



ST THOMAS

CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

12TH MAY

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 MORNING SERVICE
11AM MORNING SERVICE
7PM HOLY COMMUNION

Saying yes to God:
Yes to Generosity *Matthew 25. 14-30*

OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS for May is Police Chaplaincy and Steve Cowles.

THIS WEEK

APCM ELECTIONS At the APCM on April 29th 2 Churchwardens were elected, Chris Park and Linda Hendry and 7 people were elected to the PCC Keith Robinson, Zenon Morgan-Rush, Richard Dawson, Kevin Glazebrook, Maja Moller, Christina Almond, and Stephen Mander. If any of them are new to you, most of them have photos on the board by the disable toilet.

1STEP2STEP QUIZ NIGHT is on **Friday 17th May** at 7.30pm at the Trimpell Sports and Social Club, Out Moss Lane, Morecambe, LA4 4UP. £10 for a team of 4 or £15 for a team of 6. All profits to go to 1step2step. For more information speak to Emma Dixon.



Only one week to go: CANAL WALK on Saturday 18th May, either to St John's Ellel (5 miles) or St T's Garstang (13 miles). Please join us for exercise, good company and cake! Setting off at 10am, so please come to church at 9.45am to check-in. Just £12 for adults and £6 for under-18s, including a free baseball cap although this is now on a first come first served basis.

Registration is online or at church on the day. We have a few offers to pay the registration fee if this is a problem for anyone. If you are unable to walk yourself please consider sponsoring someone who is. Thanks to all those baking cakes for us, please bring to the church office on Friday or to church on Saturday between 9.30am and 10am. Contact taylorsallya@gmail.com for more info

STAG BREAKFAST The next STAG event is breakfast on **Saturday 18th May** from 9:00-10:30am downstairs in the church centre. This is on the same day as the 'Canamble' walk for the Heart of



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the City project so why not come for a hearty breakfast and then burn it off on the walk. You can sign-up and pay the £5 for the breakfast via church suite - it would be great to see you there.

FURTHER AHEAD

NEW TO THE 11.00AM SERVICE? If you've started coming along to the 11am congregation in the past year or so, we'd love to get to know you over coffee after the 11am all-age service on **Sunday 19th May**. Juice, biscuits, and toys for children also provided. We'll be in the downstairs lounge across in the centre – do come and join us!

MICHAEL HUTCHINSON is being ordained at Blackburn Cathedral on **Saturday 29th June** at 10.30am. If you would like a ticket please contact him.

Michael's last service is the 7pm on 19 May. After that he is off to start his curacy. If anyone would like to contribute to a gift for Michael please could any contributions be sent to the Church Office. Thank you.

NOTICES

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING Please join us on **Thursdays during term time** at 7pm, and every term time Thursday afterwards, in the upstairs church centre when we pray for Renewal of our church, city and country.

ST TEES MUSIC VIDEOS We're so excited to have recorded two of our own songs to share with you all! Both 'Christ the Rock' and 'Our God Can Make A Way' are available on Youtube, searchable by the song title or by finding our channel called St Thomas' Lancaster.

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



WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME SERVICE The weekly service, at noon, is very quiet and peaceful and consists of a said communion with a short talk and time of prayer, and in total it lasts about 40 minutes. We all need a bit of time out to find peace and reconnect with God during the week, so we offer you a warm welcome to our midweek spoken communion service.

SUPPORT ASYLUM SEEKERS If you would like to stay informed about ways in which you can support asylum seekers and refugees in our city through donations of items, involvement in the various groups and events supporting them, or just would like to hear about what is happening, do contact us on stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk to join our St Tees asylum seekers and refugees mailing list.

ST THOMAS BADMINTON Fridays 7.30pm in Heysham High School gym, a small group meets to play badminton. The playing standard is mixed so that no-one would feel out of place. Contact Vivien on vivien.hawksby@btinternet.com for more information.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

COMMUNITY PASTOR FOR THE RIDGE ESTATE Lancaster hosted by Lancaster Baptist Church. We are looking for someone to build on the foothold developed on this estate over the past 7 years. Informal enquiries or to receive the Job Description contact Ridge.settlement@gmail.com Closing date is 19 May.

FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL International Dinners Jesus ate food, that's how he did mission. We're doing the same thing, by simply eating a meal with international students. Talking to them, loving them, sharing the gospel and our lives. International Dinners is a strategic new mission opportunity in our city, run by Friends International, that you can be a part of. No previous experience or training required. To be a part of it come to our team briefing on the 16th of May, 19:30 at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre. friendsinternational@lancaster.ac.uk

THE MUSTARD SEED They will be serving our last meal at the Priory Hall on Tuesday 15th May until September 2019 (date to be confirmed). We have averaged 20 guests each week and 14 volunteers. Thank you for your support.

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. For more information and to book: Jaqui Woodcock on 07763475496 or email romadie13@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/288295048531413> for the schedule and more.

PIANO CONCERT 'Far from the Home I Love' on **Thursday 6th June**, 7.30pm at the Priory. International pianist Margaret Fingerhut is performing across the UK to raise awareness of refugee needs as well as to collect funds for City of Sanctuary refugee groups. Booking <https://cityofsanctuary.org/farfromhome/>. Leaflets on the stand in the foyer.

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.

LANCASTER UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER SCHOOL, (formerly St. Tees FC), meets 9.30-10.30 every Saturday morning in term time, at Dallas Road Boys and Girls Club. Any children at primary school, experienced footballers and complete beginners, are very welcome. Please just turn up or contact Katie – 07868214807 or katie.schad@hotmail.co.uk

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