
St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

St.tees bulletin 20th December 2009

TODAY

Advent 4: *Jesus is coming again - hallelujah!*

God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:v9-11 ESV



December 20th

10:30 am
6:15 pm

All-Age Nativity

Carol Service with Holy Communion Advent Community waiting for his coming. Jesus came as a baby and is coming again as a glorious king. (Philippians 2: v 5-13)

Christmas Eve December 24th

5:00 pm

Carols by Candlelight

Jesus, Light of the nations.

The offering from this service will go

towards the support of Christ Church Night Shelter.



Christmas Day December 25th

10:30 am

December 27th

10:30 am

6:15 pm

All-Age Holy Communion Jesus the Saviour is born (Luke 2: v 1-20)

All-Age Holy Communion The angels were there: worshipping and announcing the good news. We are messengers too (Luke 2: v 8-18)

Service of the Word Living as a people of hope. (1 Peter 1:v 3-23)

Farewell Party

for Peter and Shell

5:00 pm Saturday 9th January

and a 'farewell' at both services on **Sunday 10th January** prior to their departure from Lancaster. (Peter will be speaking at both services that day). Please give the office a photograph of your family or friendship group (labelled on the back). Also, do you have photos of church events from the recent or distant past? Any financial contributions for a gift can be handed into the office or placed in the collection - clearly labelled please 'for Peter & Shell'.



Peter's Licencing Service will be on **Thursday 25th February** 7: 30 pm at St Mark's Gillingham.

CRAFT AID is open Tues 22nd & Wed 23rd December 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. We have lots of great gift ideas, giftwrap & Christmas decorations, all of which are from fair trade producers. Have a look at the gift catalogues from Created by Tearfund, which are at the back of church. If you can't make those times and need help to tick off your list of presents, we can open by appointment (see Carole or phone 01524 79364) Make a difference this Christmas and join us in helping to bring transformation and fresh hope to people living in poverty.

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

CHRISTMAS CARD As in previous years, rather than church folk sending individual Christmas card greetings to each other, there is one 'big card' in the church lounge. Write your greeting on the angels etc provided and pin to the notice board. Any money you have saved by not purchasing individual cards can be given to The Ark. Please put your donation in the envelopes provided, mark clearly and hand to a member of staff or place in the offering. **Do not leave money in the lounge area.**

LANCASTER & DISTRICT HOMELESS ACTION SERVICE LTD will be using our premises again this year over the Christmas period. There are various ways you can be involved. If you'd like to know more please see the notice board or contact Homeless Action direct on (01524) 842008.

Can you help?? We need to clear the downstairs centre **tomorrow, Monday 21st December** for the Christmas Shelter. If you are available to help please meet at the centre at 10:00 am. Thank you in anticipation!

CHURCH FLOWERS The list of people providing church flowers in 2010 is being prepared. Anyone wishing to fill one of the many vacant dates please contact Eleanor on (01524) 416967 or Hannah, or leave a message at the Church Office.

NEWS FROM KARAGWE, TANZANIA Pick up Bridget's Christmas Greetings letter from the welcome desk. Pray especially for two things:

- 1) a very clear call to the next phase of her ministry, whether abroad or in the UK.
 - 2) For God's power to break into what she feels is a battleground of spiritual warfare, particularly in her church.
- Thank you. Mission Support

EXCELLENT (CHRISTIAN) CLEANER available. Lives in Morecambe, but has own car and can travel. If you're interested contact Shell Guinness on 32134.

PLEASE NOTE

- There will be no Lunctime Service on Wednesday 30th December.
- The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year.
- There will be no 9:15 am said Holy Communion Service on Sunday 3rd January

Into the New Year with **Extra Time! Tuesday 5th January** in the church centre. 10:15 am for 10:30 am '**Danger on the Doorstep**'. As we face up to life's less pleasant realities, are we alert to, and prepared for, plausible conmen or potential burglars who may well call at our door? We are fortunate to have a visit from the Trading Standards Doorstep Crime Sketches Team.

| REFRESHMENTS TEAM | | | |
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| Today | 13 Dec | 10:30am | Richard & Ingrid Eglese's house group |
| | | 6:15pm | Brian & Pauline Davies' house group |
| Sunday | 20 Dec | 10:30am | Margaret & Roger 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

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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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| 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"/> | | |

