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## St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

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# St.tees bulletin Tabernacles Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### October 4<sup>th</sup>

9:15 am Holy Communion (said), downstairs centre.

10:30 am All-Age Tabernacle Celebration

6:15 pm Service of the Word **The Spirit, ie the water** John 7:v25-52

### October 11<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Holy Communion **A Gracious Community** (1) 1 Corinthians 1:v26 - 2:v5 & 12:v4-31.  
Diversity, variety and Spirit filled

6:15 pm Service of the Word **A Gracious Community** (2) 1 Corinthians 8:v1-13.  
Accepting new members in their cultural context

### October 18<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Service of the Word **A Gracious Community** (3) 1 Corinthians 2:v1-end and Acts 18:v1-21.

Learning and growth in an empowered community

6:15 pm Holy Communion **Identity: Who am I?** John 4:v1-42, with invited guest, Sam Corley, preaching.

### October 25<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Holy Communion Revelation 7. With guest speaker Rev Dr Ian Paul, Dean of Studies at St John's College Nottingham, who also teaches New Testament and hermeneutics and whose expertise is speaking on the Book of Revelation.

6:15 pm Service of the Word **Purpose: Why am I here?** Luke 15:v11-32

**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. Tonight's topic: 'Introduction to the Bible'

## THIS WEEK

**EXTRA TIME Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** 10:15 am for coffee prior to a 10:30 am start. Speaker and musician Edward Lawton will present 'The Oboeist Entertains'. All welcome.

**CHILDREN'S & YOUTH PRAYER MEETING Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** 7:30 pm in the upstairs centre.

**NISCU** Come along on Tuesday morning, **6<sup>th</sup> October** to find out news and pray for the North Lancs team and others working in schools. 11:00 am coffee, 11:30 am prayer, 12:00 noon light lunch. Venue: Inglewood, Aldcliffe, Lancaster. NISCU newsletters available on the welcome desk.

**ALPHA began last Wednesday** but it's not too late to come along: 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.



**Many thanks** to the house groups that have signed up to cater for Alpha - your contribution is invaluable! There are still some spaces on the list to fill. If your house group can offer one evening during the course, that would be so helpful. Please 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.

**PARENTING COURSE began last week.** If you couldn't make it last week and would still like to join the group, come along on **Wednesday evening** 8:00 pm in church. 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!!

## 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.

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

**SPORTS UPDATE** Last week you had a chance to write your name and contact details on a sheet at the front of church listing different sports. 62 people have responded so far! If you have not had a chance to write your name and want to, please go to the welcome desk and add your name to the sheet there. Also, if you wrote your name, but no contact details, we cannot follow you up. Please add this information. If you wish, we can access information through the church database, but we need your permission!

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**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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**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).

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

**LOST PROPERTY** will be in the church lounge today for collection. Any uncollected items will be donated to The Ark or charity! (Lost property usually lives in room one in the downstairs centre by the window).

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** 11:00 am in the church lounge. Shared lunch. If you've ever fancied having a go at flower arranging, come to the workshop. All flowers and greenery will be provided.

**UN CLIMATE TALKS** in Copenhagen 7<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December 09 could be our last chance to secure a global agreement to reduce emissions and build a zero carbon economy before our planet's climate system destabilizes irreversibly. A march has been arranged in London on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. A block booking of train seats has been organised. Cost £33.00 leaving Lancaster at 7:30 am. If you're interested in going contact Margaret on (01524) 383081 or email lfjc@talktalk.net

### **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.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October** Rev Dr Ian Paul, Dean of Studies at St John's College Nottingham, who also teaches New Testament and hermeneutics and whose expertise is speaking on the Book of Revelation, will be preaching at our 10:30 am Service.



- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**      **Light Explosion party** for young people (details shortly)
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**      **Joiners' Tea** - for those relatively new to the church and others who would like to know more about what goes on at St T's.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**      **Open Meeting** for church members
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**      Keith Tondeur will be our guest speaker at both services.

## EVENTS / INFORMATION ELSEWHERE

**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.

**LAKES GOSPEL CHOIR** are appearing in concert at Brookhouse Methodist Church on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HUNGRY FOR CHANGE** An evening arranged by Lancaster Churches Together - One World Week Service. **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** 7:30 pm at St Martin's Chapel, University of Cumbria. Speaker Rev Canon Herrick Daniel. All welcome.

### 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

**FOR NEWS FROM BRIDGET** - our link missionary working in Tanzania, pick up a copy of her latest letter from the welcome desk.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM			
Today	4 Oct	10:30am	Roger & Margaret Oliver's house group
		6:15pm	Richard & Ingrid Eglese's house group
Sunday	11 Oct	10:30am	Meg Eagles/Carys Atkinson's group
		6:15pm	

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
Post Code	<input type="text"/>	Tel No	<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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