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Worshipping God together and at home, we serve and proclaim Jesus wherever we are.

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## St.tees bulletin

# Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009

### Sermons for August

#### August 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:30 am Holy Communion. Matthew 9: v 18-29. *Your faith has made you well*

6:15 pm Service of the Word. Haggai 1 & 2. *A call to rebuild*

#### August 30<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am All-Age Service of the Word. Matthew 9: v 27-38. *Pray for labourers in the harvest*

6:15 pm Holy Communion. Micah 1: v 1-2: v13

8:15 pm *After Hours. Pick a Parable* night

**After Hours** for 6<sup>th</sup> form age students and those in their 20s (also Year 11 students) meet in the downstairs centre 8:15 pm Sundays. **Please note:** After Hours will meet alternate Sundays during the summer. Pick up details from the welcome desk.

## NOTICE BOARD

### TENT MISSION IN MORECAMBE Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

This Mission has, with very short notice, been arranged by Morecambe Christian Fellowship and others. Details on [www.togethernet.org.uk](http://www.togethernet.org.uk). You can offer to help and, in particular, pray. Speakers include John Gaughan (a member of 'Hermans Hermits' in the 1960s and song writer for the 'Drifters' - he turned to alcohol and eventually found Christ and was set free from his addictions); Davey Falcus and Dougie March, who both escaped tragic circumstances through finding Christ. Please pray that the people of Morecambe find Jesus Christ.

Peter Guinness

### STUDENT HOSPITALITY (HOSTS)

We are running a Student Hospitality Scheme again this autumn for new students who will be arriving in the area for the first time. We are therefore looking for hosts to help with the scheme ... being a host provides a great opportunity to get to know students and to have them round for a meal now and again; they really appreciate spending time in a home environment away from campus. If you would like to be involved in this, please fill in a form from the welcome desk. **If you are an existing host**, your student(s) have left and you would like someone to take their place, please also fill in a form on the welcome desk.

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

During the present scare with Swine Flu and the restrictions we have had to impose on the serving of Holy Communion, whilst we have prepared a new rota from 13<sup>th</sup> September, it will not be issued until the situation has been clarified.

In the meantime, Holy Communion will be served by two people, usually Clergy, or someone on the rota who is asked to help on the day. For anyone concerned, the wafers are handled only by those serving and only after they have cleaned their hands with an alcohol based, quick drying, anti-bacterial hand gel of the type used in hospitals.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

We rejoice with Dave & Rosie France on the safe arrival of Arianna, born 18<sup>th</sup> August and weighing 7 lb 13 oz. Sister for Harvey.

### **CATHLEEN DAWSON**

Is to be licensed as a Lay Reader on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**, 3:30 pm at St Peter's Church, Burnley. A limited number of friends and supporters are allowed to attend. Anybody interested in attending should contact Cathleen on (01524) 67748. Directions to the church are available.

### **STUDENT & YOUNG ADULTS' PASTORAL ASSISTANT**

Naomi Shrine, who graduated from Lancaster University this year, will be doing a year-long internship at St Thomas's starting **5<sup>th</sup> September 2009**. This position is entirely voluntary and her work will specifically be focused on students and young adults.

### **WELCOME TEAM**

The work of the Welcome Team at St Thomas's is an invaluable part of the pastoral work of the church and we are always on the lookout for new members to join the team. If you feel you would like to be involved, do have a word with Alan Jones or contact the Church Office.

**FLU FRIEND** The Diocese is offering a 'Flu Friend Scheme' and would like St Thomas's to be involved. If anyone is interested please contact the church office for more details.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

With the Creche rota? We need some more people to care for our one year olds during the morning service. If you could help out once a month or so, please contact Sarah (01524) 590410 or [sarah@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:sarah@st.tees.org.uk).

We still need more people to join the **Junior Church teams** to work with our 2 - 11 year olds for the first hour of the morning service. Please pray for the right people to come forward, and get in touch with Sarah to find out more.

### **EDWARD STREET HOMELESS ACTION GROUP**

are organising a 'Sponsored Sleep Out' on the steps of the Town Hall on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August** from 8:00 pm - 7:00 am. This is not only to raise funds for the charity but also to raise awareness of the needs of the homeless in our city. Perhaps you could join us for the night, but if you want to raise sponsors you must obtain an original form from the Edward Street Centre or see Joan Robinson (01524 69303).

## **EVENTS COMING UP**

### **EXTRA TIME**

begins again following the summer break on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. Pick up a copy of the Autumn/Winter programme from the welcome desk.

### **AUTUMN LEAVE - A Season in France (Michele Guinness)**

Fabulous wines and cheeses; croissants and crêpes. No wonder France is one of the Brits' favourite holiday destinations. Living there is a very different matter. When Peter and Shell acquired a house in France, just in time for a three-month sabbatical, she kept a diary of the problems and pitfalls, the hilarities and heartaches of adapting to the French way of life ... not to mention the spiritual heart-searching brought on by the thought of retiring there. Come and indulge those favourite French tastes of yours and let Shell take you on a fantasy journey through her new book. **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** 7:30 pm in the downstairs centre. Tickets £5.00 on sale now - either from the Church Office or the Christian Book Centre.

**PARENTING COURSE begins Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** and will run for

eight Wednesday evenings. Please be thinking about who you could invite to come along - they don't need to have church connections. Further details shortly...  
...**Calling all babysitters!** We would love to offer free babysitting to enable parents to come. If you would be able to babysit for a family for the duration of the course, please contact Sarah (01524) 590418 or [sarah@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:sarah@st.tees.org.uk) for more details.

**ALPHA COURSE** begins on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** in the downstairs centre. Further details and invitations will be available shortly.

### **GROWING LEADERS COURSE**

Leadership is a proven factor in growing, healthy churches yet so many struggle to find leaders. We need to grow more leaders - more people to take on leadership roles and responsibilities within our own and local congregations. We need more growing leaders - leaders who are growing and developing themselves, will tend to grow others into leadership.

The "**Growing Leaders Course**" is a practical resource from CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society). Over a year, provisionally booked to start at St Thomas's in January 2010 and led by Rev Sam Corley, it has a unique mix of teaching, mentoring and practical application which focuses on leadership routed in Christ, deepening commitment to long term service and essential skills for the task.

Numbers will be limited therefore all who apply may not be accepted. If you're interested please contact the Church Office.

## **REMINDERS**

### **WEEKLY FOOTBALL**

Sundays 8:15 pm onwards (**Note the revised time**) at the University of Cumbria Sports Centre. All welcome. For more information contact Richard Hawksby (01524) 64687.

### **If you're in your 20s & 30s**

and would like to get together after the 6:15 pm service, we will be meeting in the pub across the road from church each Sunday evening. Speak to Claire Rankin - 07946 813 646 or Lucy Bennett for further details.

### **PRAYER MINISTRY**

is available following each service. Look out for those wearing a yellow badge - they will be happy to pray with you.

### **PRAYER ROOM**

In St Thomas's Centre is open during office hours for any who would like to set aside some time and take the opportunity to pray for yourself, others, various situations and for healing, in a quiet space away from every day hustle and bustle. Check with the Church Office that the room is free at the time you would like to 'book in'.

**PRAYER CHAIN** There is a prayer chain available which you can link into should you require prayer, whether for yourself or a particular situation. All information will be treated with strict confidence and will not be shared with anyone outside the prayer chain members. Ring (01524) 823198.

# EVENTS / INFORMATION ELSEWHERE

## GOING FOR GROWTH CONFERENCES

For all Clergy and lay church leaders. Choice of dates - either **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** or **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November** at St Michael's Church Preston. Conference themes: Priorities for growth. Review of the first five years of MAP (Mission Action Plan) and looking ahead to the future. Speakers Robert Warren and John Holmes. To book places and receive conference information packs contact Canon Mike Chew: [chew.mike@gmail.com](mailto:chew.mike@gmail.com). Tel 07801 888 955.

## RAISING THE PROFILE OF AND COMMUNICATING WITH DEAF PEOPLE

is the title of a day which is open to Clergy, Readers and other Lay leaders. **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, with Sheron Hall and Christine Pawson. The day is designed to help clergy and lay leaders be more aware of both the needs and the contribution of deaf people in the church community and wider world. Training will be given. See notice board for details.

**Both the above are arranged by Blackburn Diocese**

## HEART CRY CONFERENCE

An opportunity to gather with people from the local area and from around the UK to worship Jesus and to discover even more of the Father's heart for his church and his world. **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at Christians Alive, White Cross, Lancaster. Pick up a leaflet from the welcome desk

## IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL

Canon Julian Frost has planned a pilgrimage to Turkey in 2010 (21<sup>st</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> May). Beginning in Ankara, travelling through Cappadocia - a fascinating region with homes and churches carved out of the soft rock. Towns associated with St Paul will be visited: Tarsus, Antioch, Iconium and Perga. Also exploring some magnificent Greek, Roman and Byzantine remains along the southern coast. For more information and brochures contact Canon Frost (01524) 841967. [julian@canonfrost.plus.com](mailto:julian@canonfrost.plus.com).

### REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	23 Aug	10:30am	Roger & Margaret Oliver's house group
		6:15pm	David & Cathleen Dawson's house group
Sunday	30 Aug	10:30am	Slyne house group
		6:15pm	Harry & Iona Price's house group

For general information & further details about St Thomas's activities, do visit our website [www.st.tees.org.uk](http://www.st.tees.org.uk)

Office hours: usually 9:00am to 3:00pm Mon - Fri

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## WELCOME.

If you have recently come to St Thomas's, or even if you've been coming for a while, we would like to welcome you and get to know you better. Please fill in this tear-off slip and hand it in at the Welcome Desk or put it in the church letter box in the St Thomas Centre behind the church (The letterbox is at the top of the concrete external stairs).

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