

St.tees bulletin

Sunday 25th April 2010

Today Special welcome to Rahael Enid Talks who is to be baptised during our service this morning. Welcome also to her parents Andrew and Sunita and to other family members and friends who join with us on this occasion.

April 25th

- 10:30 am **Holy Communion and Infant Baptism** Hearing Jesus speak to his church (6)
Revelation 3: v 7-13. Philadelphia
- 6:15 pm **Service of the Word** with a difference
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** 'What is prayer and how do we pray?'

Sermons for May

May 2nd

- 9:15 am **Holy Communion** (said) in the downstairs centre
- 10:30 am **All-Age Service**
- 6:15 pm **Service of the Word** Set Free from Slavery (8)
Exodus 15: v 1-21 *Celebration of God's power*
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** 'Who is the Holy Spirit?'

May 9th

- 10:30 am **Holy Communion** Why Give? In reaction to God's grace.
1 Chronicles 29: v 10-18
- 6:15 pm **Service of the Word** Why Give? In response to needs.
Mark 12: v 13-17 & 41-44
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** 'The Lord's Prayer'

May 16th

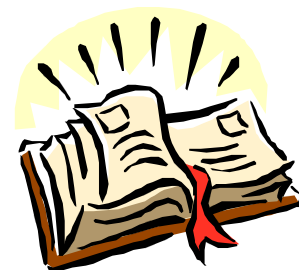
- 10:30 am **Service of the Word** Why Give? In recognition of God's gifts.
Romans 12: v 1-8
- 6:15 pm **Holy Communion** Why Give? In obedience to God's command
2 Corinthians 9: v 6-15
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** 'Listening'

May 23rd Pentecost

- 10:30 am **Holy Communion** Pentecost - Precious? Isaiah 44: v 1-5 / John 16: v 7-15
- 6:15 pm **Service of the Word** Pentecost - Work of the Holy Spirit in individuals & communities
1 Corinthians 12: v 1-11
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** 'Meditation'

May 30th Trinity Sunday

- 10:30 am **Service of the Word** Trinity as a paradigm for spiritual transformation
Matthew 28: v 16-20
- 6:15 pm **Holy Communion**
- 8:15 pm **After Hours** 'Worship / Meditation Evening'



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

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

THIS WEEK

GENERAL ELECTION FORUM organised by Lancaster Churches Together. **Tuesday 27th April** 7:30 - 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.

THE CRAFT AID SHOP AGM will be on **Wednesday 28th April** in the downstairs centre lounge. There will be three teenagers speaking about their recent trip to Mexico to help with projects to relieve poverty. These teenagers attend St Luke's, Slyne with Hest and the Craft Aid Trust helped to sponsor their trip. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

NEW INCUMBENT Please pray for the short-listing meeting on **Tuesday 27th April** involving Tony Bell and Sally Pidd, our parish representatives, and the meeting of the CPAS Trustees on **Thursday 29th April**.

WENDY'S CRAFT WORKSHOP Saturday 1st May 9:30 am - 3:30 pm in the downstairs centre. Come along and paint some items in the traditional style of canal boat art. Wendy will guide you in this surprisingly simple technique. Bring along some enamelware, tin jugs, plates or mugs. For further details ring (01524) 61586 or 07817 754 095.

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

EVENTS COMING UP

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!



Youth Work Volunteers Needed

We are currently in need of new volunteers to help sustain and develop our youth work here at St Thomas's. Please read the **Appendix to the Annual Reports 2009** as this contains information on all our youth groups and a brief summary of their development over the past year.

We particularly need help with Rock Solid on Monday evenings and Encounter on Sunday mornings, but all groups could do with extra volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider whether you can get involved and get in touch with Ian McGrath (ian@st.tees.org.uk or 01524 590 416) for more information as soon as possible.

Please continue to pray for the youth team; they do a fabulous job.

SPORT @ ST TEES The Main family will be leading a Bike Ride to Crook o' Lune Picnic Site after morning church **next Sunday 2nd May**. The six mile round route is all off road and will be suitable for cyclists of all ages - from six - 70+. Bring a picnic and enjoy the views over the River Lune. Any questions, simply ask Alan Main or email him: alanmain@hotmail.com.
See below for dates of future planned events.



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. 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

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

THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored me on my walk-and-sit . How generous you are!! I am able to send over £500 (including Gift Aid) and donations are still coming in. How good is the God we adore.
Alice Crabtree

RESULTS OF APCM held on Monday 19th April - see notice board for details.

CHILDREN & YOUTH PRAYER MEETING Tuesday 4th May 7:30 pm in the upstairs centre.

FUSION - for Years 4, 5 & 6 will re-commence on **Thursday 6th May** in church. Please note the change of venue.

CAKES NEEDED Steve Cowles is the area Police Chaplain and he and his wife, Debbie, are holding the Police Family Day at Capernwray on **Saturday 8th May**. They need cakes (or tray bakes/biscuits) baking for the day and would be glad to collect these on **Friday 7th May** before 12:00 noon from the church office. **Please pray** for good weather, good attendance and sufficient cakes! Thank you.



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. **PETE HAMBORG** will also be ordained deacon - same day, same time. If anyone would like to attend please ring Pete on 0177 9500399.

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.

EVENTS / NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

A FESTIVAL OF PREACHING - An Ecumenical Celebration of Preaching at Blackburn Cathedral Saturday & Sunday 22nd & 23rd May. See notice board for details.

NEWS FROM EDEN OLD TRAFFORD For the latest newsletter from Ben and Amy Woodfield & Neve, pick up a copy from the welcome desk. There are also copies of the Annual Report for 2009, which makes for interesting reading!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASHIRE have arranged

- **An evening of Inspiration Wednesday 12th May**. Churches Together in Lancashire's Annual Forum at Fulwood URC Church, Preston PR2 3DH
- **Celebration Praise Friday 21st May** 7:30 pm at the Ecumenical Chaplaincy, Lancaster University and **Saturday 22nd May** 2:00 pm at St Mary's RC Church, Leyland.

Different services, different choirs, different music, same united vision: "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation!"

See notice board in the church for full details.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	25 Apr	10:30am	Nick & Alison Johnstone's house group
		6:15pm	Slyne house group
Sunday	2 May	10:30am	Richard & Doreen Silman's house group
		6:15pm	Harry & Iona Price'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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