

St.tees bulletin

SUNDAY - 18th April 2010

TODAY - a special welcome to Freya Grace Procter who is to be baptised during our service this morning. Welcome also to her parents Lee and Sharon and to other family members and friends who join with us on this occasion.

Sermons for April

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.

THIS WEEK

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - tomorrow, Monday 19th April.

Today is the last day for ...

- **Nominations** for seven people: two Churchwardens, four PCC members (to serve for three years), one Deanery Synod member (to serve for one year), plus Sidespersons.
- **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 **today at the latest** 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.

EXTRA TIME Day Away Tuesday 20th April. The Away Day is to be at Brookhouse Methodist Church, starting at 10:00 am and finishing at 3:00 pm. Members are reminded that lunch will be a 'Bring and Share'. Any queries regarding transport please ring Jean and Colin on (01524) 64851. Members are also reminded that we need to hear from those who wish to go on the Kendal (Quaker Tapestries) and Grasmere Outing on 15th June, since we must confirm the coach soon.

TRANSITION CITY LANCASTER Tuesday 20th April 7:30 pm in St Thomas's Church. Talk by Rob Hopkins, founder of the Transition movement. Come and hear what being a Transition City will mean for Lancaster. Cost £5.00 (£3.00 concession). Suitable for everyone interested in bringing about a local, low carbon community in Lancaster. Bring a friend. Tickets from Caroline Jackson, or on the door.

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.

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.



Celebration to meet the Visitors from Thailand - next Sunday - 25th April following the morning service. **1Step2Step** would like to invite you to an 'indoor picnic' in the Church Centre to celebrate the visit of guests from Thailand and for them to meet the people here in the UK who support the work of 1Step2Step. **Nicola Anderson will be there too!** If the weather is sunny and warm the venue will be Williamson Park. Please bring your own picnic. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided if we meet in the church centre. RSVP to Sally Anderson 3888199 or email spay51@yahoo.co.uk

EVENTS COMING UP

GENERAL ELECTION FORUM organised by Lancaster Churches Together. **Tuesday 27th April** 7:00 - 9:00 pm in St Thomas's Church. Parliamentary candidates will be present and the meeting will be chaired by Bishop Geoff. Written questions to be submitted at the meeting by 7:15 pm. See notice board for full details.

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!



Why Give?

is the theme of our morning and evening services on **Sunday 9th & 16th May** when we will be looking at our stewardship and what scripture says about this



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

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul & Becca Chamberlain on the birth of Daniel Jonathan, born on 13th April and weighing 9lb 4oz. Partner in crime for Noah!

'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

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).

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 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)



WEEKLY FOOTBALL Sundays 9:00 - 10:00 pm at the University of Cumbria Sports Centre on the astroturf. Re-commences today, 18th April. All Welcome. For more information contact Phil on 07900 037 590.

WOMEN'S GROUP meets for coffee on **Saturday 1st May** 11:00 am at The Sultan, Brock Street, Lancaster. All welcome.

SUE BELL will be ordained Deacon in Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday 26th June. If you would like to attend this services, please see Sue. Tickets are limited.

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

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.

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

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| Today | 18 Apr | 10:30am | David & Cathleen Dawson's house group |
| | | 6:15pm | Brian & Pauline Davies' house group |
| Sunday | 25 Apr | 10:30am | Nick & Alison Johnstone's house group |
| | | 6:15pm | Slyne 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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