

st.Thomas'

2nd July
Love God
Love Others
Serve All

Welcome to St Thomas'

Welcome to our Communion service at 10.30am. Summer of Love - Shades of Grace. Bruce Gordon will be preaching .



1 John 3: 19 - 24
Matthew 22: 34 - 40.

Our **Crèche** (0-3yrs) room is available throughout the service (downstairs). **Scramblers** (3 - 5yrs), **Climbers** (P1& P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt. **Explorers** (P3-P6) and **Pathfinders** (P7-S3) meet in the Gyle Hall.

Prayer Ministry: A Prayer Team is available every Sunday at the close of services at the seats by the font. Please come forward for prayer for concerns, support, healing, and giving thanks.

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The finance figures for the eight months to 31st May 2017 are available from the table at the back of Church. If you have any comments or queries, please contact Agnes Murray.

Copies of the letter from David to the congregation, (dated 18th June) are available on the table at the back of the church. If you don't have one please help yourself to one this week.

Mark Gilmour travelled to PERU last Sunday to work on the Amazon Hope ship. Prayer requests from Mark for the trip are available on the table at back of church. Please take one and pray for him during his trip.

Isabel and Daniel's wedding ceremony will take place here at St Thomas' on **Saturday 29th July**. You are all welcome to attend the ceremony at **12noon** and join the couple for coffee/tea and biscuits afterwards.

Our daughter, Katharine is getting married to David Bagnall at 10.30 am, Saturday 15th July at King's College Chapel, Cambridge. We would value your prayers for them at that time, and also as they begin a life together in Cambridge. Katharine starts teaching Classics at St John's prep school, and David commences training for ordination at Westcott House in the autumn. Thank you, Lai and Keith Russell

COMMUNITY FUN DAY – SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST:

You are all invited to St Thomas' on 12th August for our community fun day. There will be inflatables, face-painting, games, treats and much more! If you're interested in helping this come to life then please volunteer to host the event. Sign up-sheets are at the back of Church. We're excited! Speak to Claire Burns for more information about this event: claire@saintthomas.org.uk

An Inspirational Prayer: Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him." St. Francis de Sales

Next Sunday 9th July join us at our service at 10.30am.
Summer of Love - Living Love. Brian Stanley will be preaching.
I John 3: 16 - 18 and Matthew 9: 33 - 37.

Urgent need for leaders for Rainbows (girls 5/6) and Brownies (girls 7/10) - both groups meet at 6pm, term time, Wednesdays. Liz Lawson is standing down as Rainbow leader at the end of this term. We urgently require a leader(s) to replace her, working initially alongside Helen Berry. Similarly, with current leaders standing down in the autumn, we also need new leaders for Brownies. Training is available for new leaders. Both groups attract girls from the local community and contribute to forming links with our area. Please see Helen Berry, Grace Donald or Sheila Nicol if you can help, or for further information call 0131 339 2411.

Corstorphine Art Group Exhibition 2017: St Ninian's Church Hall on Saturday 29th July, Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August 10.30am - 4.30pm with late opening on Thursday to 6.30pm and Saturday 5th August till 3.30pm. Admission free. [Www.corstorphineartgroup.co.uk](http://www.corstorphineartgroup.co.uk). Details on notice board.

The First Corstorphine Community Sight Loss Group will meet on Sat 22nd July at the Corstorphine Heritage Centre, St Margarets Park. Entry is round the back of the building where there is also parking. If you or someone you know suffers from sight loss please come and join us to meet and chat over coffee and home baking. The meetings are for social reasons, to provide support and to share experiences. Please contact Hazel Kelly for more info. Tel 07899875713 hi.kelly@virgin.net

The Blood Transfusion Mobile Unit will visit the Rannoch Community Centre on Thursday 27th July from 2.00pm - 4.00pm and 5.30pm - 7.30pm. New donors in good health from age of 17 to 66 are urgently needed.



Sunday 16th July: Communion service - Summer of Love - A Warning About Love. David McCarthy will lead and Sandy Benzies preach. I John 2: 15 - 17 and Matthew 6: 22 - 34

Sunday 23rd July: All - Age Worship. Claire Burns will lead.

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We have large print notice sheets and hymn-books.
Please ask one of the Stewards for assistance.
We also have a hearing loop system installed.



Prayer points for Sunday 2nd July

Be Thankful

For the school holiday period, for families spending time together, relaxing, pursuing interests, having fun, visiting places, and finding refreshment.

For Government and Parliament in all that needs committed attention in working through the electorates' choice of Brexit, finding equitable ways forward in negotiation with our European partners.

For due care and attention by Government, Local Authorities, and others holding responsible Offices in the care and provision of wellbeing on many fronts to citizens across the nation, that their decisions and actions fulfil the standards and criteria laid down in such provision. Praying for those in Grenfell Tower whose lives were subject to so much fear, and face current uncertainties of their immediate futures.

For our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth as she comes north to Edinburgh and Holyrood to meet and to greet, then on to Balmoral for personal refreshment with Prince Philip for her ongoing reign, thanking God for her Christian Faith and lifelong commitment in the service of her peoples.

For our rector David having attended a Church Conference in Chicago, then preaching today at Bishop Seabury Anglican Church in Connecticut, and as he and Ali begin a 12 day holiday break in New England from tomorrow - 3rd July

Praying for St Thomas', for our walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, for those known to us to uphold in prayer, for the Prayer team and the Pastoral group, and the Vestry overseeing St Thomas' life and ministry during David's holiday period.



**This week's flowers were donated
and arranged by Rosemary Kemp.**

If you would like something included in the next notice sheet, please email or phone the Church office by **I I am on Thursday**. Thank you.