



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

FEBRUARY 10TH

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 **Life on the Edge with God**

11AM MORNING SERVICE

Joel 2.21-32; Mark 4.1-29

7PM HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE **God is the Boss.**

Deuteronomy 4: 1-31

We welcome the Rt Revd Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster, as our preacher at our 9 and 11am services today.

BELONGING AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH There are lots of great things about being part of a big church like St Thomas', but sometimes it can be hard to feel like you belong or are known in a large church. We really want to help you feel part of the St Thomas' church family – and for that, we need to have up to date contact details for you. There are two parts to this.

The first, and most important part, is that we would love you to sign up to **ChurchSuite**, which is our online church membership network. By joining ChurchSuite, you can update your personal details, use your privacy settings to decide what other church members can see, connect with other church members, easily update rotas, view the church calendar, and find out about and book onto all the latest exciting church events. This also enables the church to keep you informed of news, through occasional e-mails.

The second part is joining the **Electoral Roll**. The Electoral Roll is the official membership list for St T's and it is open to those who are baptised and over 16 years of age. Membership of the Electoral Roll entitles you to stand for election to the PCC, and vote at the annual church meeting.

We are required by the Church of England to renew the Electoral Roll once every 6 years, which means that anyone who wants to be on the Electoral Roll needs to (re)apply for membership before 7th April, as no names can be carried over.

It's actually pretty simple to do this. If you are already on ChurchSuite, you'll have received an email containing a link to an online form, to join or re-join the Electoral Roll. At the same time, you can check and update the details we hold for you on ChurchSuite.

If you're not yet on ChurchSuite, or didn't receive the email, there is a link on the home page of the church website (www.st.tees.org.uk) to the online form, or there is a paper copy of the Electoral Roll form on the welcome desk. Either way, please return your completed form to the church office by 7th April.

THIS WEEK

OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS for February are for Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Robinson family.

FURTHER AHEAD

MESSY CHURCH is on **Tuesday 19th February** from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the downstairs centre. This is for children and their families and is a fun afternoon with lots of crafts, activities and toys followed by a short time of worship and tea. We would love to see you there.



LAD'S SOCIAL at Kasper's, Lancaster. 3:30pm-4:30pm for 11-14 year olds on **Tuesday 19th February**. This a chance for all the lads in the youth to start to chill before they finish for the half term and exams.



STY:LE'S ON TOUR (Youth weekend away) **Friday 22nd** 7:00pm-**Sunday 24th** 5:00pm **February**, Whithaugh Park Rock UK

(Newcastleton) Age Group: 11-18. This is at the end of February half term, giving the youth a nice way to kick off the next two mouths of school. Ali Demet is planning on returning this weekend in a non-working capacity. We have a plan of activities, Bible teaching on the Lord's Prayer and sung worship; all while enjoying the beautiful Scottish border location.



LENT COURSES Starting **27th February**. This year we have a choice of 3 Lent Courses this term – the Alpha Course, the Bible Course, and a course on the '7 Deadly Sins.' Full details can be



found in a leaflet on the welcome desk, or by clicking on the link on the on the front page of the website. Please book via ChurchSuite, or by signing up at the welcome desk.



MASTER OF TASKS Saturday 2nd March at 7pm. Come and join us for an entertaining evening where 4 contestants will be completing a series of tasks all judged by the Master of Tasks. With a bar and live entertainment, this will be a fantastic evening out. Tickets are £10 and all proceeds go to the Heart of the City project. Please book via www.st.tees.org.uk or churchsuite.



JONATHAN VEIRA, international singer and comic, is bringing his **Songs and Tales** show to St Thomas's Church on **Saturday March 16th** at 7.30pm. A regular on BBC 'Songs of Praise', with glorious singing and tales. Tickets (£10, £8 student, £5 child) are available from ChurchSuite - or see <http://1step2step.org/events/jv/> Proceeds to 1Step2Step and Heart of the City Project.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2019 is from **Tuesday 9th April to Friday 12th April**, 10am-1pm for children at primary school. We have a fantastic week of fun activities and learning more about Gods love for us. We need a team of young people and adults to help with activities and spend time with the children. And we need people to help with refreshments, registration and security. Please take a leaflet from the welcome desk if you are interested or email emma@st.tees.org.uk

CAN YOU HELP LITTLE FISHES? It is our toddler group that meets each Wednesday morning during term time from 10am-11.30am. We are looking for more people to join our team, particularly in the kitchen to serve refreshments during the morning on a rota. If this is something you would be interested in helping with please speak to Emma Dixon or email emma@st.tees.org.uk



BOOK CLUB The programme for this year for the church book group is now available on the welcome desk.

MISSION PARTNER As one of our long-standing mission partners is retiring, we would welcome suggestions from church members as to who we might support and will make a short-list for the group to prayerfully consider. **The deadline for submissions is Monday February 12th.** Please put your suggestions with your name and contact details in the grey box on the Welcome desk.

FAMILY LIFE CENTRE If you would like to read the recent Family Life Centre report for the PCC, it is now available to download via a link on the front page of the church website.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

LANCASTER UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER SCHOOL, (formerly St. Tees FC), meets 9.30-10.30 every Saturday morning in term time, at Dallas Road Boys and Girls Club. Any children at primary school, experienced footballers and complete beginners, are very welcome. Please just turn up or contact Katie – 07868214807 or katie.schad@hotmail.co.uk

RUTH HASSALL is being licensed as Diocesan Director of Discipleship at Blackburn Cathedral on **Sunday February 17th**. No tickets are needed, so if you would like to go and support Ruth just be at Blackburn Cathedral for their 4pm Evensong.

NEW WINE PETERBOROUGH. Some of us will be camping at the 30th Anniversary New Wine Conference from **July 27th to August 2nd**. When it was at Newark, a sizeable group from St Ts went and had a great time together. We learned more about how God is at work and had our faith challenged. We enjoyed time in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and the children loved the kids events. Book at <https://www.new-wine.org/week-1>. If you book yourself on it, please can you tell the church office so we can have some idea of how many of us will be there.

ENCOUNTER EVENT at Fathers House on **March 2nd**, 7pm.

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.

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.

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

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