



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

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.

10TH SEPTEMBER

9am Morning Service

Rescued by Christ *Colossians 1. 1-14*

11am Morning Service

7pm Holy Communion Service

The God of all comfort

2 Corinthians 1. 1-11

**MISSION PRAYER PARTNER
FOR SEPTEMBER IS TEARFUND**

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JUNIOR CHURCH Our usual Junior Church groups will resume after the summer **today** at the 11am Service. Registration forms for this year are available on the Welcome Desk or from the church web site

WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP WITH CRÈCHE THURSDAY 13.15pm til 14.45pm during term time. This group will restart this **Thursday, 14th September**, in the downstairs lounge in Church Centre. For more information please contact Alison Purvis via the Church Office.

ST THOMAS' BOOK GROUP 23rd September at **11am** at the Print Room café and bar (the new name for the Storey Café) We will meet to discuss: *The Blackhouse* by Peter May. We meet in the main bar area. You are welcome whether or not you have read the book! For further information please contact **Alison Purvis** via the church office. New members most welcome!

BAPTISM BY IMMERSION – on **Sunday 24th Sept**, we will be offering baptism by immersion in our new baptismal tank. If you might be interested in getting baptised that day, please contact Jon Scamman on jon@st.tees.org.uk to discuss this.

DAY OF PRAYER for a spiritual awakening in Lancashire. **30th September** at the University of Cumbria.

STAG BONFIRE AND BBQ On **30th September**, 2017 at 7pm STAG men's ministry will be having a bonfire and BBQ. There will be loads of meat [+veggie option], a big fire and plenty of cake; soft drinks will be provided but feel free to bring a tipples of your choice if you like. It will be held at the Carter's and



you can sign up either on Church Suite or on the sign-up sheet at the back of Church. Cost will be £5 per person – this has always been a great evening so why not invite a friend and pay them in. More details from Dave Carter or Craig Abbott [craig@st.tees.org.uk]

9 AM AWAY DAY 21ST OCTOBER We are very much looking forward to welcoming Bishop Philip North to our Away Day on **21st October**, from 10 am – 3.30pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church. Children's activities will be provided. Please put this date in your diary. Further information and booking forms will be available in September. Join us there for an inspirational day, worshipping together, hearing about our role in God's mission, and getting to know each other better.

ALPHA This year, **Alpha will be held straddling the Easter period**. The first half of Alpha focuses on Jesus and the bible, so to have this lead into the time where we remember and celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus could be helpful for those on the course. The second half of Alpha explores the person and role of the Holy Spirit and the way He empowers us to live when we follow Jesus, which falls nicely into Pentecost – when we remember that the Holy Spirit fills and empowers the church to go. There will be a baptism and confirmation service with Bishop Philip on **Sunday 17th June**, once Alpha has finished.



NOTICES

THANK YOU Pat Evans would like to thank everyone for the cards and letters we received after Fred passed away to be with his Heavenly Father. Grateful thanks for the tributes spoken at the service and those entered in the memory book. Thank you for the generous contribution which was, £400 to the Galloways Society for the blind. A special thank you to those who helped arrange the service and the beautiful flowers. God Bless you all.

WELCOMERS NEEDED AT THE 9 AM SERVICE. We love welcoming people to the 9 am service, but need a few more people to greet people with a friendly smile on a Sunday morning, to join our friendly welcoming team. You would need to be able to come along at 8.30 on a Sunday morning, once or twice a month. Please speak to Helen Scamman, or to Ruth Wright, if you are able to help, or contact the office on admin@st.tees.org.uk

TALKING ABOUT JESUS Usually at this time of year, we would prepare to run Alpha and ask everyone to think about inviting a friend. But does the thought of that fill you (like others) with mixed emotions? – dread, embarrassment, awkwardness, feeling stumped for answers. Or perhaps that our own questions about our faith flood to mind. I would love to gather together those of us who don't know where to begin in talking about Jesus outside church in order to wrestle with some of these challenges with each other, over a pint (or half) somewhere. If you would like to join the conversation, drop me and email at claire@st.tees.org.uk (more details to follow)

CHURCH BOILER UPDATE – a great deal of work has been done over the summer to get our boilers sorted for the autumn. This includes getting professional advice on specifications, receiving tenders from 6 contractors, securing the necessary planning permission from the diocese, and booking the least expensive contractor to carry out the work for £23,212 (ex VAT). Work on new, improved, more powerful boilers is due to commence on 18th Sept with heat due to be restored by 2nd October, so if the weather turns cold before then, do wrap up warm in church!

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETINGS (Thursdays weekly 7-7.30pm). Please join us to pray for the renewal of our church; its people, its buildings and its city. We pray for just half an hour in the upstairs centre each Thursday evening.

JUNIOR CHURCH LEADERS We have several team members who are stepping down. We are looking for new leaders, particularly at the 9am and in Impact (8-11s) at 11am. If you are interested to know more about volunteering in our children's ministry please come and speak to Emma Dixon or Sarah Evans or email children@st.tees.org.uk. Thank you for your prayers and response to our under 5's ministry which is now in a much stronger position although we would continue to welcome new volunteers!

MAINTENANCE HELPERS WANTED: With a large church site, there are a lot of things that need fixing or replacing from time to time. We are looking to build up a pool of skilled volunteers that can be available to come and deal with these issues when they are reported. If you have appropriate skills and would like to help please contact Leslie via the church office or at leslie@st.tees.org.uk

BUILDING FOR MISSION (BFM) To give to the BFM project you can make a payment to the Church's CAF Bank account with an on-line payment or by setting up a standing order. Details of the account are: Bank: CAF Bank; Account name: St Thomas's PCC Lancaster; Sort code: 40-52-40; Account number: 00030499; Reference: BFM. You can also give by cheque to 'St Thomas's PCC Lancaster' in an envelope clearly marked BFM and sent to the Church Office.



MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FOOTBALL. 8-9pm at Ripley astroturf. We would love for church members to come along, but the purpose is to have an environment where those who don't know Jesus can come along, hear some Good News and build relationships with those who follow Christ.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION We have a short service with communion at 12 noon every Wednesday, everyone welcome. A chance to take some time out midweek with God.

FRIDAY BABY AND TODDLER GROUP - Welcome to all parents with pre school children. Come to meet other parents in the church, chat and play. Meets 10.30am every **Friday in term time** at a local Mum's house. Contact Emily on coolchik18@hotmail.com

OLIVE BRANCH They are especially short of donations at the moment, please leave any tins in the bins under the Welcome desk.

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.

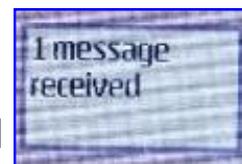


PASTORAL ISSUES Please inform the church office or one of the leadership of any pastoral needs that arise such as illness, accidents or bereavements.

PRAYER MINISTRY CORNER As a church, we offer prayer ministry after every main service, in the prayer ministry area at the back right corner of the main church building. 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 66257

TEXT-A-PRAYER If you would like us to pray about anything at all, please text your request to **075 34 998 205** Texts will be read and prayed for each Sunday. We will not send replies. Texts will be treated in confidence (in line with our safeguarding policy).



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

MISSION SUPPORT If you would like to be included in the monthly prayer e-mail update for our 'Mission Partner of the Month' please send your email address to the office, office@st.tees.org.uk

If you have recently come to St Thomas's, we'd like to welcome you & get to know you. Please fill this information in, & hand it in at the Welcome desk

Name <small>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Other)</small>	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	
Children <small>(include DOB)</small>	
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?	

Which service have you come to? 9am
 11am 7pm

Please could you indicate your age group.
 Under 20
 20-30
 30-50
 Over 50

Please tick if you **DON'T** wish your information to be held on our database

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