

The st thomas' story



Sunday 27th October 2019

Today's story @ 10.30 Morning Worship



Please remember clocks went back last night one hour.

We meet for our All - Age Café Church Service - The Big Story of God, "Be Holy Because I am Holy". David McCarthy is preaching. Levi 23: 45

TODAY IS AN ALL AGE SERVICE WHERE ALL CHILDREN STAY IN THE SERVICE.

Next Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am: Communion service - Jesus said: "Follow me" Mark 1:16—20 & Mark 16: 15 - 18. Prayer Base at 6.30pm.



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Calendar of Events

Today, is Hospitality Sunday. This is an opportunity for church members to host or be hosted for Sunday lunch or an evening meal -this is a great way to get to know each other better.

Today there is a CPR drop-in training event in church from 12-2pm that is open to the community. Please come along and join us.

The Church office is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week from 9.30am - 12.30pm. It is closed Thursday and Friday.

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

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 Crèche. For any questions please contact Kersin Prill 07849 716265 or Alison Bogie 07719 570476.

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

Gardening Group: We will next meet on Saturday 2nd November from 10.00 to 12.00 weather permitting. This should be a final tidy up of the church grounds before the winter. Come and join us if you can.

Sunday 11th November: Remembrance service at 10.30am led by Bruce Gordon.

Embrace service at 5.00pm. Kersin Prill will be the speaker. Come and join us for this short service suitable for all ages.



Today's flowers are from
the wedding of
Rachel and Kris Hawkins

Other stories for your information and diaries

Work with Young People

With Phil Taylor's arrival, we have an urgent need to establish a new team of helpers in order to follow best practice. No preparation work involved (he'll do all of that!). Simply a few hours week to support in building relationships. If you'd like to serve in this vital area, let Dave know at david@saintthomas.org.uk.

Quiz Night – on Friday 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.

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.**

A new assistant St. T. C. U. P. (St T's Church Uber-hygiene Person) is needed as Philip Busby wishes to retire. If you feel you are able to help to maintain the hygienic standards of our kitchens, please speak to Rosemary Harvey or email rosemaryharvey@sky.com. We employ a cleaner and we expect the various groups to clean and tidy the kitchens after themselves. This role is more about restocking, checking, and passing on an understanding of food hygiene to kitchen users.

The Kirky Kraiders are holding a Card/Craft Sale and Art Exhibition in Kirkliston Parish Church Centre in The Square on Saturday, 2nd November, 10.30 am - 1.30 pm. £3 incl. tea/coffee and home baking. See Joan Wright for further details.

For our prayers this week

pray

"...he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords..." 1 Timothy 6:15

Give thanks for:

The marriage of Rachel and Kris – for their joy and the celebration which many enjoyed.

The arrival of Phil Taylor, who joins us this week as Young Person's Pastoral Worker. Give thanks for his new home and for Douglas and Verity MacFarlane who will host him until that home is ready.

Pray for:

In the face of the pain and disappointment of much that has happened in the last week, that we will be reminded that there is a King above all kings!

Pray for governments dealing with people smuggling and trafficking, remembering especially the families and friends whose loved ones died in the refrigerated vehicle found in Essex this week. That such exploitation will be ended. Lord, have mercy!

Pray for Boris Johnstone and his cabinet as they struggle to give leadership to the UK – for clarity and an end to the political and economic confusion we are experiencing.

Remember Sandy and Angela Benzie as they prepare for the Quiz Night on Friday and for Sandy as he preaches next Sunday.

Pray for Beily Robertson as she recovers from further surgery – for healing and renewed strength.

