



# ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

## SUMMER 2019

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.

### MISSION PARTNER OF THE MONTH CMS SERVICES FOR THE SUMMER



#### SUNDAY 28TH JULY

9AM MORNING SERVICE  
11AM HOLY COMMUNION

**Be strong and take heart** *Psalm 27*

7PM EVENING SERVICE

**The awkward and uninvited guest**  
*Luke 7. 36-50*

#### SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST

9AM HOLY COMMUNION  
11AM ALL-AGE SERVICE

**The Lord's My Shepherd** *Psalm 23*

7PM EVENING SERVICE

**Feed the hungry** *Luke 9.10-17*

#### SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

9AM MORNING SERVICE  
11AM MORNING SERVICE

**Deep calls to deep** *Psalm 42*

7PM HOLY COMMUNION

**Stop to smell the roses!** *Luke 10. 38-42*

#### SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

9AM HOLY COMMUNION  
11AM ALL-AGE SERVICE

**Fearfully and wonderfully made** *Psalm 139*

7PM EVENING SERVICE

**Never talk about religion or politics!**  
*Luke 14.1-4*

#### SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

9AM MORNING SERVICE  
11AM HOLY COMMUNION

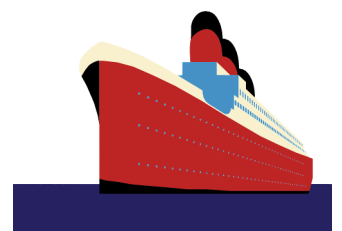
**God is the strength of my heart** *Psalm 73*

7PM EVENING SERVICE

**Eating with the wrong people!** *Luke 19.1-10*

**HOLIDAY AT HOME: Tues to Thurs 6th-8th August.** This year's exciting Holiday at Home has a cruising theme. The finale on Thursday will include the Captain's Ball.

Please take a booking form from the welcome desk for yourself or for friends and relatives or download from the website <https://www.st.tees.org.uk/holidayathome>



ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

**SPONSORED SING** As part of Holiday at Home on **Thursday 8th August** we are holding a sponsored hymn sing for the Heart of the City Building Project. You can nominate a hymn on the church website or by filling in the list on the welcome desk. Donations very welcome. Sponsors are welcome to attend from 1.30-2.15 to hear their chosen hymn. We would like more helpers and cakes! Please email [jeanette@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:jeanette@st.tees.org.uk) or sign the list on the welcome desk.

**CHURCH CALENDAR** The new Church calendar has been printed. If you haven't got a copy yet, please collect it from the Welcome desk.

**NEW WINE** A small group from St Thomas with all the NWDY interns are going to New Wine Week 1 (27 July-2 August) in Peterborough. Please pray that it will be a time of growth, challenge and rest for us all - 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?' Good weather and safe travelling would be lovely too.

**STY:LE SUMMER** An exciting summer is ahead for many of the STY:LE Youth! 7 of our young people (and 4 adults) are currently on a Ripley Chaplaincy Mission adventure at LIV Village in Durban, South Africa working alongside orphans & vulnerable children. STY:LE are also heading down to Stafford on August 3rd for the last ever Soul Survivor! And many are also going to have fun & grow in faith on PACT holidays! Please pray for great friendships, personal encounters with Jesus, and renewed passion to share His love! #LivingWithStyle #Joshua1v9



**SUMMER CAMPS** please pray for all children and families at various other Christian camps this summer, including PACT, Ventures, Scripture Union, New Wine and Spring Harvest.

**CURACY** Congratulations and thanks go to Angela Letchford, who will be serving her self-supporting curacy at St Thomas' Church, following ordination in the summer of 2020.

**SUMMER SCHOOL** of Theology and Spirituality at the Cornerstone in Lancaster. Running in Wednesday afternoons during **August** at 2pm, free to all. More details from [simoncornerstone@gmail.com](mailto:simoncornerstone@gmail.com)

**HOTC FUNDRAISER** Jess Walmsley has a plan to create a summer challenge box for all ages to see you through the sunny summer months. The box (which is likely to cost approx. £15.00 - will include challenges, activities and ideas for how to make great memories with family and friends. If you think you would like to buy a box, have questions email [martinandjess@outlook.com](mailto:martinandjess@outlook.com) or speak to Jess (at the 11am) or to a member of staff team at one of our services.

**CANCHAT** Have you, a family member or a friend been affected by cancer? Have you not been able to share all that you are going through with someone who knows how you are feeling? Come along to CANCHAT - and have a coffee and chat with others at our table at Cornerstone Cafe, Sulyard

Street, LA1 1PX (opposite The Borough) every Thursday from 1.30-3.00 p.m.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS NEEDED** to connect with newcomers who struggle with English. If you are fairly fluent at any other languages and would like to be involved in this initial welcome, email [stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk](mailto:stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk),

**ST THOMAS' PRESCHOOL** We need a treasurer to join our team! If you could help please contact [Jessica@preschool.tees.org.uk](mailto:Jessica@preschool.tees.org.uk) for more information.

**ADOPT A STUDENT** We are looking for individual people, families or life groups to invite a student or two to join them for tea starting in October. You might find you really like them and want to invite them to join you for *other* fun events too, but a meal once every 6 weeks is the minimum commitment we are asking for. Email [claire@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:claire@st.tees.org.uk) if you want to find out more.

**JUNIOR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!** Can you join a team to share God's love with his children, twice a month at 11am? We need 3 more leaders in Impact with our 8-11 year olds and a couple more with our younger groups. Talk to Sarah or Emma to find out more or email [children@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:children@st.tees.org.uk) Do you have a DBS to work with children at St Thomas's? Would you be willing to help in Junior Church occasionally if a regular leader is away? Email [children@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:children@st.tees.org.uk) if you could help.

## DATES FOR THE AUTUMN

**WOMEN'S COFFEE** at the Storey Institute in the café, on **Saturday 7th September**. Meet at 11am. All women welcome to join us.

**Extra Time**

**Tuesday 3rd September** downstairs in the Church Centre. Come along for a 10.30 start. This time we welcome Jono Peatman with a talk entitled "Christ My Rock." All are most welcome.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** Restarts for the 9am Service on the 1st and for the 11am Service on the 8th September.

**YEAR OF ALPHA** We plan to launch an Alpha course on Thursdays in the Autumn from 7.45-9.30pm culminating in a Christmas meal together and an invitation to our alternative carol service at the 7pm congregation. Following on from that we aim to cultivate a missional group fostering a culture of both discipleship and outreach onwards into 2020. If you are interested in being a part of the Alpha team please contact: Jon Scamman [jon@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:jon@st.tees.org.uk) or Angie Letchford [a\\_leitchford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:a_leitchford@yahoo.co.uk).

**KEEP THE DATE!** The 9 am congregation will be having our Away Day at Brookhouse Methodist Church, on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, from 10 – 3pm**. Ruth Hassall speaking to us on the theme of 'Abide and Thrive' from John chapter 15. There will be children's provision, so do come, bring families, bring a pudding for our lunch together, and enjoy the day! More details in September.

**AUTUMN FIESTA** at St Thomas Church, **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November** 2019 from 10.30 am to 3 pm: Festival of food, music and family activities to raise awareness and funds for Asylum Seeker and Refugee Groups working in Lancaster district.

**CRAFTAID** will only be open on **Saturdays** until September 3rd, when it will open all week as normal.

**PHOTOS IN CHURCH** In line with our safeguarding policies,, 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