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24th February



Welcome to St Thomas'

Welcome to our All - Age Café Church service at 10.30am. David McCarthy is leading.



TODAY IS AN ALL AGE SERVICE WHERE ALL CHILDREN STAY IN THE SERVICE. TEA / COFFEE IS SERVED DURING SERVICE.

Prayer Ministry: A Prayer Team is available every Sunday at the close of services at the seats by the font. Please come forward for prayer for concerns, support, healing, and giving thanks.

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The finance figures for the 4 months to the end of January are available on the table at back of church. Any questions can be answered by Agnes Murray.

The accounts for the year to 30 September 2018 were signed on 14 January 2019. Copies are available on the table at the back of church.

The accounts are available on the web page.

The AGM report is available on table at back of church. If you have access to the internet, please ask for a copy of it to be sent out to you in P.D.F format. We are trying to save forests across the world.

The Acorn, an Inter - church Christian Fellowship meets at St Anne's Church, Kaimes Road entrance on February 25th at 10.00am. Everyone welcome.

Vestry meets in Creche on Monday 25th February at 7.30pm.

The Mother and Toddlers Group meets on Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30 am in the Gyle Hall.

Coffee Plus meets on Thursday morning at 10.00am in the Main hall.

Mission to Seafarers: Revd Tim Turney, the Scottish Ports Chaplain is visiting Coffee Plus on Thursday 28th February to say a personal "Thank You" for all the many "Beannie" Hats knitted and donated for the Seafarers. The latest batch of hats will be given to him that morning.

Denise Hocking will be in Edinburgh from 27th February until 4th March and is keen to meet up particularly with friends who prayed for Paul during his illness. She will be at St Thomas's on the Sunday morning (3rd March) but we would also like to welcome those of you are free to come and have tea and cake with Denise at Ian and Chris' house on the Sunday afternoon. We will have open house at 6 Belgrave Road between 3pm and 6pm that day, so please come any time that suits you. If you'd like to contact Denise over the weekend, our landline is 334 8953.

Family first will meet on Saturday March 2nd at 4.30pm in the main hall. All families with school age children are welcome to come along and join us for coffee, craft, chat, games and a supper together.

Join us next Sunday 24th February for Café Church service at 10.30am

The World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 1st March at 2.30pm at St Ninian's 'Church, Glasgow Rd, Corstorphine. The service has been written by the Christian women of Slovenia who grew up during the communist era. The title is 'Come - Everything is Ready,' based on the parable of the invitation to The Feast in Luke 14: 15 - 24. All are welcome.

St Thomas's Church AGM will take place after the service on Sunday 10th **March** in the Sanctuary. At this meeting we do some important work which both looks back to what the Lord has done and forward to what will happen next. We will review the past year, elect new vestry members, and approve the accounts. It is likely to be the last AGM before a constitution is adopted, so please make plans to attend and participate.

We are going into the next stage of our life together and there is much to be done. Let's pray for increased passion for the Gospel and vision for the future.

Ladies Prayer Breakfast: The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 23rd March in the Gyle Hall from 9.00am - 10.30am. Come and join us for breakfast and a time of prayer for the church in the period leading up to the Holiday Club and Easter. For more information please speak to Linda Henderson or Kerstin Prill.

St Thomas' Easter Holiday Club is planned for the week Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th April. The theme this year is "Super Hero's" Please speak to Rebecca McMillan and let her know if you are interested in helping and if you have a specific thing you would like to help with. Contact details:

rebecca@saintthomas.org.uk 07510152148 or contact the office on 07507485053.



The flowers this week were donated and arranged by Cramond and North Gyle Homegroup.

We have large print notice sheets and hymn-books. Please ask one of the Stewards for assistance. We also have a hearing loop system installed.



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Give thanks for the recovery of Rebecca McMillan's father. Pray that he will continue to heal and that he will know God's love for him.

Give thanks for OSCR's acceptance of new constitution – pray for all that must now be done to set up new church.

Pray for AGM – new vestry members in particular!

Pray for outreach in run up to Easter – Holiday Club, Visiting, Worship invitations

Pray for the plans for the joint service at St T's with other local churches on Good Friday – that what is planned would be helpful and take us all to the foot of the Cross

Pray for worship gatherings this coming month – for those who choose songs, lead and preach: that we will meet with the living and Holy God. May we be a joy-filled people!

Pray for Alex Vere and team as they return to the UK from Mozambique soon – for continued learning, safety and joy.

Pray for David and Bev Meldrum, giving thanks for the Lord's provision for them, and for the opportunities the Lord has given them to make Jesus known in Cape Town.

For those who are sick in mind or body – for healing and comfort. For those who are lonely – for friendship and care. For those who feel lost – that they will seek Jesus and be found. For our nation in these troubled days – that politicians will work together to find the best ways forward which will help the economy, employment, the poor and our relationships with other nations.

If you would like something included in the next notice sheet, please contact the office by **I 0am on Thursday.** Thank you.