

The **st** thomas' **story**

for week commencing 6th October 2019



Today's **story** @ 10.30 Morning Worship

We meet for our Communion service "Sing!...with the Local Church"
David McCarthy is preaching on Ephesians 5: 5-21

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 as follows: Our Creche (0-3yrs) room is available throughout the service (downstairs). Sparklers (3 - P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt. Spotlight (P3-P6) meets in the lower Lennon Rooms and Fusion (P7-S3) meet in the Youth Room in the Lennon Rooms.

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Other News



PrayerBase service tonight at 6.30pm in Sanctuary.

The Thanksgiving service to celebrate the life of Gerda Wright will be held at St Thomas' on Monday 14th October at 2.30pm. Tea and coffee will be served after the service in the Main Hall.

Mums and Tots meet this Tuesday in the Gyle Hall at 10.00am. New members are welcome. Speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.

Youth Alpha – "Youth Alpha" course is running on a Tuesday evening in the Lennon Rooms 7pm–8.30pm. All young people welcome. For more details contact Dave McCarthy (david@saintthomas.org.uk or 07411 236 433

Invitation: If you struggle reading the Bible for yourself, don't know where to start or if you are simply tired reading God's Word on your own then please come and join our small group of ladies. Friends are welcome, too! This term we are reading Mark's gospel. We meet every Wednesday from 2.30 – 3.30pm in the Creche. For any questions please contact Kerstin Prill 07849 716265 or Alison Bogie 07719 570476.

Coffee Plus meets in the Main Hall on Thursday morning at 10am.

The marriage of Rachel Henderson and Kris Hawkins will take place at St Thoma's on Saturday 19th October. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony at 2.00pm.

Hospitality Sunday – following comments at the September 7th meeting, it has been agreed at the recent Vestry meeting that we will hold a Hospitality Sunday on 27th October – an opportunity to host or be hosted for Sunday lunch or an evening meal that day. Further details are on the insert sheet, and you can sign up at the back of church. Sandy and Angela Benzie are organising this, but will welcome help from anyone interested.



Today's flowers are donated by
Rob and Delia Hyder and arranged
by a member of the flower team

Other stories for your information and diaries

Next Sunday at 11.45am, Scotland play Japan in their last match of the their pool in the Rugby World Cup, so we hope to show this after our worship. Please do stay on and enjoy the match on the big screen! We'll be inviting the community through social media to come and watch it too, so do invite friends.

Quiz Night – on 1st November at 7.30 pm in the church. Teams of up to six can be pre-registered with Sandy Benzies, but we will also have plenty of room for others on the night. Chocolate prizes will again feature! This is a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbours, colleagues or people from clubs that you are in. No admission charge, but donations on the night will go to the Corstorphine Foodbank run by Edinburgh City Mission and to Emily Robinson's support for her year in Uganda.

Christmas Day Lunch 2019 Dave & Ali are thinking of hosting a Christmas Day lunch in the church hall. They have done this before and it is a great way to celebrate together on a day which is not always easy. This would be for everyone interested – families, singles & couples. If this appeals please let Dave & Ali know at david@saintthomas.org.uk. If there is enough interest, we'll begin planning in earnest.

Shoe Box Appeal: Once again Coffee Plus is organising the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal. The boxes go to children and adults in Western Europe who have very little. Leaflets give information about what should be included in each box. There is a supply of ready covered shoe boxes at the back of church. Please help yourself. Leaflets are on the back table. Filled boxes should be returned to church no later than Thursday 7th November.

Next Sunday 13th October

Morning Praise at 10.30am. "The Radical Witness When Congregations Sing!" Psalm 117 Acts 2 46:47

5pm Embrace "Welcome" Hebrews 13: 1 – 3

Thursday 17th October Central Meeting 7.30pm

For our prayers this week

Continue to pray for the UK GOVERNMENT: for resolution to the current political crisis and a clear way ahead. Pray for integrity, humility and patience for politicians and leaders here and in Europe.

Give thanks to the Lord for His servant Gerda Wright – pray that as we remember her, we will, like her, “make it all about Jesus”.

Pray for Phil Taylor who joins us in the next few weeks to serve our young people – for a new home and safe travelling. Pray that we will be a support and encouragement to him.

Pray for ourselves – that we will not focus on “our ministries” or “volunteering” but rather we will see ourselves as belonging to a family who love to serve the Lord and His people.

Pray for people in our congregation or family who are struggling with sickness that they might know the love and the healing power of Jesus Christ in their lives.

