



ST THOMAS

CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

13TH MAY

Charity No 113 0550

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 MORNING SERVICE

Ascended Acts 1. 1-11

11AM MORNING SERVICE

7PM HOLY COMMUNION

Storylines - Covenant Genesis 15

THIS WEEK

MISSION PRAYER PARTNER FOR MAY is 1STEP2STEP



GDPR & DATA PROTECTION We have to have permission to store and use people's contact details on Churchsuite. Everyone who has given us an email has been sent an email. Please could you reply to it either to give consent or ask to be forgotten. Those of you who have not got or not given us an email have a letter to collect from the back of Church, on the table by the gents toilet. Anyone who would like to join Churchsuite can fill in the box on the notice sheet, and leave in the grey box .

CLAIRE COOKE Our Curate, Claire Cooke, is going to be ordained as a Priest in the afternoon of 30th June at Blackburn Cathedral. If you would like to come to the service, please contact Claire at claire@st.tees.org.uk for a free ticket.

STY:LE REVISION CLUB STY:LE Revision Club request for cakes: Revision club will be up and running again from April 26th every Thursday until June 21st (with the exception of May 31st). Revision Club is a chilled out, encouraging space for our Young People to come and revise and we would love to bless them with tasty baked treats to enjoy and motivate them! If you would like to donate **cakes**, baked by either yourself or a supermarket, please contact Ali Demet (Youth Co-ordinator, ali@st.tees.org.uk) or Hannah Wolfenden (Assistant Youth Minister, hannah@st.tees.org.uk) or drop off your **cakes** to the church/youth office either on the Wednesday before, or Thursday morning.



"EXTRA TIME", Tuesday 15th May 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 Monica



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Li with a talk entitled "My Work with the Chinese Overseas Christian Mission". Why not come and join with us and bring a friend, all are most welcome.

MESSY CHURCH Church but not as you know it! Messy church is coming up. It's on **15th May** 3:30-5:30. It's for families with children aged between 2-8. There'll be lots of games, craft and tea. We're looking forward to welcoming you



LIFE IS ALL ABOUT CHOICES A Lost Art of Living Event on evening on the **Wednesday 16th May** (part of Dying Matters Week 14 – 20 May). Running from 5.45pm til 9pm. With talks ***The Lost Art of Living*** from Dr Richard Scheffer (retired palliative care physician and a member of Healthcare Professionals for Assisted Dying) and Mr Robert Preston (Director of Living and Dying Well). Tickets and more information from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/with-the-end-in-mind-life-death-and-physician-assisted-suicide-tickets-44880064481?aff=es2>.

THY KINGDOM COME AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH We are going to commit ourselves to daily prayer from **10th -20th May**. We will be praying that God's Kingdom would come, and that people would find out about Jesus through our church ministries, but also through our own witness and prayer. More details on the separate sheet. There will be no Renewal Prayer meetings on the 17th May



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FURTHER AHEAD

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE 17th June, 2018, 7:00pm We will be having a special Baptism and Confirmation service on Sunday 17th June at 7:00pm. Bishop Philip, the Bishop of Burnley, who is passionate about mission and the church, will lead the service and preach for us. If you, or someone you know, would like to be baptised by full immersion or confirmed, please speak to Craig Abbott or Claire Cooke. In preparation for the service we will be holding three light-hearted, fun sessions to talk about baptism and confirmation and the service. These will be held on **13th and 20th May** from 5:30-6:30pm.

1STEP2STEP is hosting another disability Awareness Tour **20th-27th May**. We need help from drivers for short trips around Lancaster and offers to cook a one-pot meal for Sunday 20th May. Please contact Sally Anderson spay51@yahoo.co.uk or text 07587221300.



TECH TRAINING We're so lucky as a church to have a wonderful tech team that keeps our sound and screens running on a Sunday. We would love to see people come and join these teams across our congregations, and we have some training dates booked in with some of our in-house experts. This is both refresher training both for existing members of the team, but also training for those wanting to get involved. For screens training, there are 2 duplicate

sessions. **Monday 25th** and **Thursday 28th June** both at 7.30pm, and for sound desk training we have one session on **Tuesday 10th July at 7.30pm**. All training done in church. Please let our sung worship co-ordinator Jono Peatman know if you intend to be there.

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT with Tearfund. **1st & 2nd June** at Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire. Information and to purchase tickets <https://bigchurchdayout.com/north>. The Big Church Day Out (BCDO) is the UK's largest annual gathering of the wider church that creates a space for all denominations and ages to gather each year for 2 exciting days of worship and celebration.



NOTICES

SPARKLERS Could you join the Sparklers team? We need another leader to work with our 1-4 year olds, twice a month at the 9am service. You would be joining a great team and helping to share God's love with our youngest children through stories, songs, prayers and crafts. Contact Sarah on children@st.tees.org.uk to find out more.



WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME SERVICE We all need a bit of time out to find peace and reconnect with God during the week, so we offer you a warm welcome to our midweek spoken communion service. The service is very quiet and peaceful and consists of a said communion with a short talk and time of prayer and in total it lasts about 40 minutes. This takes place every Wednesday at 12 noon except during the Christmas/ New Year break and in our annual Children's Holiday club week.

THE ARK is currently short of cooks. If you feel you could cook a simple meal once a month, your help would be greatly appreciated. Full training will be given. Please email Anne Carman for further details. awcarman@yahoo.co.uk.

HEART OF THE CITY PROJECT The planning application has now been submitted to the Lancaster City Council. It is anticipated that we will receive a response in late June. Please do be praying that our application finds favour with the planners. If you have any questions about the planning application, or would like to chat about any other aspect of the project, please catch one of the HOTC Project team after a service.

SPIRE PROJECT Work to repair the spire is due to be completed by Friday 15th June.

ST TEE'S ANGELS consists of a group of wonderful volunteers, (led by a tiny team of "archangels"!) who provide practical help in times of need. We make meals for members of the church who are ill, bereaved or have just had a baby. We give short term help in a wide variety of difficult situations, often where lifegroups are struggling to offer support. Please see our leaflet on the welcome desk. We are looking for a new archangel to assist with the running of this much appreciated service. You can contact us via the church office or ring Wendy Moore on 07817 754095.

PHOTOS IN CHURCH: In line with our safeguarding policies, which are intended to keep children and vulnerable adults safe in church, please do not take photos or videos in church services without asking permission of the clergy first.



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

PRAYER MINISTRY CORNER As a church, we offer prayer ministry after every main service, in the prayer ministry area at the back right corner of the main church building. If you would like prayer for anything at all, please don't hesitate to go over to the prayer ministry corner, and ask a member of the prayer ministry team to pray with you.

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

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

SIGNING UP TO CHURCHSUITE 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 see the contact details we have for them online. 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.

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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. Please tick the box if we **may add**

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| Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Other) | |
| Address | |
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| 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? | |

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

