

st thomas' church

The **story** on 9th June 2019



It's Pentecost Sunday!



Today's **story**

@ 10.30

As we celebrate Pentecost, our **10.30 Morning Worship** is led by Rev'd Bruce Gordon and our preacher is Rev'd Thorsten Prill. Today we ask the question "What is faith?", looking at Hebrews 11: 1-16. The service concludes with the **Lord's Supper**.

For our children, the **Lighthouse Groups** will run as usual during the service. **Creche** (0-3yrs): room is available throughout the service (downstairs); **Sparklers** (3-P2): downstairs in the Crypt; **Spotlight** (P3-P6): lower Lennon Rooms; **Fusion** (P7-S3): upper Lennon Rooms.

Prayer Ministry: The Prayer Team is available as Communion is being served and also at the close of service, at the seats by the pulpit steps. Please do come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others.

@ 5.00

We meet this evening for the second in this new series of **Embrace**. We start at 4.45 for tea and Embrace begins at 5pm. We meet for less than an hour. This time the topic is "Embrace Worship".

Our story this week

Today after the service

Refreshments and Cake after this morning's worship

As usual, tea and coffee are available in the Main Hall following the morning service. However, to mark their Golden Wedding in June, **Bruce and Sue Gordon** have provided cake for us all to enjoy with our tea and coffee. Our thanks to them for this scrumptious gesture, and we offer them our congratulations and our love on this 50 year anniversary!



Christian books for the taking!

As you enjoy your coffee and cake, take a look at some more books from Bruce Gordon's library. They are on a table in the Hall; help yourself, with any donations going to the World Concern Fund.



Tuesday

Mother and Toddlers Group: All are welcome at 10:30 in the Gyle Hall.

Thursday

Coffee Plus: Coffee, tea, cakes and scones – how many more reasons do you need to join us at 10 until 12 in the Main Hall?

Sunday

Next week we meet for **Morning Worship at 10.30**. Sandy Benzie will be our preacher. The subject is "Faith for hard times", based on Hebrews 11: vs 17-32.

The Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thanks to Bruce and Sue Gordon for their celebration flowers today.

Other stories for information and for diaries

Holidays

Please note that David McCarthy and Ali are away on holiday from 6th until 27th. Let's remember them in our prayers, that they might have a peaceful and happy time, and come back safely back after a refreshing break.



Whilst David is on holiday, please don't contact him! Pastoral matters for members should be referred in the first instance to Bruce Gordon or Thorsten Prill who will respond where possible, as both have prior commitments during the Rectors holiday period. Admin issues: refer to the Office or Alastair Brown (acting chair of Vestry).

Sing Scotland – Thursday 20th June

A day's conference for church leaders and musicians who seek to become better equipped to lead their congregations in worship. Thinking about what God demands of His church when we gather: preach the word; equip the saints; sing praises; pray without ceasing; make Jesus known. On the web, search "*Sing Scotland*" for tickets: day conference in Charlotte Chapel and evening concert in the Usher Hall. See <https://www.singscotland.com/>



Edinburgh Convention – 30 June to 5 July

This Convention is hosted annually by Faith Mission at their Gilmerton campus (just behind their bookshop). Both residential guests and day visitors to enjoy the Bible readings and seminars. Speakers include Christopher Ash, Jeremy McQuoid, David Armstrong and David Robertson. Full details from their website at <http://www.faithmission.org/edinburgh>

Finance

As a goodwill gesture, at May's Vestry it was agreed to give £15,800 to the Scottish Episcopal Church, being the quota that we withheld between June 2017 and May 2018 when we voted to leave the SEC.

Fusion (Sunday morning group for P7 and High School)

We would like to keep the group going on Sunday mornings over the summer whilst regular leaders have a break. So we need cover for July 7, 14, 28 and Aug 4 & 11. You can either use the normal Youth for Christ material or devise your own or simply give your Christian story. If you think you could lead or indeed help please speak to Jeremy Southam (07836235926 or email jerms@blueyonder.co.uk)

For your prayers ...

Bishop Charlie Masters recently wrote of the things that should be a priority in the prayer life of every church.

Priority 1: BOLD WITNESS

*Share
your
Faith!*

Almighty God, you have lavished such love on us that we can scarcely find words to express our thanks. We ask you to give to each of us a deepened zeal to spread the Good News to those around us who do not yet experience your love for them. We have been praying that you would bring a powerful awakening in our day. Now we sense, Lord, that you are asking us to rise up, to overcome our timidity with the boldness of the Spirit. We deeply desire to respond to your call! Give to every member of our church the grace to see those around them with your eyes of compassion and sacrificial love. And may we see a glorious harvest in the days ahead. In Jesus' mighty name we pray.

Amen.

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