

# The st thomas' story



15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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## today's story @ 10.30am Communion Service

Welcome to our Communion Service, David McCarthy is leading and we welcome our guest speaker **Jamie Read**, from Crosslinks who is preaching on "How the church reflects the beauty of Christ" Colossians 4:7-18.

**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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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 6.00pm – 8.00pm, for a table tennis tournament. Speak to Phil Taylor for details.
- 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.
- Central Meeting** meet in the Main Hall at 7.30pm – 9.30pm.
- Further Ahead** **We plan to deliver an Easter magazine, a Funday and Easter services invitation** to homes in the area around St Thomas'. This will be done in your own time and is planned for the week starting 29<sup>th</sup> March. Bundles for each area can be collected on the Sunday morning after the service. Delivery should be done during that week. Further details to follow.

**Pop Up Easter Choir** – following the success of the Christmas pop up choir, we hope to form a choir for Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Rehearsals are likely to be on Saturday mornings 10am – 11am. If you are interested in joining please contact David Harvey.

Psalm 91:2 *“I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’*



**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”***

# other information

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*We meet as normal for Holy Communion though because of the Covid-19 situation we will take the following precautions:*

*Please wash your hands or use the hand sanitiser we have available as you arrive. Avoid physical contact. We will receive the bread at Communion, but not the wine. In the coming weeks, there might be other changes needed in response to a rapidly changing situation. We will keep you updated by email.*

**On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.00am** please come along and help to make up posies of daffodils for Mothering Sunday. Donations of greenery would be welcomed.

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

Please pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing as we review the past year and look to the future of our church fellowship.

**Printed copies of the annual reports** from the leadership, different groups and ministries of St Thomas' Church are available at the back of church. More can be printed if needed, just ask. We encourage everyone to use an electronic copy available on request from the office ([churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk)) or on the website ([www.saintthomas.org.uk](http://www.saintthomas.org.uk)).

## **The finance figures for October 2019 – February 2020**

Copies of the accounts for both "old" and "new" St Thomas' are on the table at the back of church. Please read them. They are prepared for you, and to fulfil our obligations as a charity. Finance figures for the 5 months to 29 February are also available there. If you have any comments or queries, please ask Agnes Murray.

**An Easter Funday** will be held at St Thomas' Church for children aged 5 - 11 on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

# for our prayers

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*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

## **Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided.**

Father, we thank you for your faithful love, which surrounds us at all times. May we witness to that love in all that we say, think, and do. Send your Holy Spirit to work amongst us and draw people to yourself.

## **Lord, for that word, the word of life that fires us.**

Gracious God, we thank you that you are a God who speaks to us. You speak comfort to our hearts through your written word, no matter what we are going through; and you speak truth and grace to our lives, through Christ the Living Word. Speak afresh to us today.

## **Lord, for our Land, in this our generation.**

High King of Heaven, have mercy on our land. Revive your Church; send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the children. We pray for all who are currently affected by Covid-19 and ask that your healing hand may rest upon them.

## **Lord, for our World, when we disown and doubt him.**

Almighty God, in this time of world-wide need, we confess that often you are far from our minds as fear sets in. Help us to cast our anxieties and cares onto you, because you care for us. Grant all policy makers, researchers, and leaders wisdom and insight, and each one of us a sense of your calming peace.

## **Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us.**

May we be so bold to ask, in the Mighty Name of the Lord Jesus, that you place a hedge of protection around us and keep us safe from the spread of this virus. May we see your mighty power at work in our lives and community. Grant us a powerful testimony to the same.

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