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

St.tees bulletin

17th January 2010



Sermons for January

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 starting again **today** 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!

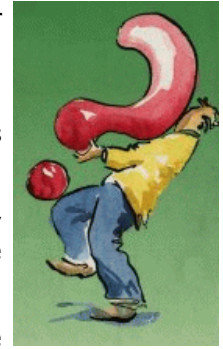
THIS WEEK

PRAY FOR:

- Peter and Shell as they move to Gillingham either Wednesday or Thursday this week and all that will entail for them.
- Martin & Jo Bateman in Italy for four days of meetings with the Sportslink International team. Pray they can find a good way forward into 2010 with good plans that can be fulfilled in supporting fields doing sport around the OM world. (Grace and Daniel will be staying with Jo's mother).
- Lancaster University Christian Union are having a Mission Week beginning tomorrow, 18th January.

PCC meets Monday 18th February 7:30 pm in the church lounge.

YOUTH ALPHA will be part of ROCK SOLID this term. 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 It's nearly here - starting in just one week! To kick it all off there is the LAUNCH PARTY at **The Park pub** (on the corner of Prospect Street & Bowerham Road) on **Monday 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.

#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.

EXTRA TIME Tuesday 19th January 10:15 for 10:30 am in the downstairs centre. Our topic for this meeting will be of particular interest to those who like to learn about the history of this area. Jenny Paull will be speaking about 'The early Quakers in North Lancashire and their association with Lancaster Castle'. As always there is an open door to those who are not able to be with us normally but would like to come for this meeting.

What about the weather? Should the weather turn to ice and snow again, making getting around difficult and unwise, the meeting will be cancelled and the subject postponed. If there are doubts about this please ring either Barbara & Bert on (01524) 34163, Gea & Richard 823012 or Jean & Colin on 64851.

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.

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! Naomi. naomi@st.tees.org.uk

EVENTS COMING UP



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.

HOLIDAY CLUB

for children in Reception to School Year 6
Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th April
It's going to be amazing ... don't miss it!!
More details for the children coming soon.

**We need a team
to make Holiday Club happen**
Sign up on the welcome desk or contact Sarah Evans (01524) 590 418 sarah@st.tees.org.uk to find out more about what's involved.

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.



HOUSE GROUP LEADERS' BREAKFAST Saturday 13th February 8:30 - 10:00 am in the upstairs centre. If house group leaders cannot attend personally, could you please ask one of your group to represent you. Please confirm your attendance by letting Anne in the office know.



FEEL GOOD IN FEBRUARY! Friday 26th February 7:00 - 11:00 pm in church - keep it free for the **Bollywood Night**. Dancing, Demonstrations and gorgeous Indian meal. Free soft drinks bar, henna painting and Bindis. £10.00 adults. £5.00 children under 12. On the previous Saturday (20th) we will be running an Indian clothing library for women. If you have clothes to lend, come along between 11:00 am - 12:00 noon to the downstairs centre. If you would like to borrow clothes and learn how to wear a sari, come between 12:30 and 2:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION 6:15 pm Sunday 13th June in St Thomas's with Bishop Geoff Pearson, Bishop of Lancaster. Being Confirmed is an opportunity to affirm your baptismal vows and commit yourself to Christian ministry in the wider church and world and would be for those from 12 years old, including adults. Have a word with Saju or one of our Youth Pastors if you are interested.

NOTICE BOARD

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.

ST THOMAS'S PRE-SCHOOL

Require an Assistant Supervisor to cover maternity leave during the summer and autumn term 2010 with a potential for job share afterwards.

The applicant will be employed during term-time for 22.5 hours a week over 5 days (with additional hours for paperwork).

Applicants should have a minimum NVQ Level 3 (Childcare, Learning and Development) or equivalent qualification, one year experience in a teaching or childcare setting and be sympathetic to the Christian ethos.

For further information and an application pack please contact St Thomas's Church Office. Tel (01524) 590 410 or e-mail:

admin@preschool.tees.org.uk.

Closing date for applications Monday 15th February. Interviews week commencing 22nd February.



THANK YOU to the gallant Dave Cumming (and others who may have helped) who cleared the snow and kept access to the church and pre-school safe over the last two or three weeks.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ - for overseas students and families. Pick up information from the welcome desk of events happening this term.

NISCU (Northern Inter Schools Christian Union) newsletter now available - see Andy Plowman.

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.

ELECTRIC COOKER needed. See Sandra Hall or phone (01524) 63787. Thank you.

THE ARK

- An expensive large stainless steel pan lid belonging to The Ark has gone missing. Does anyone know its whereabouts? We would be so grateful to have the lid back.
- If you use/borrow kitchen equipment please return it. The Ark team need it every Friday. Thank you.
- Cake bakers - Thank you for your continued support with supplying your wonderful cakes. Please collect your cake tins/containers from the church kitchen each week.

CYCLE LANE ON PENNY STREET Further to last week's detailed notice, the work has started, as many of you will have seen and, in theory, the part of Penny Street in front of the church will be closed to traffic this coming week, commencing 18th January from 6:00 - 11:00 pm, probably for four nights. Access to the Church Car Park in the evenings will be via George Street, Penny Street and Marton street, ie you will have to come off the one-way system southbound and turn right before the Police Station, left into Penny Street and left again into Marton Street. You exit in the normal way. Anyone coming from the south or Aldcliffe Road will have to make a detour past Marks and Spencer and onto the A6 southbound then follow the above instructions.



REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	17 Jan	10:30am	Judy Dyer's house group
		6:15pm	Rob & Suzie Shearsby's house group
Sunday	24 Jan	10:30am	Jane Guilfoyle'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

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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