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Arrangements for **THIS** Sunday (15th January)

9.55am – 10.45am

GNR8/Youth Talk.
Coffee Bar open

11am-12.15pm

Launch of Church in the Home (CiTH) where we will be praying them out. No GNR8 extension so that children can stay in for launch.

12.15pm (approximately)

There will be a photo taken of the whole Church.

12.30pm (approximately)



Coffee Bar open. Please bring a cake or small cakes to share.

Family Matters

The next Family Matters meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm**. **It is important that people come as information about Small Groups will be announced.**

The Bridge – Information for Parents

The Bridge Information is now available – please collect your copy from the back of church or see Alix Mandeville or David Rowbottom.

Christians Alive Website

Unfortunately there is still a delay with the launch of the new Christians Alive Website. In the meantime, you won't be able to connect to the old site. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Mini Bus

Urgent request for more Mini Bus Drivers – if you have a D1 on your licence and are available to join the rota, please let Jane in the Office know.

The mini bus service from Lancaster University for students starts again this Sunday, 15th January at the **new time of 10.40am**. Return time is still 12.30pm.

Signalong Sign Language Course

Rachel Klein is running another 'Signalong' sign language course starting on Thursday 19th January, 7-9pm, running for 8 weeks, to be held in the church centre. There are a few places left and she would like to offer them to any church members at the reduced price of £15 (extras, if required, are a manual £20 and official Signalong certificate £5). Rachel said it was lovely having church folk on the course last time and hopes some can join her again this time! If you need any further information or want to book a place, please contact Rachel (contact details in the church directory).

George Verwer

George Verwer is visiting St Thomas' Church on **Saturday 21st January, 7.30pm**. George Verwer is the Founder and former International Director of Operation Mobilisation and is an acclaimed World Mission Advocate.

Marriage Course

Early in 2012, St Thomas' Church, Lancaster will be offering the **Marriage Course**. Each evening starts with a freshly-cooked two-course meal at a candlelit table for two. Talks will be presented on DVD with opportunities to talk as a couple. Course Dates : Thursdays 2nd Feb – 22nd March (not 16th Feb), 7.30pm – 10pm. Course costs £50 per couple. To reserve your place on the course, please complete the form at the back of church along with a £20 deposit and return the form to St Thomas' by **22nd January**. For more information see the Notice Board in the coffee bar.

University of Cumbria CU Mission Week

Between **January 23rd and 27th**, University of Cumbria Christian Union are having their Mission Week on campus. This is a time where they go out onto campus with a theme for the week (This year Uncover: See for Yourself) and run events so that they can spread the gospel on campus. UoC CU are asking for help whenever possible during this week (as a CU Guest). It would be hugely appreciated by them and they really value our support. Please can you contact Katy Sellens (katy.sellens@gmail.com), Evangelistic Co-ordinator if you can help.

FOR SALE



Two seater sofa (can seat 3 people easily). 18 Months old and in very good condition. Different colour covers available. Size is 190cm in length and 95cm deep, and 83cm high. New costs £325. Open to offers. Contact Alix Mandeville if interested. Details in church directory.

International Café – Dates to Note!

The International Café begins again for the Spring term on **Saturday 14th January, 7.30pm** @ St Thomas' Centre, Marton Street.

On **Saturday 28th January**, before the second café of the term, we are having a 'welcome back' Team Meal & Cross-Cultural Training at 5.30pm @ St Thomas' Centre. The Team Meal and training session will provide an opportunity for people to meet team members from Christians Alive and other local churches, find out about why and how we run the International Café and receive some practical cross-cultural training. If you have a heart for the nations, and for befriending the many international students and families here in Lancaster, please come and have a look!

More info on their Facebook group: International Cafe Lancaster. Take a look at their photos! Get in touch with Esther Green: (details in church directory) if you would like to come to the team meal/café, or have any questions.