



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

23RD FEBRUARY

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 HOLY COMMUNION
7PM EVENING SERVICE

Who Touched me?

Luke 8. 40-56

MISSION PARTNERS Highlighted this month is Police chaplaincy and Steve Cowles.

GODSPACE - this Tuesday 25th February, 8pm-9pm in church. An opportunity to gather together for an hour of quiet prayer, reflection and meditation. "Be still and know that I am God." Why not try it at home if you are unable to join us?



LENT COURSE – "DIFFERENCE": This is a 5 session course. It explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. It is about reconciliation, crossing divides and forgiveness, and teaches habits that can transform relationships. The course includes short videos, group discussion, interactive activities and space to reflect. It will be running 8pm-9.30pm on all the **Tuesdays** in **March (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st)** in the main church. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost, but please sign up beforehand even if you aren't able to make every one of the evenings, so you can have a booklet. Sign up on ChurchSuite, on the web site or on the sheets on the Welcome desk. For more information, see Linda Hendry, Robin Dunnington or Becky Barker, or email churchwardens@st.tees.org.uk or look at: <https://difference.rln.global/>



BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE Our next service of baptism and confirmation will be on **8th March** at the 7pm service. Please speak to one of the clergy if you might be interested in being baptised or confirmed. Preparation sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons, 4.30-5.30 on **11 February, 25 February, and 3 March**, although



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individual preparation can also be arranged if you are unable to make those times.

SUPERHEROES HOLIDAY CLUB - children's leaders need to sign up by **Monday 2nd March!!!** Holiday Club (14th - 17th April) is a key part of the church's mission and ministry. To lead it well, we need time to plan and prepare



with our team. The number of adults we have signed up by 2nd March to be children's leaders will determine how many children are able to come to Holiday Club - we will limit places accordingly. We are also recruiting adults for registration and security teams, and to give 1-1 support for children with additional needs. Contact Sarah Evans sarah@st.tees.org.uk

MIND THE GAP: RAIS refugee hosting scheme, a training and information event for potential hosts at St Thomas' Church Centre on **Monday 2nd March** 7.00pm – 8.30pm. You will be able to learn why refugees can become homeless and destitute, hear the details of our expanded hosting scheme, sign up as a host (or just find out more), and talk to others who have hosted refugees in their homes. Everyone who has hosted refugees in the past, or is interested in doing so in the future, is welcome. Any questions and RSVP to Maja Moller: stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk

UGANDA MEDICAL TRIP Please come along to the joint CMF\mission support evening on **11th March** at 7:30 in the downstairs centre. We will hear from Bishop John Bunjo who set up the charity, and from various team members about their experiences on the trip in January.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP All health professionals are invited to "The Culture of Kindness" with guest speaker Dr Andy Knox. **Saturday 14th March** 9:00am -11:00am in the downstairs Centre, beginning with coffee, croissant and fruit. Andy will be talking about the importance of a Culture of Kindness in healthcare. For more information morecambabaycmf@gmail.com

MARRIAGE COURSE it will be running for 7 weeks on Tuesday evenings starting **Tuesday April 28th**. Please contact the church office, or speak to Nick or Alison Johnstone or Richard and Viv Hawksby for further details on how to enrol. If you can Help with dessert making this would be appreciated! Many thanks

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

A GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY is to be incorporated into the **Walk of Witness 12 noon to 1pm**. The Passion Play will be produced and directed by Emma Rucastle and Bishops Paul and Jill will be joining us on our walk through the city. The dates of the rehearsals are as follows: Sunday March 29th 2- 5 pm and Tuesday 7th April 7 – 9.30 pm. If you would like to be involved please email Emma at emma@elartproductions.co.uk

NIGHT TO SHINE An evening of celebration on **Thursday 27th February**, 6 – 8.30pm for those with special needs aged 14 and above, together with their families/carers in the beautiful surroundings of Capernwray Hall. In addition to a lovely meal together there'll be a chance for anyone present to share their own abilities and talents. The evening is free of charge, but please book by calling Capernwray on 01524733908 or info@capernwray.org

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE Prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe, will be held on **Friday 6th March** at 1.45pm at St Mary's Priory church Lancaster

DIGGING DEEPER The story of the Bible, **Saturday 7th March** 10am –3.30pm at Whalley Abbey with Ruth Hassall. Cost £20 which includes lunch. Book at office@whalleyabbey.org

THE WISDOM HOUSE—CARING FOR THE FAMILY. An evening with Rob Parsons on **Tuesday 17th March**, 7.30pm, at Fulwood Free Methodist Church, Preston. Tickets from £7. More details from cff.org.uk/wisdom 029 2081 0800

NOTICES

NAME THAT BUILDING We are starting to think about suitable names for the new building that will replace the one currently known as the Church Centre. We'd welcome any suggestions you might like to make. PCC will have the final say over the name. Either email your suggestions to wardens@st.tees.org.uk or drop us a note via the Church Office.

ST THOMAS' PRESCHOOL would value volunteers who would enjoy supporting the children and adults for one session or more a week as we are pleased to be growing in numbers. Please email jessica@preschool.tees.org.uk for further details if God is prompting you to serve him in this way.

5 PEAKS CHALLENGE A21, a Hillsong-founded, anti-trafficking charity is raising awareness and funds with a 5 Peaks (inc Scafell Pike) in 24 hours on **24th and 25th April 2020**. If you would like to take part contact Anna Galbraith at annagalbraith95@gmail.com

WANT TO HELP THE DISADVANTAGED? The Olive Branch provides Lancaster's food bank and a place where people can drop in for a brew. We have about 30 volunteers and we'd like to expand our team. If you can spare a day each week, between 10:30 and 3:30, and are keen to show God's love to others, why not join us? Interested? Please contact Mick Pidd (824541, m.pidd@myphone.coop) or Kerry Stephens (kerrystephens@the-olive-branch.org.uk).

ENGLISH CLASSES RESTARTED If you would like to improve your written and spoken English, (or know someone who would benefit) you are warmly welcome to join our friendly and supportive class held at church on **Tuesdays** from 10.30am to 12pm. Just come along or for more details contact the church office

INCLUSION BOX There is now a box in the servery on the right, containing sensory items, concentration aids, ear defenders, colour text overlays and accessible New Testaments. Please speak to someone wearing a blue lanyard if you or someone with you would like to use the items during any services or Church events. We just ask that you please return items after use so that they are ready for the next person.

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.

VALUABLES Keep your valuables with you all the time while in church, even when going to take Communion or for prayer.

PASTORAL ISSUES Please inform the church office or one of the leadership of any pastoral needs that arise such as illness, accidents or bereavements.

PASTORAL PRAYER CHAIN Please send your prayer requests to Margaret Stocks on 01524 66257.

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.

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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.

Please tick the box if we **may add** your information to our mailing list (Churchsuite). You can


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?	

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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