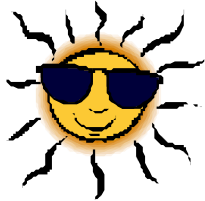


# St.tees bulletin

## 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010



**TODAY CHURCH PICNIC** - for all members and friends of St Thomas's Church family - at Ripley school field, following the morning service

### Sermons for July

#### 4<sup>th</sup> July

9:15 am **Holy Communion** (said) downstairs centre lounge  
10:30 am **All-Age Service**  
6:15 pm **Service of the Word** *Dwelling in vine; abiding in love.* (John 15: v 1-17)

#### 11<sup>th</sup> July

10:30 am **Holy Communion & Infant Baptism** Series in Psalms (3)  
*Gratitude - more than attitude.* (Psalm 136: v 1-26)  
6:15 pm **Service of the Word** *World Cup Final Special - scoring the ultimate goal.*  
7:30 pm **World Cup Final live** on the screens at Church. All welcome.



#### 18<sup>th</sup> July

10:30 am **Service of the Word** Series in Psalms (4)  
*Abandonment - when you feel alone* (Psalm 22: v 1-31)  
6:15 pm **Holy Communion** *Hatred of the world* (John 15: v 18-16: v 4a)

#### 25<sup>th</sup> July

10:30 am **Holy Communion** (with a 10 min. children's slot) Series in Psalms (5)  
*Contentment - when your soul is at rest.* (Psalm 62: v 1-12)  
6:15 pm **Service of the Word** *Work of the Holy Spirit* (John 16: v 4b -15)

## THIS WEEK

Whether you plan to enjoy, or patiently endure, the fervour of the World Cup it is important for us all to be continually praying for the nations involved. Here are the prayers for this week:

#### Brazil

There is much injustice in Brazil towards underprivileged children and the tribal Brazilian peoples. Pray for God's justice to be restored.

#### Ivory Coast

Pray for the estimated 14 - 16% of people in Ivory Coast infected by HIV, and the 500,000 children who have been orphaned by the disease.

#### North Korea

Pray for the safety of North Korean Christians and that they would remain faithful to the Lord under immense pressure. Pray for boldness to share their faith.

#### Portugal

Pray for many people to be released and for discerning Christian leaders to be able to expose false doctrines.



**NISCU** Come along on **Tuesday morning 6<sup>th</sup> July** to find out news and pray for the North Lancs team and others working in schools. 11:00 am for coffee, 11:30 am prayer. 12:00 noon light lunch. Venue: Inglewood, Aldcliffe, Lancaster

**MESSY CHURCH** For those interested in getting involved (see notice over page), there is a meeting on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** 7:30 pm in the upstairs centre.

**EXTRA TIME Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** 10:15 am for 10:30 am in the church centre. We very much look forward to welcoming back to Extra Time the **Doorstep Crime Sketches Team** to present '**Danger on the Doorstep**'. The team has been to us once before in January, but it was snowing and all but a handful of our members were prevented from coming. The team's presentation was too good to miss, so we thought we would ask them to come again (when it was less likely to snow!) and they kindly agreed.

**SPORT IN THE SNUG** Sport @ St Tees group meet at the Bowerham Hotel **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** 8:00 pm - probably sitting to the left of the main door as you walk in.

**TABLE TENNIS Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the downstairs centre. Whatever your age and skill level please come along, as all are welcome at the tennis table! For more information see Ben Barraclough (tel 36958 or email: [benjamin.barraclough@hotmail.com](mailto:benjamin.barraclough@hotmail.com))

**BOOK GROUP Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July** 10:30 for 10:45 am. 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society' by Mary Ann Shaffer. Meet at the Café, Williamson Park, Lancaster. Further details from Gill Wildon (01524) 39584.

**NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT  
WORLD CUP FINAL**

We are going to have a special service focusing on sport, the bible and what it means for our lives before watching the game on the screens here at church. To tie in with this sport's theme, please can you try to turn up wearing a football top of a favourite team! Please pray for this service as it could be a good opportunity for those who don't normally attend church to come along. That, of course, can only happen if you invite your friends!



**For children aged 2-8 and their families** - a chance to worship together through craft, celebration and a meal. 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3:30 - 5:30 pm, starting 21st September.

We need team members of all ages to make this happen! Can you welcome families, prepare crafts in advance, run a craft activity, prepare food, be part of the band? Are you prepared to give your time and skills either each month or on a rota basis to minister to young families? Find out more - Contact Sarah on 01524 590418 or [sarah@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:sarah@st.tees.org.uk).

## NOTICE BOARD

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

**CHURCH CAR PARK** Application forms for permits are on the welcome desk. The fee for 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 is £65.00. Permits are not needed for members of St Tees for Sundays or for mid-week evening meetings.



**ZEPHANIAH MUTHALALY** is being baptised on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July** during the 10:30 am service. We would love as many of you as possible to celebrate this occasion with us. After the service we will be having a bring and share lunch in church. On the welcome desk we have produced some invitations for you to take away to remind you of the details nearer the time - please take one and also sign up to let us know you are coming so we have an idea of numbers. **It would help a great deal if those of you bringing food could please prepare it and plate up in advance. Thank you.** We are really looking forward to you joining us.  
Saju, Katy & Zephaniah

**THE CRAFT AID SHOP** will only be open 11:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturdays in the school holidays; from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> September, and will re-open at the usual time from 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**THANK YOU** to all those who helped set up and clear away so efficiently and quickly before and after the services last Sunday. Your input was so much appreciated.  
The Oasis Team

## 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](mailto:ian@st.tees.org.uk) or 01524 590 416) for more information as soon as possible.

## EVENTS COMING UP

**PRAYING TOGETHER** 7:30 pm in church. **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** will be led by the members of Extra Time. Future prayer meeting dates: 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!

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** (in the upstairs centre) **and church garden tidy-up Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you have gardening tools, please bring them. Anyone welcome to help in the garden, including ladies and children.



### CALLING EVERYONE TO COME AND PRAY

**Diary** dates: prayer and sharing of vision for Lancaster Prayer Conference.

- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** 9:30 am - 12:00 noon at Brookhouse Methodist Church
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August** 9:30 am - 12:00 noon [here](#) at St Thomas's
- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Lancashire Prayer Conference, University of Cumbria, Lancaster

Details from Herrick Daniel or Pat Jarratt (01524) 823198

**MARRIAGE COURSE** We will be running the Marriage Course on Thursday evenings in the Autumn Term. This is a chance to build a stronger marriage, no matter how long you've been together. DVDs provide a starting point for you to talk as a couple about issues like communication, resolving conflict etc. To find out more talk to Nick & Alison Johnstone or Mike & Kirstin Wong, or contact Sarah Evans on (01524) 590418 or [sarah@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:sarah@st.tees.org.uk).



**SPORT @ ST. TEES**

If you are involved in a sporting activity this summer and want others to take part - please let us know! Sport @ St. Tees is about us as a church family doing stuff together. So let [martin.bateman@r4tw.org](mailto:martin.bateman@r4tw.org) know or the office if you have something that others could be involved in.

**RUNNING GROUP** meets on Monday evenings, 6:45 pm at VVV by the main entrance steps to the gym. All welcome

**TABLE TENNIS WEDNESDAYS** 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the downstairs centre. Whatever your age and skill level please come along, as all are welcome at the tennis table! Running fortnightly, this event is great for meeting others and having a friendly game. The dates for your diary are **Wednesday evening 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August**. For more information see Ben Barraclough (tel 36958 or email: [benjamin.barraclough@hotmail.com](mailto:benjamin.barraclough@hotmail.com))

**WEEKLY FOOTBALL Sundays** 8:30 - 9:30 pm at the University of Cumbria Sports Centre on the astroturf. All Welcome. For more information contact Phil on 07778 391 995.

## NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

**THE WALTON FAMILY** will be leaving for Dar Es Salaam on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Please pray for them as they prepare to leave - all the practicalities and the leaving of families in this country. When they arrive in Dar they then have nine days to find a house and car and something to sleep and sit on and need to buy uniforms in time for the school start on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. **They are still awaiting visas!**

Pick up a copy of their latest newsletter from the Mission Support board.

**Commissioning Service** for them is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 10:30 am at St Bride's Church, Old Trafford, Manchester. If anyone would like to represent St Thomas's please contact the Church Office.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Today	4 July	10:30am	Mike & Kirstin Wong's house group
		6:15 pm	Richard & Ingrid Eglese's house group
Sunday	11 July	10:30am	Ariel Hubbert / Jane Thwaites' house group
		6:15pm	After Hours

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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