
St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

St.tees bulletin 22nd November 2009

TODAY

Special welcome to Keith & Sue Tondeur. Keith will be speaking at both our 10:30 am and 6:15 pm services today.



10:30 am **Holy Communion**

At 2:00 pm Baby Loss Service in church (non-denominational)
All families bereaved of a baby are warmly invited to attend

6:15 pm **Service of the Word**

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 'Proclaimed Kingdom'.

November 29th

10:30 am **Service of the Word** The Lord of heaven is to come redeem communities. Isaiah 2:v1-5, Zechariah 9:v9-end

6:15 pm **Holy Communion** Come to the Table. This service will provide time and space to explore some of the different aspects of Communion liturgy and think about what they really mean to us today.

We are planning on inviting some of our older Encounter teens (who will be joining us permanently in main church services from September) to the 6:15 pm service on 29th November. Anne Gager and others will be serving a meal for them beforehand from 5:00 pm in the downstairs centre and then they will join us for the service. Do make them feel welcome as we encourage them back into main church services.

THIS WEEK

BIBLE STUDY on Mondays for those aged 16 - 30 ish. A chance to delve a little deeper into the sermon series on Community and 1 Corinthians, and what it is saying to today's society. Opportunity to discuss together how to live lives that glorify God. Bring your questions/views and explore what God has called us to be as His church and live it out practically. 7:00 - 9:00 pm . It would be great to read the chapters beforehand and come with questions and thoughts on the passage. For tomorrow the passage is on chapters 5 & 6; Nov 30th chapters 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11! Dec 7th chapters 12, 14, 15 & 16!



WENDY'S CRAFT WORKSHOPS The next session is on **Tuesday 24th November** 7:00 - 11:00 pm in the downstairs centre. The evening is on the theme of **Fairies, Angels & Mermaids**. An opportunity in time for Christmas to create a fabulous original from a huge range of inspiring fabrics and flowers. Cost £20.00. Contact Wendy Moore (01524) 61586 or 07817 754 095.

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.

BOOK GROUP meets on **Thursday 26th November** 7:30 for 8:00 pm at Brunton Close Lancaster. Looking at 'Future Home Makers of America' by Laurie Graham. Further details from Gill Wildon (01524) 39584.

SALSA EVENING 27th November 8:00 - 11:00 pm in church. 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.

If anyone could help setting up for the evening or clearing away afterwards please contact Sarah: sarah@st.tees.org.uk or sign up at the welcome desk. Thank you.



INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ meets on **Saturday 28th November** 7:30 pm in the downstairs centre. Come and dance - Cha Cha Cha. All overseas students and families welcome.

EVENTS COMING UP

STUDENT LUNCH Sunday 6th December in the downstairs centre (behind the church) following the morning service. All students welcome.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE GROUP 8:00 pm in the downstairs centre. Just turn up! 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**. We would like to request that people make a donation of at least £3.00 for this class (if they are able to do so). There will be a money box on the table by the door for people to make their donations. More information from Jess Walmsley, Diane Armstrong or Debbie Lemmon (01524) 34007; debbielem@hotmail.com.



CHRISTMAS CREATIVE WRITING Explore your faith through creative writing and discover the writer within you. Two writing workshops are taking place in the church centre upstairs lounge during Advent, completely free of charge. **Saturdays 5th & 12th December**. Could you write a modern-day Christmas Carol? Book your place by emailing Nick Robinson on nick.robinson17@btinternet.com or ring 07889 294 102.

SPORTS AT ST.TEES Following on from the success of the weekly football group, we are keen to widen the Sports Ministry at St Tees. Ideas that have been suggested include *a running group, badminton and table tennis evenings, monthly cricket games, a series of rambles/hill walks, and even a water sports activity day!*

A Sports Lunch (bring and share) has been arranged for after the morning service on **Sunday 13th December**. Come and learn more about what may be happening in the New Year! Also, Martin Bateman will talk about his work with Sports ministry through Operation Mobilisation. *Book this in your diary if you would like to be involved with Sport at St Tees.* For now you can visit the church website: www.st.tees.org.uk for more information, or on Facebook 1.Search "@St.Tees". 2. Click on Groups, 3. Set Group Type to show 'Sports & Recreation'.
The Sports Team



PRAYER NIGHT "A Journey to Church" The church will be set out as a journey through the Old Testament to the gospels on to the epistles and forward to the church today. Along the journey there are some rest stops. Chance to pause, listen and wait on God. Come and dedicate some time to God in the midst of daily life. See how God's people have journeyed in various ways throughout the Bible and pray about what church can be and how you are part of it. Bring a notepad to jot down your prayerful ponderings during the evening of **Saturday 12th December**. Contact Naomi: naomi@st.tees.org.uk.

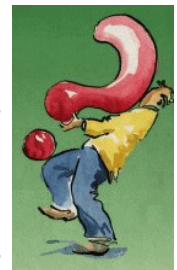
GROWING LEADERS COURSE

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.

STUDENT ALPHA is starting in January and prayer support would be great. Also, if people want to get involved in any way please get in touch with Naomi ... There's plenty to do. Contact Naomi: naomi@st.tees.org.uk.



ALPHA Have you always wanted to invite your neighbour or friend to an Alpha course, but they couldn't commit themselves to an evening Alpha? Do they live in the Morecambe area? Here's your chance: We will be running an Alpha course in Bare on Monday mornings, starting on **11th January**. If you or somebody you know is interested, please contact me here in church or give me a call on (01524) 406156 (Maja Möller). Our Alpha course is organised by different churches and will take place in a cosy living room atmosphere.

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.

Rehearsal dates: Fri 4th, Thur 10th, Fri 18th & Wed 23rd December.

NOTICE BOARD

SAMARITAN'S PURSE are now collecting filled shoeboxes to send to poor children in Eastern European countries. Pick up a leaflet from the welcome desk for information. You can leave filled boxes at the welcome desk next Sunday, or take them to the Christian Book Centre. These will be taken to the Warehouse at White Lund. Volunteers are always welcome at the Warehouse to check boxes and pack them into cartons reading for loading on delivery trucks. If you have any queries ring Joan Robinson on (01524) 69303.

WOMEN'S GROUP meet for coffee **Saturday 5th December** 11:00 am at The Sultan, Brock Street, Lancaster. All welcome.

SUNDAY BULLETIN If you have a notice for the Bulletin, please could information be sent to the Church Office by Wednesday. Please contact the office if you wish to display notices or leaflets. Thank you.

BLANKET DRIVE The Night Shelter urgently need blankets or warm waterproof winter clothes (hats, scarves, gloves, socks or coats for men and women) If you could donate any of these items please see Jess Walmsley.



CHRISTMAS AT THE ARK We would be most grateful for your annual contribution of socks, underwear, hats, gloves and scarves for our guests. We would like to request 'really girly' socks and briefs (size 8 - 10) for our young women. Men's pants size small and medium. (There are more men than women). Please leave in the box under the welcome desk. Thank you. NO TOILETRIES PLEASE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY There will be a party for Peter and Shell on **Saturday 9th January** and a 'farewell' on **Sunday 10th January** prior to their departure from Lancaster. Further details soon. Peter's Licencing Service will be on Thursday 25th February at St Mark's Gillingham.



NEW WINE CONFERENCES 2010 Application forms for the Newark Conference and for places on the team from 31st July to 6th August are now available on the welcome desk. You can of course book via the internet.

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.

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

EVENTS / INFORMATION ELSEWHERE

THE WAVE Come together to stop climate chaos. **London Saturday 5th December**. It will be a huge event with many different groups and it would be great to see the church there giving a lead. For full details see Tearfund's website: www.tearfund.org.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	22 Nov	10:30am	Mike & Kirstin Wong's house group
		6:15pm	Jane Guilfoyle's house group
Sunday	29 Nov	10:30am	Roger & Margaret Oliver's house group
		6:15pm	Slyne 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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