
St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

St.tees bulletin

14th February 2010

TODAY

Freckled Frogs, Cool Camels and Baarnabas are all meeting together. Would parents please collect children who are in these groups from the downstairs lounge at 11:30 am.

Sermons for February



February 14th

- 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 21st

- 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 28th

- 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

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 7th March, there is a chance for people to get a bit creative and organise, prepare and run a mini service!

THIS WEEK

Robert (Bob) Butler passed away on Tuesday. His funeral will be in church on **Friday 19th February** at 11:00 am. Bob and his late wife, Sally, were members of St Thomas's for many many years.

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!



ST THOMAS'S PRE-SCHOOL Closing date for applications Monday 15th February.
(Interviews week commencing 22nd February).

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.



EXTRA TIME meets on **Tuesday 16th February** 10:15 for 10:30 am in the downstairs centre. The morning is entitled *A Lakeland Garden in Spring*, with Norman Godfrey introducing the music of Schumann, Saint Saens & Crusell. This will be followed by pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

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 -

- **Wednesday 17th February** - this meeting will be led by our retired clergy: Colin Bevington, Herrick Daniel and Norman Howard and will focus on the interregnum period.
- **Thursday 18th March**
- **Tuesday 25th May** - to be led by members of PCC
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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.

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH IN OUR CITY

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

The focus of prayer for this 9th event will be "Knights of the Realm - part II - Praying for men".

The body of Christ working together.

PACT HOLIDAYS (Christian Summer Camps for children and teenagers).

Those who went from this area in 2009 are meeting to see slides of the holidays at **7:00 pm on Saturday 27th February** in the Church Centre. This is also for families and friends and anybody who is interested in the possibility of going this year (as 'camper' or leader).

There will be another opportunity for the younger ones and their families to find out about it at **Fusion on Thursday 4th March**. Come along at 7:30 pm for the last half hour.

PACT offers "funpacked residential holidays for young people aged 9 - 17 ... explaining the Christian faith in a fun and relevant way". (All leaders are Christians but it does not matter whether or not the 'campers' have a church background). Groups are going from Lancaster to all four holidays this year.

For further details collect a brochure from the welcome desk, look at the website (www.sctivities.org.uk), see Richard Silman, Chris Maude or Sarah Hawksby in church or phone Chris on (01524) 66313.

Special Delivery Holiday Club

for children in Reception to School Year 6

Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th 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 15th 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

to find out more about what's involved.

EVENTS COMING UP

FEEL GOOD IN FEBRUARY! Friday 26th 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 (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.

COMPASSION UK On **Wednesday 24th 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.

SHELL GUINNESS is speaking in March at *Words on the Water* - the Keswick Literary Festival - a totally secular event. It's quite a coup for Authentic (now Koorong) to get their authors in, and they (and also the festival committee) are very keen the seminar should be well attended - or they probably won't go back to Authentic to invite Christian writers next year. So Shell is asking if anyone from St Tees might like to go and/or take non-Christian friends. A ticket is £7.00, or you can buy a festival entry ticket and attend more than one seminar.

Tickets are on sale from Theatre by the Lake. Online: www.theatrebythelake.com. Tel 017687 74411.

Shell is speaking on **Friday March 12th at 11:45 am** in the Studio at the Theatre on the Lake on *Vive La France*. It is a wonderful venue for a day out - with great café in the theatre.

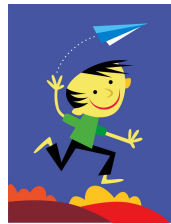
TearFund Sunday - 21st March TearFund is a Christian relief organisation that uses the local church around the world to distribute resources that have been given. Many church members save up their planned giving to God to give to TearFund. This year Mike Chesterton, Tearfund's Church Relationships Manager 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 21st March.

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

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 or 01525 590418 to find out more.
Thank you

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

See notice board for details - further information following.

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

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.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	14 Feb	10:30am	Meg Eagles / Carys Atkinson's groups
		6:15pm	Richard & Ingrid Eglese's house group
Sunday	21 Feb	10:30am	Roger & Margaret Oliver's house group
		6:15pm	David & Cathleen Dawson'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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