

St.tees bulletin

SUNDAY - 11th April 2010

TODAY Welcome to families and friends who join us for our All-Age Holiday Club Service. Those families involved are invited to stay for lunch following the morning service.

Sermons for April

April 11th

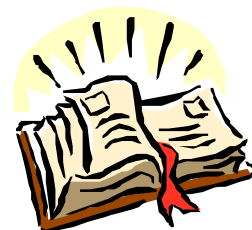
- 10:30 am **All-Age Holiday Club Service** followed by lunch for families involved
- 6:15 pm **Holy Communion** Set free from slavery (7) Exodus 14:v5 - 15: v3

April 18th

- 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. The subject this evening is 'Who is God?'

April 25th

- 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** - 'What is prayer and how do we pray?'



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

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
- **Minutes** of the APCM meeting held 20th 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.
- **The Annual Reports & Accounts** for the year ended 2009 are posted on the notice board.
- **Booklets** containing the **Annual Reports & Accounts for the year 2009**, together with the **Appendix to the Annual Report 2009** containing reports of Organisations and the Agenda for the APCM are available at the welcome desk. Please bring these reports to the meeting.

THIS WEEK

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)

In the **ALL AGE SERVICE NEXT WEEK** we will be looking at the story of Jesus having breakfast with his disciples on the beach after his resurrection. So come prepared in your finest beach attire! There will be a prize for the person wearing the best beach costume! Rubber rings, snorkels and buckets & spades essential!



EVENTS COMING UP

APRIL PICNIC 1Step2Step are holding an indoor picnic in the downstairs centre lounge after the morning service on 25th April. Bring a blanket and a picnic, including plates and cutlery etc., and optionally a cushion to sit on. You will need to bring food that can be eaten cold.

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!



Running at St Tees. Ruth P will be going for a run along the prom, starting at VVV at 6:45 pm on **April 12th**. If you want to jog along, then let her or martin know martin.bateman@r4tw.org so we know numbers.

BAPTISM & 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.

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 23rd May at the latest.

Preparation for Baptism and Confirmation: Sunday 30th May & 6th 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.

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



'THE ROMANS BOOK' The Student Bible Study will be looking at the book of Romans this term. Beginning on 19th April for 10 weeks, we will be jumping head first into the book of Romans. Whether you have been before or not, come along and discover what it has to say.

There will be 'hand-outs' each week for those attending. If you can't make it some weeks, or you can't get to any of them and want to get involved and follow the same study, just grab a 'hand-out' or email naomi@st.tees.org.uk to get a copy. The 'hand-outs' will come together each week to produce an amazing collection of notes and thoughts - 'The Romans Book'!

Naomi Shrine

BOOK GROUP The next get-together will be on **Thursday 22nd April** 7:30 for 8:00 pm at Brunton Close, Lancaster, when we will be looking at 'The Crow Road' by Iain Banks. Further details from Gill Wildon (01524) 395584.

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).



WEEKLY FOOTBALL Sundays 9:00 - 10:00 pm at the University of Cumbria Sports Centre on the astroturf. The next get-together after the Easter break will be on Sunday 18th April. All Welcome. For more information contact Phil on 07900 037 590.

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.org.) Thanks again.

GIFT AID Another tax year has ended and I am in the process of preparing a claim for the Inland Revenue for those who Gift Aid their giving to St Thomas's. On behalf of the PCC thanks to all who give by whatever means to God's work in this church. I want to take this opportunity to ask you, especially if you are new to the church and are paying tax, to consider Gift Aiding your giving. For more information speak either to me or Alan Jones, our Treasurer. Eric Bevan

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.



BIBLE SOCIETY Coffee Evening at 5 Ashford Close, Lancaster on **Friday 23rd April** 7:00 - 9:00 pm, with a 'Bring & Buy'. Proceeds to Bible Society. All welcome.

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ For all overseas students and families. Pick up a programme of events for the summer term from the welcome desk.

PRAYER MINISTRY is available following each service. Look out for those wearing a yellow badge - they will be happy to pray with you.

PRAYER CHAIN There is a prayer chain available which you can link into should you require prayer, whether for your yourself or a particular situation. All information will be treated with strict confidence and will not be shared with anyone outside the prayer chain members. Ring (01524) 823198.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	11 Apr	10:30am	Meg Eagles / Carys Atkinsons house groups
		6:15pm	After Hours
Sunday	18 Apr	10:30am	David & Cathleen Dawson's house group
		6:15pm	Brian & Pauline Davies' house group

For general information & further details about St Thomas's activities, do visit our website 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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