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## St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

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# St.tees bulletin

## 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### TODAY

**STUDENT LUNCH TODAY** in the downstairs centre after the morning service. Free food and a great opportunity to meet people if you are new, or just want to get to know more people. Feel free to bring friends along.



**WELCOME** to Simon and Laura Walton, our Link Missionaries working with the Church Mission Society, who will be taking part in our 6:15 pm service.

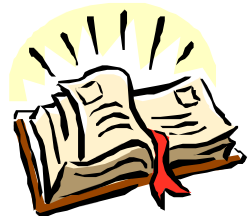
### Sermons for February

#### February 7<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 am **Holy Communion** (said) downstairs centre
- 10:30 am **All-Age Service** Psalms - Praise
- 6:15 pm **Service of the Word** Set Free from Slavery (3) Exodus 4:v1-end (v31). Moses not the ideal leader. No leader is ideal
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** Patience, kindness, goodness. How can we live it? How are they God's character?

#### February 14<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30 am **Holy Communion** Hearing the voice of Jesus speaking to his church (3). Revelation 2:v12-17. Pergamum
- 6:15 pm **Service of the Word** Set Free from Slavery (4) Exodus 5:v1-6:v13. The Lord, the I AM has decided to free those in slavery - He will do it.
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** Nooma DVD - Dust



#### February 21<sup>st</sup>

- 10:30 am **Service of the Word** Hearing the voice of Jesus speaking to his church (4) Revelation 2:v18-19. Thyatira
- 6:15 pm **Holy Communion** Set Free from Slavery (5). Exodus 6:v28-11:end (v 10) Moses may be an inadequate speaker, but God's acts of judgement on the oppressor are clear enough
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. How can we live it? How are they God's character?

#### February 28<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30 am **Holy Communion** Jesus's encounter with women (2)
- 6:15 pm **Service of the Word**
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** Nooma DVD - Breathe

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**After Hours** 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 7<sup>th</sup> March, there is a chance for people to get a bit creative and organise, prepare and run a mini service!

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# THIS WEEK

**PCC MEETING** with Bishop Geoff and Rev John Alderman (CPAS) **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February** 7:30 pm in the church lounge.

**Cooking for Student Alpha** - Please, please, please could you offer to cook for Student Alpha over the coming weeks - there are 20 people each week. There is a sign up sheet at the welcome desk if house groups, or people generally, would like to cook for Student Alpha. There are some ideas too!

## NOTICE FOR HOUSE GROUPS



### HOUSE GROUP LEADERS' BREAKFAST Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**STUDIES FOR LENT** If any house group leader would like some information, please see Sally Pidd today.

## EVENTS COMING UP

### PRAYING TOGETHER

A series of prayer meetings to encourage us to join together as a church to pray and to focus on different aspects of the church - 7:30 pm in church - Future dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - this meeting will be led by our retired clergy: Colin Bevington, Herrick Daniel and Norman Howard.
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

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.

### WENDY'S CRAFT WORKSHOP

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February** 9:30 am - 3:30 pm in the downstairs centre. Brighten up the Winter Blues with a fun day of jewellery making. Use Fimo, Friendly Plastic and recycled beads to make earrings, necklaces, bracelets, hair slides and brooches. Cost £25.00. For further details contact Wendy on (01524) 61586 or 07817 754 095.

### PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH IN OUR CITY

The next Accord Prayer Concert will be on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February** 7:30 pm at Lancaster Free Methodist Church.



## Special Delivery Holiday Club

for children in Reception to School Year 6  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

It's going to be amazing ... pick up your registration form from the welcome desk. Forms and money need to be returned to Sarah Evans by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at the latest.

### We need more people to be part of the Holiday Club Team

Sign up on the welcome desk or contact Sarah Evans (01524) 590 418  
[sarah@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:sarah@st.tees.org.uk)  
to find out more about what's involved.



**FEEL GOOD IN FEBRUARY! Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** 7:00 - 11:00 pm in church - keep it free for the **Bollywood Night**. Children's Dancing Competition, Demonstrations and a gorgeous Indian meal. Free soft drinks bar and henna painting. Tickets available today in church, or from the office during the week. £10.00 adults. £5.00 children under 12.

On the previous Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>) 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.

**COMPASSION UK** On **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at 7:30 pm in the downstairs centre, Darren Sharp from Compassion UK will speak about child sponsorship. Please could all those who already sponsor children around the world through Compassion come and share their experiences. Those who do not yet sponsor children are welcome to come and find out how to change the world for one child. Leaflets about Compassion are available on the welcome desk.

**TearFund Sunday - 21<sup>st</sup> March** TearFund is a Christian relief organisation that uses the local church around the world to distribute resources that have been given. Many church members save up their planned giving to God to give to TearFund. This year Mike Chesterton, Tearfund's Church Relationships Manager will be speaking at both the morning and evening services. As a church we will be forming a link with Uganda through Tearfund and Mike will launch this project on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

#### **CONFIRMATION 6:15 pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **JUNIOR CHURCH**



We urgently need more help with our regular children's groups:

- **Ladybirds for 1 and 2 year olds** meets for the first hour of the Sunday morning service, except for All-Age weeks. We need more people to join the rota to help care for our little ones.
- **Buzzy Bees for 2 - 4 year olds** also meet for the first hour of Sunday morning services. We need at least one more person to be part of the team.
- **Fusion for 8 - 11 year olds** meets Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. First half - tuckshop, games, craft and a chance to chill. Second half - games, stories, talking and a chance to find out more about God. We need more people to join the team.

Please think and pray about this and contact Sarah Evans [sarah@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:sarah@st.tees.org.uk) or 01525 590418 to find out more.

**Thank you**

## **NOTICE BOARD**

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASTER** - celebrations in 2010 - A Milestone Year!

Here in Lancashire there are opportunities to Run, Sing and Be Inspired for local Mission as we celebrate 2010 together. Dates for your diary:

- **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Run for the World - along Morecambe Promenade
- **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May** "Better Together" - an evening of inspiration at CTL's new style Annual Meeting & Forum
- **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Celebration Praise! Ecumenical Choirs from across the county.

See notice board for details - further information following.

**CALLING ALL STUDENTS AND STUDENTY AGED PEOPLE (again) ...**

On the welcome desk there is now a NEW new student leaflet. It was pointed out that the last new student leaflet was not actually shiny as it was advertised to be in the bulletin. So, please now pick up the amended brightly coloured student leaflet from the welcome desk. (Naomi)



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

**NEWS FROM N. IRELAND** El Gruer - a member of St Thomas's is currently working in Northern Ireland with the Pais Project. For more information, pick up a copy of her latest newsletter from the welcome desk.

**WEEKLY FOOTBALL Sundays** 9:00 - 10:00 pm at the University of Cumbria Sports Centre on the astro turf. 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](mailto:admin@preschool.tees.org.uk).

*Closing date for applications Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Interviews week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February.*

**REFRESHMENTS TEAM**

Today	7 Feb	10:30am	Richard & Doreen Silman's house group
		6:15pm	After Hours
Sunday	14 Feb	10:30am	Meg Eagles / Carys Atkinson's groups
		6:15pm	Richard & Ingrid Eglese's house group

For general information & further details about St Thomas's activities, do visit our website [www.st.tees.org.uk](http://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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