
St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

St.tees bulletin

Sunday 27th September 2009

TODAY

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. Tonight's topic: 'God's Big Picture'. Next Sunday - 4th October 'Introduction to the Bible'

Compassion International - child sponsorship opportunity

Brian & Joan Robinson have recently returned from the Philippines, where their Davao City Foursquare Gospel Church runs an excellent child support programme for 300 poor children from the local community. The children receive support with schooling costs, medical care, some food, regular bible teaching and support for their family. Lots of the parents have become Christians and around 200 attend an extra service on Saturday mornings. Now the church is taking on another 64 children ranging from three to four years old and it would be good if you would consider sponsoring one of them at a cost of £21 per month through Compassion International. For a leaflet with more details on how to change a life forever contact Rob & Suzie Shearsby on (01524) 64831 - suzie@therelaxationquarter.co.uk. Or Brian & Joan Robinson (01524) 69303 - brian.robinson.davao@gmail.com

THIS WEEK

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Tuesday 29th September at Christ Church Lancaster. 7:30 pm Deanery Synod Open Meeting. A debate on water drainage charges proposed by United Utilities and the effect it will have on voluntary groups, eg churches, scouts huts etc. In attendance will be United Utilities representatives, local MPs, architects and surveyors. This is a most important topic which involves large increases in charges for many groups. Please support the meeting if you can.

CRAFT AID ANNUAL PREVIEW EVENING Tuesday 29th September 7:30 pm downstairs centre lounge. Please come and join us to see fabulous new crafts from Tearcraft and Traidcraft; enjoy scrumptious refreshments and bag a bargain as we clear out the old to bring in the new. Brian and Joan Robinson will be talking about their time in the Philippines. No need to book, just come along, bring your friends and have a fabulous evening. We're also already taking bookings for Craft Aid Christmas events, so check with your house group and then email c.howorth@lancaster.ac.uk or telephone Craft Aid on (01524) 590419.

ALPHA BEGINS 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. 7:30 pm in the upstairs centre prayer room.

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

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!!!!

WOMEN'S GROUP meets for coffee at The Sultan, Brock Street, Lancaster, 11:00 am **Saturday 3rd October**. All welcome.

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 **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.

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 (01524) 590410 if you can help in any way or would like to know more.

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.

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

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.

FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL For the latest newsletter, information and dates for various groups linked with international students, pick up information from the welcome desk.

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

WENDY'S CRAFT WORKSHOP Saturday 10th October 9:30 am - 3:30 pm in the downstairs centre. An energetic day using Merino wool and muscle power to form your own choice of felted item - pictures, beads and vessels. Cost £25.00. Contact Wendy Moore on (01524) 61586 or 07817 754 095.

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 rooted 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

BIBLE SOCIETY Coffee Morning **Saturday 3rd October** 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Baptist Schoolroom, Lancaster. There will be a Bring & Buy. Proceeds for Bible Society. All welcome.

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.

LAKES GOSPEL CHOIR are appearing in concert at Brookhouse Methodist Church on **Saturday 10th October** at 7:30 pm. The choir was set up in 2003 and is based in Windermere. Presently it is over 100 strong and models itself on the New York's Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Tickets are £5 for adults, £2 for children and are going quickly. They are available from Dave or Meriel Cumming (Dave and his daughter Diane are members of the choir). See notice board for further details.

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	27 Sep	10:30am	Mike & Kirstin Wong's house group
		6:15pm	Peter & Myrtle Morgan's house group
Sunday	4 Oct	10:30am	Roger & Margaret Oliver's house group
		6:15pm	Richard & Ingrid Eglese'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).

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