

# The st thomas' story



26<sup>th</sup> January

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**today's story** @ 10.30am Café Church

**Welcome** to our All Age Café Church service. Phil Taylor is leading the service. Tea /coffee will be served through the service and all children stay in service.

**All Youth and Children's workers and helpers meet after the morning service down in the Creche.**

**PrayerBase** will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.30pm.



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**For items to be in next Sunday's st thomas' story, please contact the office by 10 am Thursday**

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# events calendar

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- Sunday**      **The finance figures for October - December 2019**  
Copies of the finance figures for the three months to 31 December 2019 are available at the back of church along with copies of the signed accounts for both "old" and "new" St Thomas'. If you have any comments or queries, please contact Agnes Murray.
- Monday**      **Vestry Meet at 7.30pm** in the Crèche.
- Tuesday**      **Toddler Group** meets in Gyle Hall at 10.00am. Please speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.
- Wednesday**      **"Rooted"** is a ladies Bible reading group which meets at 2.30pm in Crèche. All ladies are very welcome. Contact Kerstin Prill 07849716265 or Alison Bogie 0771 957 0476 for further details.
- Thursday**      **Coffee Plus** meet in Main Hall from 10am – 12noon.  
**Funeral service** for Evelyn Brown – see details on sheet
- Saturday**      **Family first** will be meeting on Saturday February 1st from 5.00-7.00pm in the church hall. We'll be planning for the term ahead and looking at the idea of citizenship...  
Come along for some Craft, a short all age talk, games and your evening meal provided ☐ .  
All families warmly welcome. For further information and to confirm numbers please contact Julie and David Fairhurst.
- Further ahead**      We plan to hold another **Hospitality Sunday** on 1<sup>st</sup> March, when the theme of the service is "Building Community". There are sign-up sheets available for the next few weeks, the idea being to either host some folk, or be a guest, for lunch after the service. It would be good if we could use this as an opportunity to meet with folk we don't know so well. Once we have an idea of numbers we can match guests with hosts, or you can invite folk directly and fill in the appropriate sheets. If you've any questions please speak to Sandy and Angela Benzies, who will be pleased to explain further.

**Programme cards** for January to April available at back of church

# other information

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We are sorry to say that **Evelyn Brown** died on Monday, aged 92. Her funeral service will take place at St Thomas' on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 1.00pm and Alastair and Sue hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards and there will be a retiring offering in aid of Bethany Christian Trust. The committal will be at Warriston Crematorium at 3.30pm.

## **Flower rota**

Each week flowers are placed in church. Following the Sunday service the flowers are then divided into bunches and given to people who are housebound, in care homes, ill, recently bereaved, marking the anniversary of a loved one, as a thank you or to mark a celebration.... The flowers are much appreciated by those who receive them.

The flower rota sheets for 2020 are on the corridor notice board. Please sign up for a week on which you would like to pay for or provide the flowers and indicate with a tick in the checkbox if you would also like someone from the flower team to arrange them for you. Thank you for your help.'

Further details from Sheila Nicol or any member of the flower team.

**Emily Robinson** is preparing to head off to Uganda at the end of this month. She will be working in Uganda for the next year. Please pray for Emily, Johnny and her family as she leaves. Pray also for safety, for quick settling in to a routine and ask God to use all her skills during the year.

**"The Acorn"** Interchurch Christian Fellowship meets in St Anne's Church at 10am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. All welcome.

**Cast and crew wanted for Easter Play 2020.** This takes place in Princes Street Gardens on Saturday 11th April. Rehearsals take place on a Wednesday evening 7.00 – 9.00pm at Gorgie Dalry Church of Scotland. To ask about how to get involved, or make an enquiry about the project you can send an email directly to the following address: [info@easterplay.org](mailto:info@easterplay.org) or If you have questions, contact Suzanne on [cuttingedge21@btopenworld.com](mailto:cuttingedge21@btopenworld.com).



The flowers today were donated from the Jill Grattage Flower Fund and arranged by a member of the flower team.

# for our prayers

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**Please pray for Mark Gilmour, Linda H, Ludovic, Jackie and Rob** as they venture into the centre of Edinburgh with the **Bethany Care Van** this evening - that our needy clients might experience God's blessing in body, mind and spirit as we serve them food and provide clothing in the name of Christ, and for God's protection over the whole team.

**Pray for Alastair and Sue Brown and all of their family** following Evelyn's passing away. For comfort in loss and for the hope in resurrection. Details in notice sheet.

**Pray for Fred and Liz Norwood** in the face of serious illness. That they will know the peace of the Lord, the encouragement of His Word and the loving support of family and friends.

**Pray for Catherine Murray** as she grows stronger following illness - that receives the necessary support to return home.

**Pray for David and Ali** who are at Westhill Community Church Aberdeen this morning supporting Ian and Heather Ferguson.

**Pray for Ian & Heather Ferguson** as Ian preaches a farewell sermon today. Pray for a new home and a joyful new phase of ministry as they begin retirement.

**Pray for Phil Taylor** as he leads and speaks at our worship today. Pray too as he begins to restart meetings for our young people - that their fellowship and learning will be helpful, outward-looking and disciple-making.

**Pray every day this week** for those who serve Jesus in their places of work - for faithful and effective witness, patience in the face of frustrations and fruitfulness in their labours.



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We also have a **hearing loop system** installed.



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