



ST THOMAS CHURCH LANCASTER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

14TH JULY

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.

THIS WEEK

9AM MORNING SERVICE

Freedom in Christ, Galatians 5.1-26

11AM MORNING SERVICE

7PM HOLY COMMUNION

Lead us not into temptation,

Ephesians 4:17-28

OUR MISSION PARTNER PRAYERS for July is 1Step2Step with Nicola Anderson.



EXTRA TIME Tuesday 16th July 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 Canon Grant Ashton with a talk entitled "Faith Under Fire", followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Why not come and join with us, all are most welcome.

Extra Time

GODSPACE Tuesday July 16th 8pm in Church. A contemplative meditative time of prayer with prayer stations, allowing space and silence. If you can't join us on-site, download prayer points from the website or paper copies are on the Welcome desk, and join us in prayer wherever you are.



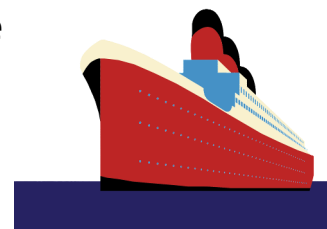
SUMMER FUN DAY! Thursday 25th July 10am-2pm. Looking for something to do over the summer? Come and join us for our summer fun day. There will be lots of fun games, toys, crafts and activities including a bouncy castle. There will be delicious cake and drinks and it is all free! If you would be interested in helping at the summer fun day or you are able to bake cake please sign up on the welcome desk or contact Emma Dixon –



emma@st.tees.org.uk

ST. THOMAS' BULLETIN

HOLIDAY AT HOME: Tues to Thurs 6th-8th August. Booking forms are now available for this year's exciting Holiday at Home in which we will be cruising the Mediterranean on Tuesday, a Quebec river cruise on Wednesday and the Hawaiian Islands on Thursday. The finale on Thursday will include the Captain's Ball led by our very own Captain Dave Noble and his First Lady Dianne.



Please take a booking form from the welcome desk for yourself or for friends and relatives or download from the website <https://www.st.tees.org.uk/Groups/261986/Events.aspx?preview=true>

NOTICES

SPONSORED SING Also as part of Holiday at Home on Thursday 8th Aug at 1.30pm we are holding a sponsored hymn sing for the Heart of the City Building Project. You can nominate a hymn on the church website or by filling in the list on the welcome desk. Donations very welcome. Anyone is welcome to attend the sponsored sing from 1.30-2.15 to join in with us and hear their chosen hymn sung.

HOTC FUNDRAISER Jess Walmsley has a plan to create a summer challenge box for all ages to see you through the sunny summer months. The box (which is likely to cost approx. £15.00 - a bargain when you work out how many hours of fun this will provide) will include challenges, activities and ideas for how to make great memories with family and friends. Jess would like an indication of interest before buying in all the resources. If you think you would like to buy a box, have questions about the challenge or would just like to get involved in making this summer activity a success email martinandjess@outlook.com or speak to Jess (at the 11am) or to a member of staff team at one of our services.

FUNDRAISING

Activities + CHALLENGE + Quality Time

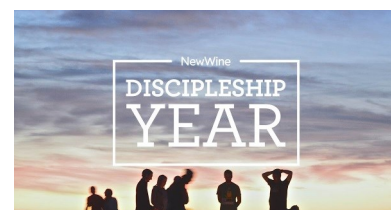
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THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE in aid of the Heart of the City Project – after an exhausting but brilliant day, we raised an amazing £1649 pounds. Thank you so much to all those who supported us, from Emma, Craig, Matt, Nic, Katharine and Helen.

NEW WINE DISCIPLESHIP YEAR ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

We benefit greatly from having interns on the New Wine Discipleship Year placed with us at St. Thomas. This is only made possible if families or individuals are willing to host them for the year. We are anticipating that we will have two interns with us during the next academic year, one assisting with student ministry and one helping with worship and digital media and communications. We offer a modest allowance to help cover costs. If you have a spare room in your house and would be willing to consider hosting an intern, please speak to Craig or email craig@st.tees.org.uk.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS NEEDED to connect newcomers who might struggle with English with someone who might be able to speak their first/ (native?) language. If you are fairly fluent at any other languages and would be willing to be involved at this initial welcome level, do contact me at: stlancasterasr@websuite.co.uk, to let me know the language you speak and which of our congregations you attend. Thanks Maja

OLD TABLETS OR IPADS Do you have an old Ipad or electronic tablet that we could use for children's activities at the 9 am service during the summer holidays? We need several if possible. We would need them to be clear of personal data, so that we could load them with Bible/Christian apps for the children to use under parental supervision. We could then give them back to you! If you could help, please speak to Emma Dixon, Sarah Evans or Helen Scamman.

DRIVER - Would anyone be able & willing to drive a Transit van of luggage to the West Runton (PACT) holiday in the Forest of Dean on Sat August 3rd & back on Sat August 10th? Requirements - age 23 - 70 with a clean car driver's licence and 2 years experience. Please contact Chris Maude - 66313 or 07733 154395.



THE OLIVE BRANCH WEEKLY REQUEST please bring to church next week-crisps.



ST THOMAS' PRESCHOOL After 4 years on the Preschool management committee, Jane Nicholds has stepped down from her role as treasurer. We are so grateful to Jane and would like to express our thanks for all that she has done.. We now need another treasurer to join our team! If you think you could help please contact Jessica@preschool.tees.org.uk for more information.

CAR PARK PERMITS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS The permits are issued on a first come basis and all the permits available have been issued. Please could those that do not have a permit this year, but have had one in previous years return their keys to the Church Office in a named envelope. The keys cost us £10 to replace if you do not return them. Remember that you do not require a permit to use the car park when attending services on Sunday or Wednesday, thanks.

ADOPT A STUDENT We are looking for individual people, 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 to invite 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.

SUMMER NOTICESHEET There will only be one notice sheet for the whole of August, printed on **25th July**. Any notices for the end of July or August or the beginning of September need to be sent to the office by 8am on Thursday 25th.

JUNIOR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!! Can you join a team to pass on faith to the next generation? We need more leaders for all 5 of our 11am children's groups, serving twice a month. All these roles are supported by Sarah and Emma, with session material provided, and working together with wonderful teams. Please contact us on children@st.tees.org.uk to find out more

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