
St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

St.tees bulletin 10th January 2010



This is Peter and Shell's last Sunday with us - Peter will be preaching at both services today.

We will pray for them and 'send them out' with our love and prayers.

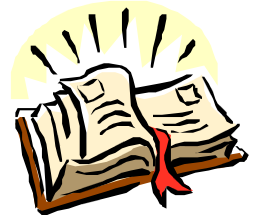
(Peter's Licencing Service will be on **Thursday 25th February** 7: 30 pm at St Mark's Gillingham).

Sermons for January

10:30 am **Holy Communion** John 15:v1-17
6:15 pm **Service of the Word**

January 17th

10:30 am **Service of the Word** Hearing the voice of Jesus speaking to his church (1)
Revelation 2:v1-7. Ephesus
6:15 pm **Holy Communion** Set free from slavery (1)
Exodus 1:v1 - 2:v10. Oppression creeps in step by step
8:15 pm **After Hours** An introduction to the theme and a chance to bounce some ideas around for 7th March (see notice below).



January 24th

10:30 am **Holy Communion** Hearing the voice of Jesus speaking to his church (2)
Revelation 2:v8-11. Smyrna
6:15 pm **Service of the Word** Set free from slavery (2)
Exodus 2:v11 - 3:end. Better to do it God's way than on your own. The I AM reveals his desire to rescue those who are enslaved.
8:15 pm **After Hours** Nooma DVD - Rhythm

January 31st

10:30 am **Service of the Word** Jesus's encounter with women (1)
6:15 pm **Holy Communion**
8:15 pm **After Hours** - a chance to look at love, joy and peace. How can we live it? How are they God's character?

After Hours will be starting again on **17th January** for another term. Aimed at students and young adults aged 16 - 30. We meet in the downstairs centre following the Evening Service. This term seeks to explore the theme of the fruits of the Spirit and will combine talks, discussion topics, Nooma videos and, after listening to feedback on 7th March, there is a chance for people to get a bit creative and organise, prepare and run a mini service!

THIS WEEK

YOUTH ALPHA will be part of ROCK SOLID this term. **Beginning Monday 11th January** 7:03 - 8:32 pm in the downstairs centre. 50p subs plus money for tuck. For anyone in school years 7 - 9. Youth Alpha is also our preparation for Confirmation and / or Baptism course. For more information contact Ian on (01524) 590 416, email ian@st.tees.org.uk or look at the church website. Also, anyone in year 10 or above interested in Youth Alpha do get in touch with Ian.



STUDENT ALPHA meeting Monday 18th January from 6:30 pm in church (see notice below). Before then, **on Tues. Wed & Thurs (12th, 13th, 14th)** this week we will be meeting at 8:30 pm in the upstairs centre to pray, then heading into town to hand out some flyers, talk to students about what is happening and invite them to a party! Anyone can get involved in this. If there are less than four of us we cannot go flyer-ing, so any support is appreciated.

If you are not directly involved, please be praying for those who are and for God to be preparing the hearts of those who are going to come. Also for God to be continuously guiding and protecting us!

Alpha reaches people mainly through personal invitation, so please be praying about who you can invite and pick up some flyers from the welcome desk to hand to people.

PRAYER MEETING for International Student Ministry in Lancaster will be on **Tuesday 12th January** 10:00 - 11:00 am at 23 Yealand Drive, Scotforth, Lancaster LA1 4EW. All welcome.

WENDY'S CRAFT WORKSHOPS The next workshop is on **Saturday 16th January** 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - making Treasure Frames. Collect as many teeny tiny treasures as you can find (I'll bring some too) to make individual mirror frames. We'll be embedding them into gunk - they'll look fantastic. Cost £25.00. (Wendy). For further details ring (01524) 61586 or 17817 754 095.

EVENTS COMING UP



It's nearly here! **Student Alpha** starts in just two weeks!! To kick it all off there is the LAUNCH PARTY at **The Park pub** (on the corner of Prospect Street & Bowerham Road) on **18th January** starting at 7:00 pm. This is an open invitation to all students (or people around that age) in the whole of Lancaster to come along and enjoy an evening of music and burgers and a chance to meet new people and see where the Student Alpha will be held.

Even before the launch party there is much going on!! Anyone who has offered to be involved in any way, there is a training and info evening on **Monday 11th January** in church from 6:30 pm. There will be food of some sort provided. It is important to come along to discuss what we are doing, why and how! It is also a great opportunity to meet others who will be part of the team.

HOW TO LEAD A BIBLE STUDY There is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to look at how to lead a Bible study on **Saturday 23rd January** 11:00 am in the upstairs centre. Whether you have led many or none, come to listen and explore this!

FUSION for Years 4 - 6 starts back **Thursday 21st January** 6:30 pm in the downstairs centre. **We still need more leaders** to talk, play and tidy up with our lovely children. Contact Sarah Evans: sarah@st.tees.org.uk or phone(01524) 590418 to find out more.

BOOK GROUP meets **Thursday 28th January** 7:30 for 8:00 pm at Brunton Close, Lancaster. Looking at *Hotel du Lac* by Anita Brookner. Further details from Gill Wildon on 01524 39584 or pick up a leaflet from the welcome desk.

PRAYING TOGETHER In the coming months there will be a series of prayer meetings to encourage us to join together as a church to pray. The dates are:

- Tuesday 26th January
- Wednesday 17th February
- Thursday 18th March
- Tuesday 25th May

Do put these dates in your diary now. If a date falls on a house group evening, maybe you would consider meeting as a group with the church community. If you are unable to make any of those dates, do pray as triplets, or individuals in your own home.

Watch the Bulletin for further details.



NOTICE BOARD

R4TW Run for the World gave a cheque for £780 to FISH just before Christmas - which was a result of YOUR participation in the global run on Morecambe Prom in 2009. May 8th is our date for 2010 and we want you to be involved again! But we are also looking for sponsors for our t-shirts and other costs so even more money can go towards the good causes. Do you know any local businesses who would like to sponsor us? Please let Martin Bateman or Ele Kinchin-Smith know as soon as possible. (Martin.bateman@r4tw.org)so we can promote local business and cover the costs of our t-shirts!

LANCASTER STREET PASTORS NEEDS YOU!

Street Pastors is a national initiative, spearheaded by Ascension Trust, engaging with people on the streets and operating in many towns and city centres across the UK. See notice board for more information about how to get involved.

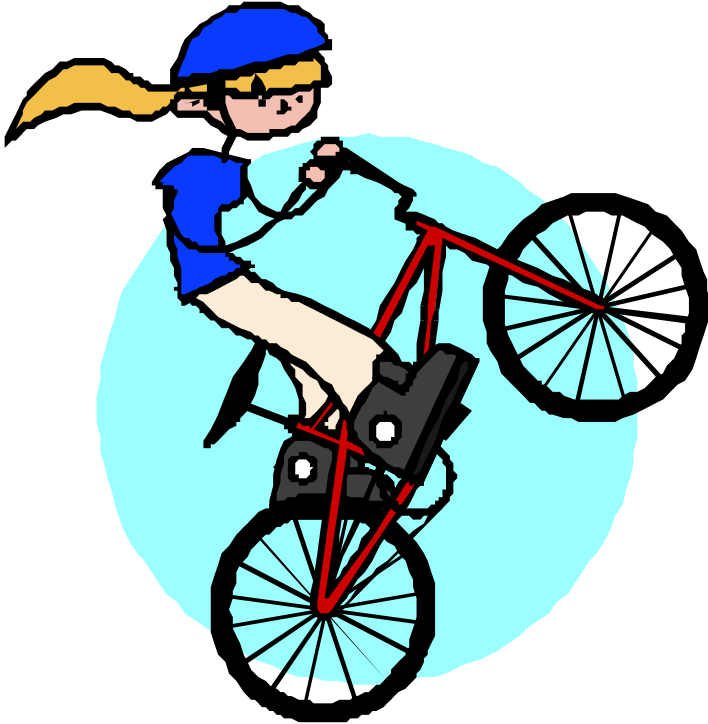
THANK YOU for gifts received on Christmas Eve. The sum of £745.16 will be sent to Christ Church Night Shelter to support the homeless in the area.

NEWS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

- **The Hamborgs:** See their Christmas letter on the notice board. 2010 will see changes for the family. Pete will finish his ordination studies this summer and the family will be moving back up north to Blackburn, where Pete will be ordained in Blackburn Cathedral on 26th June. He will then take up the post of Curate in the parish of Christchurch, Fulwood, Preston.
- **The Waltons** Their latest news is on the welcome desk - do pick up a copy. They give an update as to what's happening in Mvumi, Tanzania (the work they have left behind); their current situation and family related issues in this country and their move to Dar-Es-Salaam - hopefully in July of this year and what that will involve.



CYCLE LANE ON PENNY STREET



Please be aware that work should have commenced on 4th January on an extension to the work that recently caused so much chaos at the junction of King Street and Thurnham Street, the cycle lane is to be extended down Penny Street across Spring Garden Street and down as far as Common Garden Street, and cycling will be allowed both ways.

Outside the front of church, the parking bays will be removed and loading and unloading only will be allowed Monday to Saturday at all times. The loading bay can be used for parking on Sunday only up to 8:00 pm, after which it will be available for taxis only.

The work will mean that road closures will be needed on some nights. This was supposed to be done the week commencing 18th January for a maximum of three evenings, depending on the weather.

We are assured that access to Marton Street for our car park will still be possible, but you may have to come in via George Street and then up Penny Street onto Marton Street, ie come around the Police Station off Thurnham Street (A6 south) but there will be no access to Penny Street past Kentucky Fried Chicken. We are told diversions will be clearly marked.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	10 Jan	10:30am	Jane Thwaites/Ariel Hubbert's house group
		6:15pm	After Hours
Sunday	17 Jan	10:30am	Judy Dyer's house group
		6:15pm	Rob & Suzie Shearsby'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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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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