

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



ST. THOMAS'S BULLETIN

29TH JANUARY 2012

10.30 am Holy Communion (*The children will join us for communion*) **God's Heart for the World, God's Heart for Generosity**

6.15 pm Evening Service **God's Heart for the World, God's Heart for Generosity**

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.

MISSION SUPPORT WEEKEND Many thanks to the Mission Support Group and many others who worked so hard to put on our amazing Mission Support Weekend last week. If you missed the weekend, George Verwer's inspirational Saturday and Sunday evening talks are on the website, and you can collect a prayer calendar and a questionnaire from the welcome desk. Unfortunately, the sermon in the morning by George Verwer was not recorded. 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.

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

20-30's GROUP Join us for a visit to the pub after the evening service. Meet up with the rep in a green tee-shirt.

THIS WEEK

9.15 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE next Sunday (and every first Sunday on the month) in the downstairs Church Centre

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

20-30's BIBLE STUDY Monday, 30th January 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

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Teas @ St Tees: Saturday night outreach Some members of St Thomas's are thinking of offering **cups of tea and coffee** and a chat on a Saturday night on the steps of St Tees to those going to the **pubs and clubs** in the city centre, as a practical demonstration of the love of God through serving our community. The idea is that this would happen in term-time between approx 11pm-2am. If you might be interested in getting involved, contact Euan Holden on euanholden86@live.co.uk or Jon Scamman on jon@st.tees.org.uk. We will be holding an initial meeting to discuss this after the evening service on **tonight at 8pm**.

HOME GROUP LEADER'S Meeting is on **Monday 30th January** 7.45pm in the Upstairs Centre Lounge. There will be a focus on pastoral care in the context of home groups. Please try and be there or arrange for someone to come from your group to represent it and feedback to you as leaders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S GROUP -Coffee at the Borough. We will be meeting for coffee at The Borough, Dalton Square, on **Sat February 4th** at 11.00 a.m. All women welcome!

Sport@st.tees Planning meeting at 7.45pm on the **6th Feb** at the Bowerham Hotel

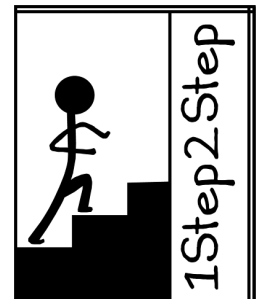
WALKING GROUP The next walks will be on **Saturday 11th February** leaving at 9.30am from the church car park to Coniston. The A party will climb Weatherlam, 6 miles and ascending 2300 feet and the B party will go to Tarn Hows, 7.5 miles and some up hill sections. Please bring boots, waterproofs, drinks and a packed lunch. For more details see Sally Pidd or email Sally Taylor taylorsally@gmail.com especially if you will need a lift. Students very welcome.

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.

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



1Step2Step Family portrait fund-raiser day with Karl R Dixon Photography (www.karlriddixon.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



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

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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. More details next week. 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)



NOTICES

MARRIAGE COURSE Please pray for the 21 couples on the Marriage Course, which runs on Thursday evenings from 2nd February to 22nd March, as well as for the team putting on the course



CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the church weekend away a great success. The 260 of us who went away had a wonderful time, with great teaching from Nick Cuthbert on *Building the church of tomorrow, today*, wonderful weather, and exemplary care from the hotel staff, to whom we have given a thank you gift of £550 from individual donations. Thank you too to everyone who made the 10.30 service last weekend so positive too, with the church full downstairs, and 100 at the Jacob's Join lunch

SERMON RECORDINGS

WEEKEND AWAY If anyone would like to hear the talks given by Nick Cuthbert on the weekend away they are on the Church website www.st.tees.org.uk

EVENING SERVICE 15TH JANUARY If anyone would like to hear/hear again the evening service, please contact the Church Office for a recording on CD (£1 each)

MORNING SERVICE 22ND JANUARY. Unfortunately, the sermon in the morning by George Verwer was not recorded.

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY If there is anyone in the church who has experience of health and safety issues, and could assist us develop our policy and practices, Jon Scamman would very much like to hear from you, on jon@st.tees.org.uk.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY The programme started on Tuesday **10th January** 2012 from **7.30pm** at Lancaster Free Methodist Church A weekly 12-step recovery programme that runs for 50 weeks of the year (but can be joined at any time) Seeking to help individuals overcome all sorts of difficulties including; overeating, grief, divorce, insecurity, gambling, control, abuse. At the heart of this is our belief that all things are possible through Jesus Christ and that real and lasting life changes are sustainable through Him.



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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.



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.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a quantity of lost property/ abandoned belongings in the downstairs church centre (on the hooks by the window). Please retrieve anything that belongs to you before the end of January. What is left then will be donated to a local charity shop.

CAR PARK If you park near to the Pre-school building please ensure that the metal gate, which opens outward, can open fully so that in the event of a fire the children and helpers could exit swiftly.

| REFRESHMENTS TEAM | | | |
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| Today | 29th Jan 2012 | 10:30am | Eagles Atkinson Home Group |
| | | 6:15pm | Barry Home Group |
| Sunday | 5th Feb | 10:30am | Werner Home Group |
| | | 6:15pm | Price 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

Church Office usually open 9:00am to 3:00pm Mon -Fri
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REMINDER
The Bulletin is printed Thursday mornings, 8am