

The st thomas' story

for week commencing 4th August 2019



Today's story

@ 10.30 Morning Worship

We meet for a Communion service where David McCarthy is leading. We are looking at 2 Corinthians 1: 1 – 11 and Andy Lines is preaching. Tea and coffee are served after the service in Main Hall.

There is a Prayer Team at the end of the service, at the seats by the pulpit steps. Please come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others. Someone will be pleased to pray with you or for you.



Lighthouse groups meet for children this morning. All children should leave at group time and directions will be given about where each age group are meeting this week.

Children leave after singing "Our God is an awesome God"

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Finance figures for the 9 months to June 2019 are available from the table at the back of church

Please keep Emily Robinson in prayer as she comes to the end of her time working with teachers in Rwanda and travels home on 6th/7th August. Pray for safety as she travels.

Our World Concern partners for August are Paul and Isolde James-Griffiths

1. Thanksgiving to God for the growth of CHE through the Christian Heritage Centre, Street Cafe and Soul of Scotland Tours.
2. Prayer for about 18,000 people who will come into our centre this summer, that as thousands hear the gospel, many will turn to Christ.
3. Prayer for Street Cafe: about 24 teams in 6 countries have sprouted out of this work. Thousands are hearing the gospel; may many be saved.
4. Prayer for Andrew, a new worker with CHE starting in October, who will head up and develop Street Cafe (he will be funded by churches in Ireland).
5. Prayer for the new Pilgrimage Tours to St Andrews and other places, that groups will book and come.



Today's flowers are provided from
the Flower Fund and arranged by a
member of the Flower Team

Diary Dates

We welcome Bishop Andy Lines this morning. He will also be with us on 8th September.

Please keep Saturday 7th September free as we are planning on using that day to meet as a congregation, to seek the Lord together and dream some dreams for the future. More details to follow shortly.

Other stories for your information and diaries

RHC @ the Fringe

Join the men of the Rolling Hills Chorus as their 2019 Fringe show "Distilled in Scotland - 100 Harmony" takes you on a musical journey through Scotland. Performances are on 10th August at 4.30 pm and 11th/17th/18th August at 7.30 pm at St Andrew's and St George's West Church. Tickets are priced 12 (10 concessions) and Sandy Benzie can obtain them for you, but hurry, they're going fast!

I AM MARK: A Daring New Staging of Mark's Gospel. Stefan Smart recreates for a modern audience the story as originally narrated - as a full bodied drama, with its many characters and nuances brought startlingly to life. Edinburgh Festival Fringe: Scottish Storytelling Centre. Tuesday 13th - Saturday 17th August 2019 at 5.30pm. Tickets are available from the SSC Box Office on [0131 556 9579](tel:01315569579) or online.

A letter was received from Mission to Seafarers saying a HUGE thank you to all the knitters at St Thomas' who gave knitted hats and wool. They are very grateful. Please check poster on notice board from Mission to Seafarers who are advertising a concert Saxes and Sevens on Friday 6th September at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Davidson Mains . Tickets are £5.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:22-25

Give thanks for:

Those who have applied for the role of Young Person's Pastoral Worker – pray for good discernment of their calling for them and us.

The gathering for coffee last Thursday am – for good conversation, friendship and encouragement. £120 was raised for Stanley School.

For the visit of Bishop Andy Lines – Pray for him and his wife Mandy as they ease back into ministry after sabbatical time – pray for peace and protection.

Pray for:

Our conversations and relationships with those who are not followers of Jesus – that we will be kind, patient and careful to listen. Pray too for confidence and boldness on our part to share the Good News of Jesus.

Those among us groaning under the weight of illness or anxiety for the loving understanding of others and the healing touch of Jesus.

Our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson as he leads the UK government – for clarity, wisdom and humility.

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“The STory” and hymn-books are available in large print.
We also have a hearing loop system installed.

