



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

15TH SEPTEMBER 2019

A WARM WELCOME to any visitors. Please fill in a contact form on the back of this bulletin, so that we can get to know you, and leave it in the grey box on the Welcome desk. Do stay for a drink and chat.

9AM HOLY COMMUNION
11AM MORNING SERVICE
7PM EVENING SERVICE

Too Gracious? *Jonah 3. 1 to 4. 4*

Pointing to Jesus in Word and Spirit

Acts 9.19-31

MISSION PARTNER OF THE MONTH Tearfund



THIS WEEK

HEART OF THE CITY PROJECT Tomorrow and Tuesday this week (16th /17th Sept) are two important days for the Heart of the City Project. The revised designs for our new church centre go before Lancaster City Council's Planning Committee tomorrow. AllChurches Trust to whom we have applied for funding, are due to make funding allocations on Tuesday.

Please do pray for these two significant events: that planning approval will be granted for the revised scheme that the Board of AllChurches will look favourably upon our project and the work that we want to do and that they will award us a generous grant.

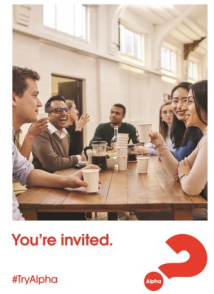
Extra Time

Tuesday 17th September downstairs in the Church Centre (behind the Church) please come along for a 10-30 start or 10-15 for coffee and biscuits. This week we welcome Pauline Sterritt with a talk entitled "Victorians". Why not come and join with us and bring a friend, all are most welcome.

LANCASHIRE SANCTUARY HOMES PROJECT Lancaster Hosting Roadshow, **18th September 19.30-21.30** at St Thomas'. An informative and informal evening to learn more about hosting refugees and asylum seekers in your own home. More details from stlancasterasr@weBSITE.co.uk or ask Maja Moller.

ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

PARISH WALK There will be a Parish walk on **Wednesday 18th September** to deliver invitations for the autumn Alpha course. If you can help, please meet in the upstairs church centre at 9.30am, and join us for some exercise with refreshments on return. If you can help but at another time please let the office or Sally Pidd know spidd@doctors.org.uk.



COMING UP

TEARFUND SUNDAY and **HARVEST** At this time of year, we pause to remember and support some of the people most in need in the world, and in our community. **Sunday 29th September** is our Tearfund Sunday, where Anna Laszlo (chair of Tearfund) will be our visiting speaker, and in which we will be taking up our annual collection for Tearfund. **Sunday 6th October** is our Harvest Sunday, when we will be taking up our collection for food parcels at the Olive Branch food bank (details to follow). Please come prepared to give generously to both Tearfund and the Olive Branch.



ALPHA - AUTUMN TERM Alpha is starting up very soon. Times and dates: Thursday evenings 7.45-9.30pm **3rd October - 5th December** with a break on 24th October (Half Term) culminating in a Christmas meal on 8th December followed by the 7pm Alternative Carol Service. Please pray for Alpha and consider inviting a friend. Enquiries to Angie Letchford a_letchford@yahoo.co.uk.

STAG (St. Thomas All Guys) men's ministry are having a BBQ and bonfire on **Saturday 28th September** from 7pm at Dave Carter's. This is always a really fun and well attended event. Cost will be £5 to cover the food and you can bring your own drinks. We have organised a speaker for the evening, Bryan Carter, who will give a short talk so this is a great opportunity to invite a friend along. You can sign-up either on Churchsuite or on the list at the back of church. Car-sharing is preferred where possible as parking is limited and it's good for the environment. Any questions, please contact. Craig.

KEEP THE DATE! The 9am congregation will be having our Away Day at Brookhouse Methodist Church, on **Saturday, 5th October, from 10 – 3pm**. Ruth Hassall speaking to us on the theme of 'Abide and Thrive' from John chapter 15. There will be children's provision, so do come, bring families, bring a pudding for our lunch together, and enjoy the day!

AUTUMN FIESTA at St Thomas Church, **Saturday 9th November** from 10.30-3pm. This is a festival of food, music and family activities to raise awareness and funds for Asylum Seeker and Refugee groups working in the Lancaster district.

NOTICES

NEW WINE / LUMINOSITY Last year, many of us from St T's enjoyed attending the New Wine summer conference and the last ever Soul Survivor. In 2020, New Wine is offering a new youth festival called 'Luminosity' as part of the New Wine conferences - which our youth group will be attending, led by Ali Demet. Both will be happening at the Peterborough site at the same time! For anyone who might wish to book now using the **Flash Sale prices (valid till 25th September), we are planning to attend New Wine Week 2 (2-8 August)**. If you wish to book to camp with us, just choose St Thomas Church from the drop-down menu in the New Wine booking system. If you have a young person who wishes to camp with the youth group (more fun??), then they will need to be booked in separately under the Luminosity Week 2 booking, details of which can be had from Ali Demet on ali@st.tees.org.uk.

MESSY CHURCH is taking a pause this term and not meeting monthly. Our next Messy Church will be our Christmas Special on **Saturday 14th December** at 3.30pm-5.30pm. All families are very welcome. We will be having lots of festive fun and celebrating the birth of Jesus. Please put this date in your diaries and invite your friends and family along. Contact Emma for more information.

HOTC FUNDRAISER Are you an arty and creative person? Do you have a heart for our HOTC building project? Then I would love to hear from you. We are planning a pre-Christmas craft fair on 7.12. Would you like to support this by selling your craft (including suitable food products such as jams, chutneys a.o.) to raise money for the above? Then please let me know (or for any further questions): moeller.maja@gmail.com

ADOPT A STUDENT We are looking for individuals, families or life groups to invite a student or two to join them for tea starting in October. You might find you really like them and want them to join you for *other* fun events too, but a meal once every 6 weeks is the minimum commitment we are asking for. Email claire@st.tees.org.uk if you want to find out more.

RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING Please join us on **Thursdays during term time** at 7pm, and every term time Thursday afterwards, in the upstairs church centre when we pray for Renewal of our church, city and country.

JUNIOR CHURCH If you could help with our junior church, either at the 9am or the 11am service, we would love to hear from you. Contact children@st.tees.org.uk.

THE ARK 2 more bakers are needed for the Ark cake baking rota. This involves baking one Friday in 7 for the guests at the Ark and delivering the cakes to the centre in time for the Ark. Help would be much appreciated.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

DEMOLISHING STRONGHOLDS An interactive ministry day, an opportunity to gain a biblical understanding of temptation; the nature of it, where it comes from, and how it can lead to unhealthy strongholds forming (entrenched habits) that affect our day to day life. **Saturday 28 September** at Father's House, Owen Road.

INTER-CHURCH JUNIOR SOCCER SCHOOL Saturdays 9.30 – 10.30, term time, at Dallas Road, Boys and Girls Club for school years 0-7. Beginners or experienced players welcome. DBS-checked coaches. First 2 sessions FREE then, if possible, £1.50 a child or £2.00 a family. No pre-booking needed, but parents please bring child to register first time. Contact: Katie 7868314807 katie.schad@hotmail.co.uk




PHOTOS IN CHURCH In line with our safeguarding policies, please do not take photos or videos in church services without asking permission of the clergy first.

VALUABLES Keep your valuables with you all the time while in church, even when going to take Communion or for prayer.

PASTORAL ISSUES Please inform the church office or one of the leadership of any pastoral needs that arise such as illness, accidents or bereavements.

PASTORAL PRAYER CHAIN Please send your prayer requests to Margaret Stocks on 01524 66257.

 We use church management software called ChurchSuite. This gives all the adults on our database the option to access their rotas, the church calendar, sign up for church events, and update their contact details. If you don't have access to My Churchsuite, contact the church office. All information is stored securely in line with the Data Protection Act. Unless you choose otherwise, your details can only be accessed by church staff and those writing any rotas you might be on. stthomaslancaster.churchsuite.co.uk/

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 If you have recently come to St Thomas's, we'd like to welcome you & get to know you. Please fill in this slip & hand it in at the Welcome desk.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Other)	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	
Children (include DOB)	
If you are interested in joining a Life Group tick here <input type="checkbox"/>	
If you are a student tick here <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there anything particular you would like to get involved in?	

Please tick the box if we **may add** your information to our mailing list (Churchsuite). You can unsubscribe at any time by contacting admin@st.tees.org.uk

Please could you indicate your age group.
 Under 20
 20-30
 30-50
 Over 50

Which service have you come to?
 9am 11am 7pm