

The st thomas' story



1st March 2020

today's story @ 10.30am Communion Service

Welcome to our Morning Service with Communion. David McCarthy is leading and Sandy Benzie is preaching on "Building Community" Colossians 3:18 -4:1.

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.

Prayer Base meets tonight at 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Sanctuary

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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** Today we are hosting **Hospitality Sunday**, with the theme of the service “Building Community”. Please speak to Sandy and Angela Benzies, who will be pleased to explain further.
- YF** meets tonight 6pm – 8pm, for board games, speak to Phil Taylor for details.
- Prayer Base** meets tonight at 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Sanctuary
- 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 10.00am
- Friday** **The World Day of Prayer** will be held on Friday 6th March at 2.30pm at Craigsbank Church. The service has been written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and has the title “Rise take your mat and walk”.
- Saturday** All families are welcome to join us for our **Family First** gathering next Saturday, the 7th of March, in the church hall from 5.00 till 7.00. We will be meeting together for fun, fellowship and family time with Julie speaking to us from Matthew 28 on the topic "you had one job to do"!
- Please let Julie know numbers for catering by Wednesday if possible. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact the church office for any extra details

other information

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 31st January are also available there. Please direct any comments or queries to Agnes Murray.

The Annual General Meeting of St Thomas' Church will be held on Sunday 29th March 2020 after the morning service.

There are a number of congregational representative places to be filled and nomination forms are now available. Please ask the person you would like to nominate, if they are willing to stand. In order to comply with our Constitution, we need all nominations to be submitted on or before Sunday 8th March 2020. Please pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing as we review the past year and look to the future of our church fellowship.

An Easter Funday will be held at St Thomas' Church for children aged 5 - 11 on Saturday 11th April between 1.00pm – 4.00pm. There will be games, activities, an Easter Egg hunt and a chance to hear the Easter Story. Adults must accompany children under 7. Refreshments will be available for parents who wish to wait for their children.

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.



**The flowers this week were donated
and arranged by Jane Ross.**

for our prayers

A prayer of St Teresa of Avila

*Let nothing disturb you,
let nothing frighten you,
all things will pass away.
God never changes;
patience obtains all things,
whoever has God lacks nothing.
God alone suffices. Amen.*



Pray for governments and health officials as they deal with the consequences of the coronavirus: pray for recovery of those infected and pray that its spread is halted.

Pray for those whose homes have been flooded in recent storms: for restoration of what has been lost. Pray that councils and central government will plan better ways to prepare for these incidents as they increase in frequency.

Pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones: for kindness, understanding and love from friends and loved ones.

Pray for healing for those who are sick.

Pray that the Lord will bring many as we invite those around us to our Easter Fun Day on 11th April.

Pray that this Lent we will follow Jesus wherever He is leading, confessing Him with our lips, and loving Him with our deed



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



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