
St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

St.tees bulletin

Sunday 13th September 2009

TODAY

JUNIOR CHURCH begins again **today**

There are lots of changes as to where the Junior Church groups meet this term, so that children of the same ages are meeting in the same buildings!

- **Baarnabas** for school years 4 - 6 meet in the downstairs centre
- **Cool Camels** for school years 2 - 3 now meet in the up upstairs lounge
- **Freckled Frogs** for school years R - 1 meet in pre-school
- **Buzzy Bees** for 3 and 4 year olds meet in pre-school
- **Ladybirds** for 1 and 2 year olds meet in pre-school. This year we are merging the crèche group with the 2 year olds to form a new group. There will be lots of toys for the children to play with and they can choose to join in with stories, singing and a simple craft activity if they want to.
- **Encounter starts today Sunday 13th September** 10:15 am - 12:00 noon, University of Cumbria Chapel, for those in School Years 7 - 11 (those in years 12 & 13 are still welcome to join us until further notice)

There will be no Encounter on Sunday 20th September because of the arrival of Freshers at the University of Cumbria. Please attend the main church service this week.

Sermons for September

September 13th

10:30 am Holy Communion "**Teaching**" - Jesus the teacher for discipleship. Mark 1:v21-45 & Acts 1:v1-11.

6:15 pm Service of the Word Micah 6:v1-7:v20 "**Restoration**"

September 20th

10:30 am Service of the Word and Infant Baptism "**Life**" - Jesus the life-giver. Matthew 16:v24-26a & John 10:v1-15.

6:15 pm Holy Communion "**Marriage**" - the Bible and Contemporary Society. Genesis 2:v18-25 & 1 Corinthians 7:v1-16.

An opportunity to renew marriage vows and consider issues about marriage and today's culture

September 27th

10:30 am Holy Communion "**Healing**" - Jesus the healer Luke 4:v31-44

6:15 pm Service of the Word "**Healing and Prayer**" James 5:v13-20 and 2 Cor. 12:v7-10 & Psalm 103.

After Hours for 6th form age students and those in their 20s (also Year 11 students) meet in the downstairs centre 8:15 pm Sundays. Pick up details from the welcome desk.

Children & Young People

We still really need some more people to help with Junior Church. Is God calling you to work with our children? You would be joining an experienced team and wouldn't necessarily need to commit to being there every week.

- Would you enjoy playing with toddlers and chatting with their parents? Join the Ladybirds rota.
- Can you join the Baarnabas team working with 8 - 11 year olds? We have a great bunch of children, but so many that it's really hard to have a proper conversation with everyone. We need more leaders who love God and like children!
- Do you like hot chocolate and cakes? Can you join our Year 6 children from 11:10 - 11:30 am each week while they eat, drink and are led in discussions by one of the Baarnabas team? We can only take them out for this special group time if there are two leaders to go with them.

Please contact Sarah: sarah@st.tees.org.uk (01524) 590410 if you can help in any way or would like to know more.

YOUTH GROUPS beginning in September

- **Rock Solid** starts back **Monday 14th September** 7:03 - 8:32 pm for those in School Years 7 - 9, downstairs centre lounge. 50p subs.
- **Reson8** starts back **Thursday 17th September** 7:30 - 9:00 pm for those in School Years 10 - 13, downstairs centre lounge (until further notice)
- **Fuel** **Friday 11th September** 8:00 - 10:00 pm upstairs centre lounge. For those in School Years 10 - 13

NOTICE BOARD

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.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE GROUP We are hoping to start a new group for church people and their friends - focused on dance. The group is for anyone aged 12 and upwards (no maximum age limit!) and no dance experience is needed. You will be able to take part in contemporary dance (led by an experienced dancer) and encouraged to use your creative skills whilst having fun, keeping fit and making new friends. Before the group gets underway we need an idea of who might be interested and free to come along on Tuesday evenings. For more information contact Jess Walmsley, Diane Armstrong or Debbie Lemmon (01524) 34007. debbielem@hotmail.com.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT needed at service on Sundays to operate the sound desk and computer. This would not be every Sunday!! but if you're interested in being on a rota please contact Martin Walmsley (01524) 590410 or martin@st.tees.org.uk.

BOOK GROUP meets **Wednesday 23rd September** 7:30 for 8:00 pm at Brunton Close Lancaster, when they will be looking at Manda Scott's *Hen's Teeth*. Further details from Gill Wildon (01524) 39583.

PRAYER MINISTRY

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

EVENTS COMING UP

ALPHA BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday evenings from 30th September 7:15 pm in the downstairs centre lounge (with an away day on Saturday 14th November). The course provides an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening, low key and friendly atmosphere. Each session begins with a meal.

How can you be involved?

Cooking for Alpha? If any house group would like to cater (as you have done so wonderfully in the past!) please set aside one Wednesday evening between 30th September - 9th December and sign the sheet on the welcome desk.

Pray Prayer will be happening at the time the course is being held.

Invitations are available on the welcome desk. Please use them to invite someone to come along.

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 22nd 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 30th September and will run for eight Wednesday evenings. Leaflets are now available on the welcome desk; please think about who you can invite. Sign up on the welcome desk if you can make cake and contact Sarah on (01524) 590410 or sarah@st.tees.org.uk if you can babysit!!

Treasure Challenge Extravaganza aka Tabernacles Church Family Party

Do you love to party?
Could you enjoy a sumptuous supper and delicious dessert?
Can you use your brain and creative skills whilst having lots of fun?

If the answer to the above is 'yes' then you need to know the following information:

When? Friday 2nd October 7:00 pm
Where? St Thomas's Church Lancaster
How much? £3.00 adults, 50p secondary school age, primary and under free.

Tickets available at the sound desk, along with a signup sheet for bringing food (if you sign up to bring food your ticket will then be free).

Please bring a photograph of yourself as a baby to the evening, but show no one else!!!!

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. Dates of the course are on the notice board in the church lounge. If you're interested please contact the Church Office.

EVENTS / INFORMATION ELSEWHERE

LANCASTER CHURCHES TOGETHER Annual General Meeting **Monday 14th September** at Lancaster Priory 7:15 for 7:30 pm start. Bring & Share supper. All welcome.

DEFENDING LIFE & LIBERTY meeting organised by Christian Institute, either in Ulverston (**Saturday 26th September**) or Carlisle (**Thursday 1st October**). Christian Institute staff members will speak about concerns facing Christians today, such as: Religious Liberty, Free Speech and The Sanctity of Life. Details on welcome desk.

CLIMATE JUSTICE - 3rd October 2009 Meet 11:30 am Morecambe Promenade (opposite the Town Hall). Join Geraldine Smith MP, Mr & Mrs Noah, plus award-winning TV documentary maker Mark Dowd (of Operation Noah) to show your concern about climate change to policy makers. 12:30 pm walk to Christ Church (United Reformed) Broadway, Tea & coffee will be available and a service will be led by Rev Mike Peatman. Full details see notice board.

YFRIDAY will be performing on **Friday 9th October** 7:30 pm in the Coronation Hall, Ulverston. Details on welcome desk/notice board.

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 31st October and Sunday 1st November** at Christians Alive, White Cross, Lancaster. Pick up a leaflet from the welcome desk

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	13 Sep	10:30am	Judy Dyer's house group
		6:15pm	Richard & Doreen Silman's house group
Sunday	20 Sep	10:30am	Ariel Hubber / Jayne Thwaites' house group
		6:15pm	Roger & Margaret Oliver's house group

For general information & further details about St Thomas's activities, do visit our website 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).

First name	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>	Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/...	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>			If a student tick box	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Code	<input type="text"/>	Tel No	<input type="text"/>	age ? 20+, 30+, 40+, 50+	<input type="text"/>
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I would like more information about....			I am interested in house groups <input type="checkbox"/>		

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