website or using the information leaflet. Contact taylorsallya@gmail.com for more info.

SPARKLERS Are you able to help with Sparklers next term? Sparklers is a group for 1-4 year olds which runs during the 9am service. We are looking for someone to help on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month and possibly take a lead on those weeks. Please speak to Nic Barry or Emma Dixon - @n.barry@st.tees.org.uk

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

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

THE NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE WEEK 1 (27 JULY – 2 AUG) in Peterborough has SOLD OUT apart from team places. If you have booked to come to Week 1 with the St T's group, please tell Katharine Shentall katharine@st.tees.org.uk. Spaces are still available for Week 2.

DAUGHTER... WHOSE DAUGHTER ARE YOU? This is an opportunity for women to spend the weekend away being taken care of in the beautiful Lake District, and to receive teaching and ministry from Jenny Campbell of Eaglesinflight ministries (www.eaglesinflight.net) and her wonderful team. Friday **31st May 2019** (from 4 p.m.) to Sunday 2nd June 2019 (before or after lunch), at Rydal Hall, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 9LX £142.70 for the weekend (dinner, B &B). For more information and to book: Jaqui Woodcock on 07763475496 or email romadie13@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/288295048531413/> for full weekend schedule and more.

'LOVING THE ENEMY: IS IT POSSIBLE?' Two Perspectives From Israel/Palestine. Hedva Haymov, a Messianic Jew, and Shireen Awad Hilal, a Palestinian Christian. They are guests of 'Musalaha UK' which seeks to 'build bridges among Muslims, Christians, and Jews according to Abrahamic moral principles.' **Monday 15th April**, 7.30pm at The Cornerstone, Sulyard Street. For more info contact Simon Stewart 01524 840027 simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com

THE CORNERSTONE, 3 VACANCIES Café Manager and 2 deputies are needed by Lancaster Methodist Church. Closing date 29th April. Details from simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com

THANKS FROM ANDY AND JENNY BAINS Jenny and Andy would like to express their grateful thanks to all those on the prayer team and others in the wider church family for their prayers over the past several months, especially leading up to Andy's operation. Recovery is slow but steady. Leading up to the op they were led to Deut 31.6 which they felt stood them in good stead.

CAKES NEEDED for the Police Family Fun Day at Cpenwray **11th May** Any cakes should be at the Church Office by 1pm on **Friday 10th May** in non-returnable packaging and nothing that needs refrigeration please.

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