



# ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Charity No 113 0550

## SUMMER 2018

**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.

### 29TH JULY

**9AM MORNING SERVICE** Practise Hospitality

**11AM ALL AGE SERVICE**

*1 Peter 4.7-11 & Luke 14. 12-14*

**7PM HOLY COMMUNION** Joel, Hope for the Future *Joel 3.*

### 5TH AUGUST

**9AM HOLY COMMUNION** Retreat to Advance

**11AM MORNING SERVICE**

*Exodus 33. 7-11 & Mark 1. 29-39*

**7PM EVENING SERVICE** My Life Verse *Exodus 14.10-14*

### 12 TH AUGUST

**9AM MORNING SERVICE** Finding rest when the work is never done

**11AM MORNING SERVICE**

*Luke 8.. 22-25*

**7PM HOLY COMMUNION** My Life Verse *Luke 6. 1-5& 37-42*

### 19TH AUGUST

**9AM HOLY COMMUNION** Celebrating Creation

**11AM ALL AGE SERVICE**

*Genesis . 31 -2.3 & Psalm 19*

**7PM EVENING SERVICE** My Life Verse *Ezekiel 37.*

### 26TH AUGUST

**9AM MORNING SERVICE** Driven Distracted *Luke 10. 38-42*

**11AM MORNING SERVICE**

**7PM EVENING SERVICE** My Life Verse *Isiah 30.15 & Jeremiah 6.16*

**MISSION PARTNER PRAYER PARTNER FOR AUGUST** is  
CMS & the Marshalls



**RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING** Won't be held during the summer. We will recommence in September.

**SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE AUTUMN CALENDAR** – We have just added communion services to the Autumn calendar, so that it is clear which service each week is a communion service, for those who like to know. All the other non-communion services are still happening at their usual time, every week, unless specifically indicated otherwise.

**HEART OF THE CITY PROJECT:** On Monday we received planning permission to replace the church centre with a new building! Please give thanks to God for this approval and for all of the work that has gone in by so many people. Over the next few months work will continue on the technical design of the new building and also on how church life will continue whilst the centre is out of action. There is a lot of work still to do, so please pray for God's guidance for the project teams over the coming months. We have begun the process of appointing a contractor to do the works towards the end of this year. We are looking for some admin support for the project over the summer and into the autumn. If you have a few hours a week available, please contact Tim Parsons for more information. This has the potential to be paid work depending on the hours that can be given. [tim@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:tim@st.tees.org.uk)



**JUNIOR CHURCH** Our usual Junior Church groups will resume after the summer on September the 2nd at the 9am Service and September 9<sup>th</sup> at the 11am Service. During the summer at the **9am service** there will be a DVD and crafts for children during the sermon; parents or carers will need to supervise their children. During the summer at the **11am service**, when there isn't an All Age service, there will be a DVD for primary school children, with leaders to supervise, and toys and crafts for pre-school children, who will need to be supervised by a parent or carer.



**JUNIOR CHURCH AND REFRESH NEED YOU!** We are blessed with an abundance of children here at St Thomas'. We are passionate about building our children in faith and need help to do so. If you feel you could help with our junior church either at the 9am or the 11am service we would love to hear from you. We also have Refresh on a Thursday evening which is years 4,5 and 6; they meet at 6 until 7.30 and would also love to have you join their team. Please contact [children@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:children@st.tees.org.uk) for more information. Looking forward to hearing from you! Hannah and Emma.

**SUMMER FUN DAY, Monday 30th July, 11am-3pm**, for under 12s and their families. Come along and bring your friends to enjoy a bouncy castle, games, crafts, toys and lots of cake. We need a team for the fun day! Could you help with welcome, refreshments, leading crafts or games, leafletting in town, making cake or setting up? Contact Emma Dixon at [emma@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:emma@st.tees.org.uk)

**SUMMER CAMPS** "As a part of Resolute, we will be taking over 25 Young People (mostly from St Thomas') to Soul Survivor from the **4th to the 8th of August**. We are all feeling very excited and full of expectation of what God is going to do! Both Hannah and Tom from St Tees will be going, with Jonny Bayes (NISCU/Christians Alive) and Di Otto (Ellel St John). Please pray for a memory making trip, and for young people and leaders to meet with God and be refreshed in His presence (and also for really good weather!)



Also please pray for all children and families at various other Christian camps this summer, including PACT, Ventures, Scripture Union, New Wine and Spring Harvest.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** Monday **6th August and 3rd September** at 7.30pm in the church foyer. Drop in any time between 7.30pm-9pm for a chat over coffee/tea and cake.

**HOLIDAY AT HOME** this year is on **Tues, Wed, Thurs 7th, 8th, 9th August** and is on the theme of 'When we were very young.' Please encourage retired friends and family to come for one or more days and try to get bookings in by **Friday 3rd August**. Booking forms from the website, welcome desk or the office. Contact Jeanette on [jeanette@st.tees.org.uk](mailto:jeanette@st.tees.org.uk) or 07486 985 357 if you have any queries. Thanks.



**FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB** at Fathers House on **August 14-16**. Cheap and fun with UEFA B qualified coaches. Forms on the welcome desk. 3 hours per day.

## FOR SEPTEMBER

**WOMEN'S COFFEE** at the Storey Institute in the café, on **Saturday 1st September**. Meet at 11am. All women welcome to join us.

**BOOKCLUB** is also meeting at the Print Room Café at the Storey Institute cafe at 11am on **Saturday 1st September**. The book under discussion is Ashes of London by Andrew Taylor. All welcome, whether you finish the book or not! More Info: Alison Purvis via ChurchSuite or church office.

**"EXTRA TIME", Tuesday 4th September** downstairs in the Church Centre (behind the Church). Please come along for a 10-30 start or 10-15 for coffee and biscuits. To start our 2018 Autumn programme we welcome Bruce Crowther with a talk entitled "Lancaster; Slave-Trade Port to Fair-Trade City" Why not come and join with us and bring a friend; all are most welcome.

*Extra Time*

**REFRESH TEAM MEETING Thursday 6th September** at 6pm in downstairs centre.

**RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING** restarts **on 6th September**. Thursdays weekly at 7pm. Please join us to pray for the renewal of our church; its people, its buildings and its city. We pray for just half an hour in the upstairs centre each Thursday evening.

**THE SERMONS ARE ONLINE** The majority of the sermons are available to download, or listen to as a podcast. Go to [www.st.tees.org.uk/sermons](http://www.st.tees.org.uk/sermons).

**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** We offer prayer ministry after every main service, in the prayer ministry area at the back right corner of the main church. 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 on 01524 66257.

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

**CRAFTAID SHOP** Summer opening times. Until **September 1st** the shop will only be open on Saturdays, selling Christian cards and small gifts.

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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

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

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