

The **st** thomas' **story**



23rd February 2020

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

Welcome to our Café Church Service, this is an all age worship service, the children will stay in church throughout the service. Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served throughout the service, please help yourself.

Phil Taylor is leading the service and preaching from Acts 3:11-26 - "Peter heals the lame beggar".

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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** YF meets tonight 6pm – 8pm, for a film night, speak to Phil Taylor for details.
- The finance figures for October - December 2019**
- Copies of the accounts for both "old" and "new" St Thomas' are on the table at the back of church. Please do read them. Finance figures for the four months to 31 January are also available there. Please direct any comments or queries to Agnes Murray.
- Monday** **Vestry Meeting** – 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the crèche/crib.
- Tuesday** **Toddler Group** meets in Gyle Hall at 10.00am. Please speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.
- Manor Grange Service** – 2pm, speak to Mark Gilmore for details.
- Wednesday** **“Rooted”** ladies Bible reading group will meet in the crib at 2.30pm - 3.30pm.
- Ash Wednesday Service** – 7pm, in the Sanctuary for communion and the beginning of Lent.
- Thursday** **Coffee Plus** meet in the main hall at 12noon for a soup and sandwich lunch, please let one of the team know if you wish to attend.
- 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 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

Bethany Christian Trust have written to say thank you for the retiring offering at Evelyn Brown's funeral. They say that it will be used to support vulnerable people with essential shelter, building communities and finding hope in the coming year. Thank you from Sue and Alastair Brown and family.

Elizabeth Norwood and family would like to thank everyone who came to Fred's funeral and everyone who helped on the day." Over £900 was raised for Marie Curie so we want to thank everyone for their donations. An audio copy of the service is available from Richard Mitchell if anyone would like it.

Corstorphine Fair – 6th 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.

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 21st 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 info@cornhillscotland.org.uk 0141 333 0152 31 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 1H. See notice on notice board for details, Flyers are available at the back of the church.

Proof reader needed: Thorsten Prill is looking for someone who could help with proofreading a new theological article he has written. If you can help please contact Thorsten on prill.nets@gmail.com



**The flowers this week were donated
by Helen Berry and arranged by the flower team.**

for our prayers

Pray for those affected by recent storms: for shelter and help if their homes have been flooded. Remember too those who are grieving the loss of loved ones as a result of the storms: for comfort and peace. Pray also for governments wrestling with the consequences of severe weather: for good planning and responses which serve people well.

Pray for those suffering from the corona virus – for recovery. Pray that its effects are limited geographically and that scientists develop a safe vaccine.

Pray for all politicians who are followers of Jesus: that they will speak publicly of their faith and stand for that which is true. Give them and all in the public eye the courage to speak in the face of a sometimes hostile culture.

Continue to pray for Catherine Murray as she recovers from illness; Liz Norwood and family as they mourn Fred; Alastair and Sue Brown as they mourn Evelyn.

Pray for our World Concern Partner, David Meldrum in Cape Town, South Africa as he recovers from surgery for kidney stones.

Please pray for Manor Grange Care Home Ministry Team who will be taking a Service THIS TUESDAY (25th), with Mark leading and speaking, ably assisted by Elinor, Kathleen, Dorothy Martin, Phyllis and Irene Brydon - that all who meet will be encouraged in their faith as we reflect on God's love as described in Scripture'.

Pray for our Easter visits to local homes: this time we hope to deliver a magazine with Good News stories to everyone in the area. Pray that this will bear fruit of interest, conversation and that people will be drawn to Jesus.

Pray for yourself as Lent begins: that we will adopt a discipline which helps us draw closer to the Lord.



The **st thomas' story** and hymn-books are **available in large print**.

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



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