
St Thomas . Penny Street . Lancaster

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

St.tees bulletin 28th February 2010

Today

February 28th Welcome to Mrs Jean Pearson, who will be speaking at our morning service

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

Sermons for March

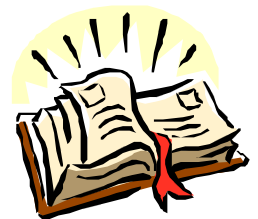
March 7th

9:15 am **Holy Communion** (said)

10:30 am **All-Age Service** Joshua - Jericho

6:15 pm **Service of the Word- Question Time** "Are there proofs for the existence of God?" "Is the Bible Reliable?" "Is it not arrogant to say Jesus is the only way to God?" How can a good and loving God allow suffering in the world?"

8:15 pm **After Hours**



March 14th

10:30 am **Holy Communion** Hearing Jesus speaking to his church (5) Revelation 3:v1-6 - Sardis

6:15 pm **Service of the Word** with Andy Smith and some musicians from The Message Trust. Set free from slavery (6) Exodus 12:v1-end. The angel of death passes over where the blood of a lamb has been spilled.

8:15 pm **After Hours.** Reflection and social time

March 21st

Tearfund Sunday The services today will focus on the work of Tearfund and will be led by Mike Chesterton, Tearfund's Church Relationships Manager.

10:30 am **Service of the Word** Matthew 25:v14-30

6:15 pm **Holy Communion** Matthew 5:v13-16

March 28th Palm Sunday

10:30 am **Service of the Word** John 12:v12-18

6:15 pm **Holy Communion**

After Hours Aimed at students and young adults aged 16 - 30. We meet in the downstairs centre following the Evening Service.

Please note The last meeting this term will be Sunday 14th March. There will then be a four week break.



NEXT SUNDAY - QUESTION TIME On Sunday 7th March we are holding a 'Question Time' event at the 6:15 pm service; an opportunity for us to ask and corporately explore some of the above questions and others you might have. A number of members of the congregation are going to attempt to answer these questions. The thinking behind this is to stimulate thought, prayer and response. The Bible encourages Christians to always be ready to make a defence to anyone who demands from us an account of the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15).

THIS WEEK

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT up to 7th March. Have an event in house groups, at work or at school. The Big Brew: have a coffee morning with Fairtrade refreshments. The Big Swap: swap one of your usual items for a Fairtrade equivalent. Resources and details are in the Craft Aid Shop, open Tuesday - Fridays 10:30 am - 3:00 pm, Saturdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

EXTRA TIME meets on **Tuesday 2nd March** 10:15 for 10:30 am in the downstairs centre. We value the Bible as one of God's greatest gifts to us. We do, however, recognise that within the Christian Church there are widely differing views on such things as inspiration and interpretation and we shall be looking at the Bible and these matters under the heading ***Handle with Care - using the Scriptures*** - speaker: Colin Bevington. As usual, we would be very pleased to welcome anyone who would like to be with us for the morning.

Members of Extra Time are reminded to bring their completed survey sheets with them. Haven't got one? Ask Colin.

HOLIDAY CLUB MEETING for all those involved in Holiday Club this **Tuesday 2nd March** 7:30 pm in the upstairs centre

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!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 5th March 2:00 pm in St Paul's, Scotforth, Lancaster. Speaker Sister Maureen Coyne. This year's service is organised by the Christian women of Cameroon under the banner "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

WOMEN'S GROUP meets for coffee **Saturday 6th March** 11:00 am at The Sultan, Brock Street, Lancaster. All welcome.

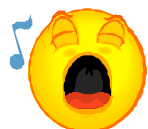
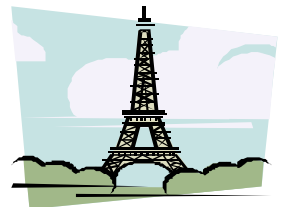
STUDENT LUNCH next Sunday **7th March** in the downstairs centre following the morning service. If anyone would like to help with cooking, please contact Naomi - naomi@st.tees.org.uk. Thanks you

EVENTS COMING UP

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.



LAKES GOSPEL CHOIR entitled '**Heaven on my Mind**' performing at St Thomas' Church, Blackpool on **Saturday 13th March** 7:00 pm. Book now by ringing 01253 399 276. See poster for more details.

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 -

- **Thursday 18th March**
- **Tuesday 25th May** - to be led by members of PCC

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.

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.

ONE GENERATION FROM EXTINCTION? How can the church connect with the unchurched child? Are we one generation from extinction as a witnessing community? In a compelling and thought provoking presentation, Mark Griffiths examines how the church reached the unchurched child in the past and details how many pioneering groups are seeking to do the same in the 21st century. In St Thomas's Church, **Monday 15th March** 7:30 - 9:45 pm. Entry £5.00 including refreshments. Please book in advance on line: www.childrenmatter.net.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday 28th March to Easter Day 4th April, including Meditations each morning and evening and a Passover Celebration on the Wednesday evening. (Tickets for Passover will be available soon).

For more details pick up a leaflet from the welcome desk.

Can you help? Volunteers needed for Holy Week, including Passover:

- moving chairs either prior to or following events
- setting up church / rooms
- organising and serving a simple breakfast following the morning meditations

If you can help at all with anything practical, we would appreciate your involvement. Contact the church office.



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.

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

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - Monday 19th April.

Nominations are required for six people: two Churchwardens and four PCC members (to serve for three years), plus Sidespersons. Pick up a sheet from the welcome desk explaining the various vacancies and procedures.

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

1STEP2STEP Host Families Wanted 22nd - 30th April.

To showcase how disabled children are cared for in the UK we're inviting six Thai officials to come over and experience it for themselves and we need somewhere for them to stay! Host families need not to have young children, have space for two guests, time to attend events like the welcome meal, reception and 1S2S picnic etc., and time to create breakfast and some of the evening meals.

A big ask we know, but if you can help please get in contact through the website (www.1step2step.org) or see Chris Rowbotham, Sally Anderson, David Dawson or one of the other 1S2S committee members in church.

CELEBRATING 2010 - Calling All Singers! The Edinburgh World Missionary Conference of 1910 is widely regarded as the birth of the modern Ecumenical movement - which makes 2010 a significant birthday! **Churches Together in Lancashire** are looking to recruit enthusiastic and joyful singers to join our celebrations of this important centenary. Could you be part of the choir at either of our County 'Songs of Praise' Events in Lancaster and Leyland. See notice board for details.

SHORT-TERM MISSION FUNDING is available from St Thomas's Mission Support for those who plan to be involved in short-term Christian work during the summer. If you would like to apply for funding please ask for a form at the welcome desk, complete this and return to the church office. Deadline 20th May 2010.



SINGLE BED, mattress and headboard free to a good home. Contact Jane Guilfoyle on (01524) 752410

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 astroturf. All Welcome. For more information contact Phil on 07900 037 590.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	28 Feb	10:30am	Slyne house group
		6:15pm	Harry & Iona Price's house group
Sunday	7 Mar	10:30am	Nick & Alison Johnstone'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

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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