

# The st thomas' story



16th February 2020

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## today's story @ 10.30am Communion Service

Welcome to our Morning Service with Communion. David McCarthy is preaching. "Character of our team" – Colossians 3:1-17.

**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.

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## staff and contacts

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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** 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 meet in the crib at 2.30pm - 3.30pm.
- Thursday** **Coffee Plus** meet in the main hall at 10am.  
**Central Meeting** meet in the main hall at 7.30pm
- 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 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.
- Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm**  
We are hosting a Communion service in the Sanctuary at St Thomas' Church for the beginning of Lent.

# other information

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The office is closed this week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Rosemary Harvey is available between 9.30am – 12.30am on Monday and Wednesday only. Any notices for notice sheet 23<sup>rd</sup> February must be in by Wednesday at 9.30pm.

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

**His Word in My Hands** is a day of Bible-handling training on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Charlotte Chapel Baptist Church, Shandwick Place and will cost £5 (no charge for students if you book in advance by Wednesday 18 March). To book your place visit: [www.cornhillscotland.org.uk](http://www.cornhillscotland.org.uk) info@cornhillscotland.org.uk 0141 333 0152 31 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 1H. See notice on notice board for details.



**The flowers this week were donated  
by the family of Fred Norwood**

# for our prayers

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*“In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song  
My comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.”*

**Give thanks for the life of Fred Norwood:** for his witness and service to Jesus; his love and care for others; his commitment to those things which he was passionate about. Pray for Liz and the family in their loss: for care and peace.

**Pray for public health officials around the world** as they deal with the corona virus outbreak: for compassion, transparency and effectiveness. Pray for those who are suffering and those whose loved ones have died as a result of the virus: for comfort and healing.

**Pray for those in every level of government:** that they will live lives of integrity and that their values would help them serve communities well.

**Pray for those who work for us in schools, emergency services and the health service:** for protection, better resourcing, and the understanding support of those they serve.

**For those in care homes or who need extra care at home:** that those offering support will do so with respect and afford people maximum dignity.

**For Emily Robison in Uganda** – that her service will be fruitful and that she will be kept safe and well.

**Pray for our witness to Jesus this week** – in schools, our places of work, our homes and as we socialise – that, “Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus” Colossians 3:17a.



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



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