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24th March



Welcome to St Thomas'

All Age aft church Worship

Welcome to our All Age Café Church service at 10.30am. Rebecca McMillan is leading.

TODAY IS AN ALL AGE SERVICE WHERE ALL CHILDREN STAY IN THE 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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Copies of the finance summary for the 5 months to February 2019 are on the table at the back of church. I know the difference between the budget and actual income and expenses looks fearsome but I am as confident as I can be that when both "old" and "new" St T's are looked at together for the year to September 2019, this deficit will be greatly reduced and hopefully eliminated.

Easter & Lent service details can be found on an A5 leaflet on the table at back of church. Printed invitations are available from Jane Ross

The next holiday club meeting will be after the church service TODAY.

Cyclone Idai Disaster Appeal - Alex Vere has recently returned from living in the hard-hit port city of Beira in Mozambique. Please give to the appeal at www.dec.org.uk or call 0370 60 60 610 or text SUPPORT to 70000.

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.

Drop off invitations to Holiday Club at local homes on Wednesday 27th March between 6pm - 8pm. Please meet in the Sanctuary at Church.

<u>Easter - Visiting Local Homes</u>: The Trustees and Vestry have decided to visit houses in our local area in the lead up to Easter. The following dates give details of days and times the visits are planned for. If you are able to help out on any or all of the dates, please put your name and contact details on the sheets at back of church. Please speak to David if more details are needed. 6pm-8pm Wednesday 27th March — Drop off invitations to Holiday Club 6pm-8pm Wednesday 10th April — Drop off Try Praying booklets and Easter Invitations

Gallery Art Club are holding their 20th Anniversary Exhibition on Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th April 10.30am - 4.30pm and Saturday 13th April 10.30am - 4.00pm. The Exhibition is in the Corstorphine Old Parish Church Hall on the High Street in Corstorphine.

Join us next Sunday 31st March for our service at 10.30am. "Why I Need Jesus" David McCarthy is preaching.

The Holiday Club is planned for the week Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th April. The theme this year is "Heroes Academy" Contact details: rebecca@saintthomas.org.uk 07510152148 or 0131 316 4292 (churchoffice@saintthomas.org.) for a registration form.



Holiday Club are looking for food donations i.e biscuits, diluting juice, snacks etc. for snacks during the club. If you can help, please leave the items at the back of church (on the left as you enter.) If you would like to help with this but can't manage to shop for items, please contact Rebecca or lane and we would be grateful for a small donations to help with the snacks. Thank you.

The next church gardening morning is on Saturday 6th April (weather permitting). If you are able to help please join us any time between 9.30 and 12 noon. There might even be a cup of tea and a hot cross bun!

Angels of Corstorphine: Later this year, during Advent, we would like Corstorphine to be visited by a host of angels!

To achieve this we need LOTS of knitted and crocheted angels, and we hope that starting this early we will have several hundred to distribute, each with a message attached. The angels can be any shape, size or colour, but we do now have our own "Angels of Corstorphine" knitting pattern. It would be great if you could join us in this project!

For more information, please speak to Fiona Campbell or Jane Ross in the office.

Tearfund are holding an evening of Celtic Worship, hosted by Community Church Edinburgh in the King's Hall on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from www.tearfund.org/celticworship. Further details are on the notice board or pick up a flyer from the corridor.



The flowers this week were donated and arranged by Rosemary Kemp.

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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Pray for the politicians of these islands and of Europe – for agreement on the way ahead and an end to the uncertainty of the last two years. Give thanks that the Lord is still sovereign and to be trusted.

Pray that the hand of violent people would be stayed – that intelligence and public safety agencies would be effective in the prevention and detention of people, whatever their ideology, who would seek to harm others.

Pray for those seeking to bring aid to those in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi so badly affected by last week's cyclone disaster. Pray especially for the people of Beira, where Alex Vere and the BMS team she was with were so recently based.

Pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones, especially Mary Graham, whose sister passed away this week.

Pray for our community visits in the coming weeks, with invitations to the Holiday club, Easter worship, Try Praying and chocolate eggs too. Ask that there will be a response as the Holy Spirit draws people to the Easter message of salvation in Christ.

Pray for the team going out with the Bethany Care Van tonight into the city centre in the evening to offer support and food to the homeless.

Pray for Bill McGillivray and his team who are taking the Manor Grange Care Home Service next Thursday 28th in the afternoon.

If you would like something included in the next notice sheet, please contact the office by **10am on Thursday.** Thank you.