



# St.tees bulletin

## PALM SUNDAY - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010

10:30 am **Service of the Word** John 12:v12-18  
6:15 pm **Holy Communion** (Service with a difference)

**TEARFUND** If anyone missed giving last Sunday and would still like to do so, there are envelopes on the welcome desk which should be put in the collection today. The final figure will be announced in the bulletin next Sunday. Please make cheques payable to Tearfund.

**Today is the deadline** for the receipt of reports from groups in St T's in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Please hand these to Anne Mansley or put in the church letter box. Thank you.

**EXTRA TIME Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** in the church centre. 10:15 for 10:30 am start. 'Testimony and Song' - several members have volunteered to share events that have shaped their lives. We will also be sharing in some favourite hymns and songs, and then in some hot cross buns at the end of the morning.

**THE CRAFT AID SHOP** will be closed from Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April and re-opening Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Good selection of Fairtrade Easter eggs and Easter cards available - Tuesday to Friday 10:30 am - 3:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 am and 7:30 pm Meditation</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 am and 7:30 pm Meditation</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:30 am Meditation 6:30 pm Passover Celebration</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>7:30 am Meditation and 7:30 pm Meditation and Communion</b>
<b>Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:30 - 11:30 am Meditation</b>



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**

**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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 am** Holy Communion (said) downstairs centre  
**10.30am** All Age Communion  
**6.15pm** Evening Praise with a Resurrection theme. (Luke 24:v1-12)

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Wednesday Holy Communion Service on 7<sup>th</sup> April

### **Sermons for April**



#### **April 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am **All-Age Holiday Club Service** followed by lunch for families involved  
6:15 pm **Holy Communion** Set free from slavery (7) Exodus 14:v5 - 15: v3

#### **April 18<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am **All-Age Service of the Word & Infant Baptism** Breakfast on the Beach  
6:15 pm **Holy Communion** Jesus' Encounter with women (3) Luke 10: v 38-42  
8:15 pm **After Hours** re-commences

#### **April 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am **Holy Communion and Infant Baptism** Hearing Jesus speak to his church (6) Revelation 3: v7 - 13. Philadelphia  
6:15 pm **Service of the Word** with a difference  
8:15 pm **After Hours**

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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.

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## **EVENTS COMING UP**



**WE NEED CAKE!** **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April is Holiday Club Service**, celebrating Special Delivery Holiday Club. The children and their families are invited for lunch. Please sign up at the back of church if you can bake or buy cake for this.

### **PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:anne@st.tees.org.uk)
- **Minutes** of the APCM meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 are posted on the notice board.
- **The Electoral Roll** is at the welcome desk. Please check that your entry is correct and amend if necessary



**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 - 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June. Whatever your skill level please come along - all welcome. For more information see Ben Barraclough (tel 36958 or email: [benjamin.barraclough@hotmail.com](mailto:benjamin.barraclough@hotmail.com))

**R4TW is coming!! 8<sup>th</sup> 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!**



**BAPTISM & 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.

**Baptism.** Any who wish to affirm publicly their commitment to Jesus Christ may ask for baptism - either by pouring or immersion. There is an explanatory leaflet and forms available at the welcome desk. Please return any completed forms to the church office by 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the latest.

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

Have a word with Saju or one of our Youth Pastors if you are interested.



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> May** - to be led by members of PCC **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June, Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> July, Tues 17<sup>th</sup> August, Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> September, Tues 12<sup>th</sup> October, Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November, Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

### **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.

**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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**COMPASSION CHILDREN in the Philippines.** You may have seen pictures of the living conditions of children in some of the Philippines' slums 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](mailto: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:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> May** Family friendly cycle ride to Condor Green picnic site after church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May** Family friendly walk near Lancaster
- 12<sup>th</sup> June** Potential 'World Cup' football tournament
- 11<sup>th</sup> 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 (22<sup>nd</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May) and need help in the following areas:

1. Thai <-> English translators for daytime and/or some evening events
2. Minibus driver - for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and/or Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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	28 Mar	10:30am	Mike & Kirstin Wong's house group
		6:15pm	Peter and Myrtle Morgan's house group
Sunday	4 Apr	10:30am	Davies & McDonnell house group
		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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