
St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

St.tees bulletin

Sunday 25th October 2009

TODAY

JUNIOR CHURCH Freckled Frogs, Cool Camels and Baarnabas will be meeting altogether. Please drop off and collect your children from the downstairs lounge. Ladybirds and Buzzy Bees will be meeting in their normal rooms.

WELCOME TODAY to 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. He will be preaching at our 10:30 am Service.

10:30 am Holy Communion

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

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. This term After Hours is based on a book called 'God's Big Picture' by Vaughn Roberts. Tonight's subject is 'Promised kingdom'.

THIS WEEK

PRAYER FOR ALPHA

Prayer will be happening at the time the course is being held. **Wednesday evenings** 7:30 pm in the upstairs centre prayer room.

COOKING FOR ALPHA

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. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ meets on **Saturday 31st October** for an Alternative Halloween evening. 7:30 pm in the downstairs centre. All overseas students and families 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 31st October and Sunday 1st November** at Christians Alive, White Cross, Lancaster. Pick up a leaflet from the welcome desk.

LIGHT EXPLOSION 2009

SHINE!

Our Alternative Halloween Party for primary school children (Yr R-6) is on **Saturday 31st October** 4:00 - 6:30 pm. Children in years 4 - 6 are also invited to stay until 8:30 pm to watch a film.

Forms are on the welcome desk and must be returned by **tomorrow, Monday 26th October** at the latest

Christmas Choir and Musicians

Christmas will be with us very soon. Would you be interested in being involved even if you're not normally part of the regular Sunday worship team? I would like volunteers for:

A Choir - sight reading music will help greatly, but is not essential
Musicians of brass or woodwind.

If you're interested in either and available Christmas Eve, see Martin Walmsley or contact the Church Office. Keep an eye out for rehearsal dates.

NOTICE BOARD

SIMON & LAURA WALTON & FAMILY are our Link Missionaries working with the Church Mission Society. They have worked in Tanzania for many years and are currently in the UK for a few more months. In 2010 they will be returning to a different location - Dar Es Salaam - where Simon will be involved in a developmental role linked with The Buguruni Health Centre. This will entail an increase in their CMS expenditure budget, due to it being a new city location and the fact that the girls, Grace and Esther, will now need to be in full time education. As a church we support the Walton family, but there may be members who might like to provide individual support. If this is so, please check the welcome desk for information on how to do this. The forms also include prayer information.

RECENTLY 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

NISCU - invest in the future. We are employing Debbie Green and Ali Lamb so that more young people can come to know God. We don't have enough funds to do this. We invite you to partner with us as a regular donor. Sacrificial giving is a wise investment. We need an additional £10k per year for these posts. If five people put off their new cars for two years, it's sorted. If God has blessed you, then increase your joy by filling out a gift aid form (available on the welcome desk) and make our day!! Thanks! Andy Plowman.

WEEKLY FOOTBALL Sundays 9:00 - 10:00 pm at the University of Cumbria Sports Centre on the astroturf. All welcome. For more information contact Phil on 07900 037 590.

THE IMAGE OF THE UNSEEN GOD is a new publication for the churches' Year of the Child 2009 by Hermione Roff of the Priory congregation - the profits going to the Children's Society. See notice board for further details. If you wish to order a copy, forms are on the welcome desk.

WOMEN'S GROUP meets for coffee **Saturday 7th November** 11:00 am at The Sultan, Brock Street, Lancaster. All welcome.

URGENTLY WANTED Female personal assistant/carer to assist wheelchair bound lady in Lancaster. Duties to include both personal and domestic care. Part-time hours (permanent & maternity cover), weekday, evening and weekend shifts available. Competitive rates of pay. No experience necessary. For further information please contact Wendy Lidster (07967 706 077).

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

UN CLIMATE TALKS in Copenhagen 7th - 18th 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 5th 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

EVENTS COMING UP

OPEN MEETING for church members **Tuesday 3rd November** 7:30 pm in church. An opportunity to get together and to share and pray in the light of Peter and Shell's move in the New Year.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE GROUP Tuesday 17th November 8:00 pm in the downstairs centre. Just turn up! A new group that is focused on dance for people from church and their friends. It will be a group in which you will be able to take part in contemporary dance (led by an experienced dancer) and encouraged to use your creative skills while having fun, keeping fit and making new friends. The group is for anyone age 12 and upwards (no maximum age limit!) and no previous dance experience is needed. The dates for December are: **8th December and 15th December**. If you are interested in joining this group or would like some more information please contact either Jess Walmsley, Diane Armstrong or Debbie Lemmon (01524) 34007; debbielem@hotmail.com.

JOINERS' TEA Sunday 8th November
for those relatively new to the church
and others who would like to know more
about what goes on at St T's.
Pick up a flier from the welcome desk.

WENDY'S CRAFT WORKSHOP Tuesday 10th November (evening) 7:00 - 11:00 pm. A NEW workshop where you can make Hearts and Flowers, Crosses and Stars. Hand-cut shapes (fabric-covered if you like) ready for you to decorate. Please order in advance. Cost £20.00. Further details from Wendy Moore (01524) 61586 or 07817 754 095.

PRAYER CONCERT The next Prayer Concert will be on **Friday 13th November** (please note change of date) and will be held here at St Thomas'. Details from Pat Jarratt or pick up a flyer from the welcome desk.

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY BRASS BAND CONCERT in church on **Saturday 21st November** at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available from the Church Office during the week or Dave Cumming on Sundays, priced £5.00 for adults, £3.00 concessions.

STOP PRESS!!

27th November 2009 8:00 - 11:00 pm
Live local band - LAVA (<http://www.lavamusic.co.uk/index.html>)
Qualified salsa teacher.
Beer, wine and soft drinks on sale
£5.00 a ticket.
Further details and notices to follow - any questions speak to Dunx & Jess

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

THE LANCASTER UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY CENTRE is 40 years old this term. To celebrate, a series of talks (30 mins each) have been arranged on Thursday lunch times at 1:00 pm. See notice board for details.

CREATIVITY AND FREEDOM is the title of a discussion day on science, art and faith in Darwin's bicentenary year. **Saturday 14th November** at Blackburn Cathedral. See notice board for details.

About Theatre presents **GODSPELL** at Lancaster Grand Theatre **November 19th - 21st** at 7:30 pm. Tickets £10.00 (proceeds to the Rosemere Cancer Foundation). Further details on notice board.

KINGDOM TRAINING DAYS arranged by New Wine - for all church leaders wanting to press into God, connect with other leaders and find space for leadership-focused teaching and prayer ministry. Details on the notice board. The nearest venue is at All Saints' Marple, Stockport on **23rd November** hosted by Ian & Nadine Parkinson.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	25 Oct	10:30am	David & Cathleen Dawson's house group
		6:15pm	Slyne house group
Sunday	1 Nov	10:30am	Richard & Doreen Silman's 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

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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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