

# Sharing God's Love from the heart of the city.



## ST. THOMAS'S BULLETIN

### 5TH FEBRUARY 2012

**10.30 am** All-Age Service **A Church that Cares, Love in Action**

**6.15 pm** Evening Service **A Church that Cares, What is Pastoral Care? John 15. 12-17**

A warm welcome to any visitors. If you would like to fill in a contact card, so that we can get to know you and help you settle in, please find one in the bibles in front of you or on the Welcome desk.

**FEBRUARY'S SERMONS** Pick up a leaflet from the Welcome Desk

**20-30's GROUP** Join us for food before the evening service. Meet up at 5pm in the top Wetherspoons

**FOOTBALL** This evening at Ripley, St Thomas Astroturf 8.30pm-9.30pm

## THIS WEEK

**20-30's BIBLE STUDY Monday, 6th February** 7:30-9:30 pm in the Prayer room, in the Upstairs Church Centre, with a focus on Luke. For more information contact Alice Parry on 07793712757. All welcome



**AWAKENING.** We want to renew our focus on prayer as a church. Replacing the previous church prayer meeting, a prayer gathering called, 'Awakening' will be held once a month. It will be a time of extended worship, prayer and testimony as we pray for God to move in our lives and nation. The next gathering will be **Monday 6th February** at 8pm in Church

### **NISCU Tuesday 7th February**

Come along on to find out news, and pray for North Lancs team working in schools. 11:00 am for coffee, 11.30 am for prayer & noon for a light lunch. Venue Inglewood, Aldcliffe, Lancaster

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**EXTRA TIME, Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. "Progress in Peru"** This week we look forward to Rosemary Dobson up-dating us on the current situation of the children in foster care, and those in the re-opened orphanage in Peru. Also there will be news of those who have had surgery in Lima. Those who are retired, whatever age, are most welcome to join us. Come at 10.15am for coffee or tea, ready for a 10.30am.start.

**WEDNESDAY COMMUNION** There is a half hour Communion service held every Wednesday at noon in the church.

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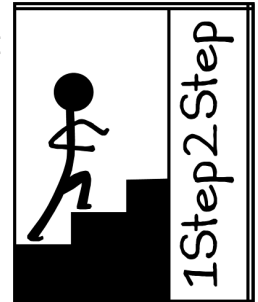
**R4TW Interactive Sunday February 12, 12:30** Bring a packed lunch and stay around after church and find out more about the projects we support locally and internationally through our run. Get your 2012 money box, a goodie bag and sign up for our extra early bird rate of only £8! Limited edition t-shirt available for those who sign up. [www.R4TW.org](http://www.R4TW.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WALKING GROUP** The next amble will be around Hest Bank on **Tuesday 14th February** leaving church at 1.30pm, an easy, mainly level walk of 3-4 miles. For more details see Sally Pidd or email Sally Taylor [taylorssally@gmail.com](mailto:taylorssally@gmail.com) especially if you will need a lift. Students very welcome.

**1Step2Step** Family portrait fund-raiser day with Karl R Dixon Photography ([www.karlrtdixon.com](http://www.karlrtdixon.com)) on **Saturday 18th February**, 10am - 3 pm downstairs centre lounge. Have a family, individual or couple portrait for £15. For £15 you will get a disc with two photographs on for you to take away and print out as many as you like. Half of the price will go to support the work of 1Step2Step. Please support us and get two lovely photographs. They would make lovely Mothers Day or Easter presents. Discs will be available for collection from church the following Sunday. Tea and coffee provided, cakes will also be available for sale on the day.

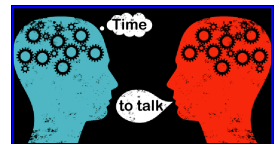


To book your photo slot time please see Emma Dixon (01524 412523) or Amy Rowbotham (01524 382094) £5 deposit required to reserve your place

**PRAYER FOR HEALING** At both services on **19th February** there will be prayer for healing. Please pray for the services and for those people will be asking for healing.

**PASTORAL LINKS TEAM** meeting followed by Coffee and cake on **Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**TIME TO TALK**, a seminar series. A group from St Ts is organising a 5-week seminar series on the Tuesdays of Lent, starting on **February 28th**. These will allow people to consider and discuss topics that can be difficult to deal with in sermons and house groups. The first three seminars will consider Doubt, Faith & Certainty; Authority & Leadership; Sexuality & Relationships. All are welcome, whether Christians or not. We plan to start at 8.00 pm and run through until 9.30. Most of each evening will be devoted to an organised discussion. Leaflets are available on the Information Desk. Mick Pidd.



**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27th Feb-11th March.** "Taking a Step towards Fairtrade" If a home group or group wants to hold an event, contact Katherine Shentall or Corina Redmore. ([corina.redmore.tesco.net](http://corina.redmore.tesco.net))



**SUMMER CAMPS:** Every summer, there are a number of summer camps or Christian conferences on offer around the country for children and young people: CPAS Venture camps, PACT, Beach Missions, Soul Survivor, New Wine, and Scripture Union, to name but a few! If you're in Yr 3 to Yr 13, or you have children/young people in those age groups, and would like to find out more about what's on offer this summer, and maybe link up with some others going away, then we're holding a gathering for families after the all-age morning service on **4<sup>th</sup> March** - come and find out more then!

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**RUNNING THE RACE** Our Easter Holiday Club for primary school children will be **Tuesday 10th-Friday 13th April**. We will be recruiting leaders soon - please start thinking and praying about whether God is calling you to be part of the team this year



## NOTICES

**MARRIAGE COURSE** Please pray for the 22 couples on the Marriage Course, which runs on Thursday evenings from 2<sup>nd</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, as well as for the team putting on the course



**DISABLED LADY** requires female carer, a few hours a week by arrangement. Must have clean driving licence. Please phone 64168

*giftaid it* **GIFT AID** Following our Stewardship Sundays and Jon's challenging message, I would like on behalf of the PCC to thank all of you who give by whatever means to God's work in this church. Due to people 'Gift Aiding' their giving to St Thomas's the total tax we have been able to reclaim for 2011 will be £47,000. I would therefore like to ask you to consider, if you are a tax payer, and especially if you are new to the Church, 'Gift Aiding' your giving. Eric Bevan

**WANTED: JUNIOR CHURCH LEADERS!!!!** Our amazing children need more people to get to know them and help them to find out more about how much God loves them and how he wants them to live. If you could be part of a Junior Church team twice a month or more, please contact Clare or Sarah on 01524 590418, [sarah@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:sarah@st.tees.org.uk) or [clare@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:clare@st.tees.org.uk). We have fabulous leaders but we also have a real need for more people to be part of all our primary school teams – come and talk to us to find out more about what would be involved

**RELAY WORKER** in Sheffield. David Guy's latest newsletter is on the Welcome desk

**TEES ON THE STEPS:** Thank you to the 30+ people who have already expressed an interest in getting involved in serving tea/coffee on the steps of St Tees on a Saturday night – what an amazing response! A small working group has been formed to draw up guidelines, liaise with police, organise training, etc. The team will be lead by Chris Park ([c.park@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:c.park@lancaster.ac.uk)) and Gemma Davies ([i\\_love\\_tomatoes@hotmail.com](mailto:i_love_tomatoes@hotmail.com)) who are the people to contact if you'd like to get involved, or make suggestions.



## EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**BREAKTHROUGH IN A TIME OF BREAKDOWN** Father's House have Marc Dupont visiting over the weekend 11-12 Feb. Details on [www.fathers-house.co.uk](http://www.fathers-house.co.uk) Everyone is very welcome to join them.

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**NEW WINE NORTH & EAST, Newark 28th July– 3rd August.** Nearly 100 from church went in summer 2011, why not join us in 2012.

**OLYMPIC CAFÉ** We will be opening St Tees up as a family-friendly sports café, (showing the Olympics on the big screens in church, with toys and play areas available for children) from Mon to Sat daytimes, during the two weeks of the Olympics: 30th July–4th Aug & 6th-11th Aug. We need lots of volunteers. Could you set aside one of these weeks or just a few hours on one day? If you'd like to be involved, please sign up on the Welcome desk or speak to Jon Scamman, especially if you could help on the organising team.



**CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT-SHELTER**

urgently need more volunteers to sleep over at their shelter for Homeless people. If you would like to get involved please call Jeanette Wilson 07947423128

**THE ARK** We are looking for another person to join the rota for provision of cake once every six weeks for the Friday meal. Please contact Joan Wiseman on 823481 if you feel able to help.



**Prayer for International Ministry in Lancaster**

10am–11am. On 14th Feb at 23 Yealand Drive and on 13th March 68 Coulston Road.

**MISSION SUPPORT** If you would like to be included in the monthly prayer e-mail update for our 'Mission Partner of the Month' please send in your e-mail address to the office, [admin@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:admin@st.tees.org.uk)

This Sunday marks the end of Homelessness Week. Please take some time to pray for the work amongst Homeless people in our town. Edward St. Homeless Action Centre, Christ Church Night Shelter, The Mustard Seed evening meal on Tuesdays and The Ark on Friday evening here at St. Thomas'. There is a continuous stream of people becoming homeless in our town and a need for rooms for them to rent. Pray for the Churches here to know God's leading on how to show His love in action

REFRESHMENTS TEAM			
Today	5th Feb	10:30am	Werner Home Group
		6:15pm	Price Home Group
Sunday	12th Feb	10:30am	Johnstone Home Group
		6:15pm	Davies/McDonnell Home Group

**AV LINK AVAILABLE UPPER CHURCH LOUNGE** For parents of under 1s - and anyone else needing some space during a service!

**PASTORAL PRAYER CHAIN**

Please send your prayer requests to Glad Kenyon 34247

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**REMINDER**

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