

St.tees bulletin

21st March 2010 - TEARFUND SUNDAY

Welcome today to Mike Chesterton, Tearfund's Church Relationships Manager who will be speaking at both services:

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

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

This year St Tees, through Tearfund, is specifically going to be linked with the Kigezi Diocese Water & Sanitation Programme (KDWSP), which is part of the Anglican Church of Uganda. It works in communities in Uganda's mountainous southwest, where access to safe water and sanitation is limited.

All our collections today will go to Tearfund (except the planned giving envelopes). Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please note: Cheques must be made payable to Tearfund



THIS WEEK

PCC MEETING Monday 22nd March 7:30 pm in the church lounge.

HOLIDAY CLUB team meeting Wednesday 24th March 7:30 pm in church.

FUNERAL The funeral of Jim Wilson will take place on Friday 26th March, 2:00 pm at the Crematorium. Please continue to pray for Mary and the family.

EVENTS COMING UP

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Next Sunday: March 28th
10:30 am
6:15 pm

Palm Sunday
Service of the Word John 12:v12-18
Holy Communion (Service with a difference)

Monday 29th
Tuesday 30th
Wednesday 31st
Thursday 1st April

7:30 am and 7:30 pm Meditation
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7:30 am Meditation and 7:30 pm Meditation and Communion
10:30 - 11:30 am Meditation



A simple breakfast will be served in the Church Centre after the morning meditations Monday to Thursday.

Meditations will be 30 minutes long except Thursday evening which will be 45 minutes.

Passover will include a bring and share meal, with tickets costing £2 for adults and £1 for children under 12 years. The evening will finish by 9.45 pm.

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

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

If you can help at all with anything practical, **Contact Dave today or the church office during the week.**

Good Friday Walk of Witness organised by Lancaster Churches Together. Meet in Dalton Square at 12:00 noon to walk through our city, ending promptly at 1:00 pm in Market Square.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30 am with the lighting of the beacon at The Priory Church Lancaster, followed by a Jacob's Join breakfast in the Refectory. All welcome. See notice board for further details.

Easter Sunday 4th

10.30am All Age Communion
6.15pm Evening Praise with a Resurrection theme. (Luke 24:v1-12)



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

- **Nominations are required** for seven people: two Churchwardens, four PCC members (to serve for three years), one Deanery Synod member (to serve for one year), plus Sidespersons. Pick up a sheet from the welcome desk explaining the various vacancies and procedures.
- **Nomination forms** are on the notice board in the church lounge. It would be helpful if each nominee writes about themselves in 80 - 100 words - no more! Please give this to Anne Mansley or email to anne@st.tees.org.uk
- **Deadline** for the receipt of reports from groups in St T's is **next Sunday 28th March**. To date only a very few reports have been received. Please let Anne have them this week. Thank you.

TABLE TENNIS In response to the recent sports survey, there is now an opportunity to get together and play table tennis. This will run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the downstairs centre on Wednesday evenings - 14th April, 12th May, 26th May and 9th June. Whatever your skill level please come along - all welcome. For more information see Ben Barraclough (tel 36958 or email: benjamin.barraclough@hotmail.com)

R4TW is coming!! 8th May. Did you know that Morecambe Bay hosts the world's largest R4TW fun run/walk event? 190 people raised over £3,000 in 2009 for great causes, including almost £800 for FISH - the homeless outreach organised by churches in our city. It's part of a global run - 5 continents, 18 nations, 15 time zones.

We need volunteers to help on the day, people who will give so others can run, and people who will invite their friends to take part so we can make this a real community event. Solicitors, Starbucks coffee, Sunset Ices and more are involved. Are you?



You can find participant forms, information about the projects we support, team entry forms and more at the welcome desk (there is a small box behind the desk). The 1 plus 4 card makes it easy - you bring in £50 of sponsorship - we could raise £20,000 that way!

YOU can make a difference!

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. **Preparation for Confirmation: Sunday 30th May & 6th June, 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the upstairs centre lounge.**



STOP PRESS!!! Date for your diary - Sunday 27th June - full church event - to celebrate our many and varied church groups. More details next Sunday - Watch this space!!

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:

Tuesday 25th May - to be led by members of PCC **Wed 16th June, Thurs 15th July, Tues 17th August, Thurs 16th September, Tues 12th October, Wed 10th November, Thurs 9th December.**

If a date falls on a house group evening, please 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. **Please put the dates in your diary!**

NOTICE BOARD

THANK YOU The Parish Profile is now completed and in print. Thank you so much for those involved in producing this.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for all your cards and loving greetings for Peter's Induction. He's now well and truly inducted (!) and very busy (not selling fish and chips!) We are praying as the ads go in the church paper, that the right person will come forward to lead St Tees into an exciting future. (Peter and Shell)



REMINDER for Extra Time Members It would be really helpful if the following could be returned as soon as possible:

- Any remaining survey sheets
- Slips offering to participate or requesting songs for next week's 'Testimony & Song' (30th March)
- Booking in slips for the Away Day (20th April).

ENVELOPE GIVING For those who give through this scheme, please pick up this year's envelopes from the box on the welcome desk.

GROWING LEADERS COURSE AND MENTORING *If you are on the Growing Leaders Course or mentoring someone taking part, there are packs of useful information and guidance available to support you. Please contact the Church Office if you would like a copy.*

HELP WANTED, ladies or gentlemen, to paint the upstairs room in church following it's repair and replastering, and other areas including the centre. Please give your name to David Dawson if you would like to help.



ACCOMMODATION/HELP NEEDED -

We have had a request from the USA from a lady who needs to come to Lancaster for urgent treatment on her eyes as she is going blind. We do not know the lady but have checked the information she has given us and it appears to be a genuine request. We believe she is an Anglican. The treatment is very specialised and not available in the USA nor on the health service here, so will need to be done privately. One of the doctors researching the very rare condition she has is based in Lancaster, hence her visit. It is not clear exactly when she will need to come over or for how long, but it needs to be soon. She has funds to pay her way over and for the treatment, but would struggle to pay for accommodation. If anyone feels they may be in a position to help please contact the office as soon as possible so we can put you in touch by email.

A Christian family currently living in Bangkok Thailand have a son who hopes to take up a place at the Royal Grammar School in September 2011. If a Christian family could offer weekend and half-term accommodation please contact the church office.

SPONSORS WANTED - Alice Crabtree is doing a sponsored walk and sit for a quarter of a mile on Morecambe Promenade on March 27th in aid of the Cardiac Unit at Blackpool where she had her by-pass. Would anyone who would like to sponsor her please sign up at the Welcome desk.

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.

COMPASSION CHILDREN in the Philippines. You may have seen pictures of the living conditions of children in some of the Philippines' slums this week on the ITV Granada Reports at 6:00 pm. If you would like to consider sponsoring one or more needy children in the Philippines through Compassion UK at a cost of £21 per month, please contact Brian Robinson for more details. (Phone 69303 or email brian.robinson.davao@gmail.com). You can see the first video clip at <http://www.itv.com/granada/micks-mercy-mission20595/>

THE SPORT @ ST. TEES group met last week and have made some plans. Watch out for more information, but be prepared:

- 2nd May** Family friendly cycle ride to Condor Green picnic site after church
- 3rd May** Family friendly walk near Lancaster
- 12th June** Potential 'World Cup' football tournament
- 11th July** World Cup final on the big screen in church.

You can be involved in sport @ St. Tees - let us know via the church office or our facebook pages (sport @ st. tees).

1STEP2STEP calling. We're busy organising the Disability Awareness Tour (22nd April - 1st May) and need help in the following areas:

1. Thai <-> English translators for daytime and/or some evening events
2. Minibus driver - for Thursday 29th and/or Friday 30th April to drive short distances locally. You'll need to have entitlement D1 on your licence and to have experience driving a minibus
3. Singers, Dancers & Musicians - we'd like to have a short performance or two at the welcome meal to add a sense of occasion and to demonstrate a bit of 'English' culture. It could be anything - a GCSE dance piece, a piece of music - you name it. Probably best to stick to something that can be internationally understood.

All offers of help gratefully received - please see Chris Rowbotham (382094), David Dawson or Sally Anderson in church, or get in contact through the website (www.1step2step.porg.) Thanks again.

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	21 Mar	10:30am	Ariel Hubbert / Jane Thwaites' house group
		6:15pm	Jane Guilfoyle's house group
Sunday	28 Mar	10:30am	Mike & Kirstin Wong's house group
		6:15pm	Peter and Myrtle Morgan'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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