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# St.tees bulletin

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009

### TODAY

**SPECIAL WELCOME** today to the family and friends of Libby Georgia Norgate, who is to be baptised during our morning service.

### Sermons for September

#### September 20<sup>th</sup>

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 27<sup>th</sup>

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 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. Pick up details from the welcome desk.

### THIS WEEK

**PCC MEETING** tomorrow, **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**, 7:30 pm in church.

**EXTRA TIME** 'Membership' of Extra Time is deliberately flexible and open. Extra Time exists for the benefit of, and to provide Christian fellowship for, the retired age group. Anyone who wants to belong may do so and if there are those who are only able to dip in and out on an irregular basis, they are still most welcome. Some may feel that one of the occasions when they might particularly want to be there is on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** (10:15 am for a 10:30 am in the church centre) when the speaker will be Bishop Geoff Pearson, Bishop of Lancaster. The subject, which Bishop Geoff chose himself, is to be 'Nothing to fear from an ageing society'.

**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. If you haven't already done so, do get your tickets today! £5.00.

**BOOK GROUP** meets **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FUN DAY Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** starting at 12:00 noon, with many local groups being represented. For full details see notice board.

## Children & Young People

We still really need some more people to help with our children's work. 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 **Barnabas** 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 Barnabas team? We can only take them out for this special group time if there are two leaders to go with them.

Would you enjoy playing games, eating sweets and spending time with 8 - 11 year olds? **Fusion** meets on Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm and needs more leaders!!

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

## NOTICE BOARD

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### 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.

**JUST ARRIVED AT UNIVERSITY?** If you're new to St Thomas's we'd love to welcome you by introducing you to the **Student Hospitality Scheme**. It's very simple: you let us have your details by signing up and we pass them on to a member or family within the church who will then invite you (or you and a friend) for cups of tea and cake or meals, and are generally very hospitable towards you! Details and signing up forms are on the welcome desk, or contact Naomi Shrine [naomi@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:naomi@st.tees.org.uk)

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:martin@st.tees.org.uk).

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> September** 7:15 pm in the downstairs centre lounge (with an away day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> September - 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PARENTING COURSE begins Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> September**) or Carlisle (**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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

#### REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	20 Sep	10:30am	Ariel Hubbert / Jayne Thwaites' house group
		6:15pm	Roger & Margaret Oliver's house group
Sunday	27 Sep	10:30am	Mike & Kirstin Wong's house group
		6:15pm	Peter & Myrtle Morgan'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)

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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"/>
		e-mail	<input type="text"/>		
I would like more information about....			I am interested in house groups <input type="checkbox"/>		

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