

# The st thomas' story



9th February 2020

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## today's story @ 10.30am Morning Service

Welcome to our Morning Service. Thorsten Prill is preaching. "Substance Over Shadows" – Colossians 2:16-23.

**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.

**Embrace Service** tonight 4.45pm – 6pm.

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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**      **Embrace** service will be held in the Sanctuary tonight at 4.45pm.

YF meets tonight 6pm – 8pm, speak to Phil Taylor for details.

**The finance figures for October - December 2019**

Copies of the finance figures for the four months to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 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"** ladies Bible reading group will not meet this week.

**Thursday**      **No Coffee Plus** this week, they will meet again on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10am.

**Fred Norwood**, a long - time member of St T's passed away last weekend. **The Funeral details** are as follows:

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February:**

Corstorphine Hill Cemetery (committal service) 2:15pm

St Thomas' Church (Thanksgiving service) 3.00pm

Refreshments after the service served in the Main Hall.

**Further ahead**

We plan to hold a **Hospitality Sunday** on 1<sup>st</sup> March, when the theme of the service is "Building Community". Sign-up sheets available at back of church; 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

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**Alastair and Sue Brown and their family** are very grateful for the wonderful support they have received from the many members of St T's who have offered love, sympathy, prayers, kind words, letters and cards following the death of Alastair's mother, Evelyn. They are also very grateful for all the practical help given on the day of her funeral and would like to thank everyone who was involved in any way

## Date for the diary:

**Central meeting** in the Main Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

**Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm**

We are hosting a Communion service for the beginning of Lent.

**Coffee Plus** are putting on a **Soup and Sandwich lunch** on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. This is instead of meeting for coffee in the morning. Everyone is welcome to come but please let one of the team know

## Corstorphine Fair – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020

We are hoping to host a stall at the Fair again this year. Can you help? We'll need a team to serve during the day. The goal is to serve, listen, chat, and be friendly as local people enjoy all the fun of the Fair. If you want to be involved it will help us if you can let Jane in the office know. We'll follow up with our detailed plans after Easter.

## **Care Van**

Thank you to all who have donated clothes to the Care Van. Following a good look at the clothes that we have at the moment we only really need men's jeans of sizes 30 to 34", new men's boxer shorts and sleeping bags. If you wish to donate please speak to Mark Gilmour or David Fairhurst to check that your donation will be suitable. Thanks, David



**The flowers this week were donated by Watson Wilson and arranged by a member of the flower team.**

**“A room without a flower is like a face without a smile”**

# for our prayers

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*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me and before me.  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore.*

Pray for **Phil Taylor** as he recovers from severe tonsillitis and tiredness.

Pray for **Thorsten Prill** who is preaching this morning; that God will speak to us as a congregation through his words.

Pray for **Liz Norwood and her family** as we give thanks for Fred's life on Thursday – for peace and the Lord's comforting presence.

Continue to pray for **Alastair and Sue Brown** as they mourn the passing of his mother Evelyn.

Give thanks for **Catherine Murray's** return home following her lengthy stay in hospital. Pray for greater strength in her legs.

Pray for **Emily Robinson** in Uganda – that she will feel settled and useful quickly.

World Concern Partner: Pray for continued recovery from kidney problems for **David Meldrum** in Capetown.

Pray for **Gavin Henderson** and his fiancé **Linsey** as they prepare to marry in Bangor, Northern Ireland on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Pray for **Christian witness to our nation** – that in the face of negative publicity in relation to high profile evangelists having their venue bookings in Edinburgh and Glasgow rejected, we will find gracious ways to stand firm and to share God's love in Christ.



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