

The st thomas' story



2nd February 2020

today's story @ 10.30am Communion Service

Welcome to our Communion Service. Thorsten Prill will lead the service and David McCarthy is preaching on God is still at work in us – Colossians 2:6-15.

Lighthouse (Sunday School) groups meet as follows: **Creche** (0-3yrs) The Creche Room downstairs is available throughout the service with a live audio and video feed; **Sparklers** (3yrs - P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt; **Spotlight** (P3-P6) meets in the lower Lennon Rooms; and, **Fusion** (P7-S3) will meet in Upper Lennon rooms.

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

Programme cards for January to April available at back of church

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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

Sunday **PrayerBase** will be held in the Sanctuary tonight at 6.30pm.

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.

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.

Sunday 9th **Embrace service** is in the Sanctuary at 4.45pm. This is an all age service. Come along and join us.

Further ahead We plan to hold another **Hospitality Sunday** on 1st 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.

other information

Flower rota

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. Dates are available from April onwards. Further details from Sheila Nicol or any member of the flower team.

Leaflets for spring term 2020 and Prospectus for 2020/21 at Edinburgh Bible College are available on the table at back of church. There is an Open Door Day on Thursday 6th February at the Bible College on Thursday 6th February and details are printed on cards. Further details from Thorsten or Kerstin Prill.

City Vision is a pop-up prayer meeting happening in different churches around Edinburgh praying for church mission in Edinburgh. 2020 dates are available on corridor notice board. February meeting is at 11.30am in Kings' Church, 104 Gilmore Place.

Heriot Watt University Chaplaincy annual public lecture "Making Money for Doing Good" is on Monday 3rd February at 7.00am in James Watt Centre in Edinburgh Campus. Dr Richard Higginson, chair of faith in business, Cambridge is the speaker. Details on notice board.

Remember to continue praying for Emily Robinson who travelled to Uganda this week. She will be working in Uganda for the next year. Pray for Emily, Johnny and her family, for safety, for quick settling in to a routine. Ask God to use all her skills and love for Him during the year.

If you are willing to do the reading or Intercessory prayers at the morning service between March and Easter can you speak to Jane or email the office on churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk.



The flowers today were from Evelyn Brown's funeral and were donated by the family.

for our prayers

So long as we continue to behave as sheep, we are victorious. Even if ten thousand wolves surround us, we conquer and are victorious. But the moment we become wolves, we are conquered, for we lose the help of the shepherd. He is the shepherd of sheep, not of wolves. If he leaves you and goes away, it is because you do not allow him to show his power in you. *John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople from 397-407*

Prayer:

Lord God, we can do nothing good without you but in your strength we can do all things, for you have exalted your Son with great triumph to be Lord of all: Send your Holy Spirit then to strengthen us, that we may labour for the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give thanks for the life of Evelyn Brown and pray for Alastair Sue and their family in this time of loss.

Pray for the governments of the UK, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales as we continue the process of adjustment following our departure from the European Union. Pray for unity and clear purpose.

Pray for the peoples of Israel and Palestine following the offer of the deal brokered by the United States. That an equitable and just solution can be agreed which brings stability and lasting peace.

Pray for those in our congregation who will be working this week – that their labours will be fruitful and they will serve in their roles knowing the presence of, and witnessing to, Jesus.

Pray for our young people – that they will know God's love, grow in it and that the Lord will add to their number!



The **st thomas' story** and hymn-books are **available in large print**.
We also have a **hearing loop system** installed.



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