

st.Thomas'

3rd September

Welcome to St Thomas'

tearfund
SCOTLAND



Welcome to our Communion service at 10.30am.
David McCarthy is leading and Lynne Paterson
(Director of Tearfund Scotland) is preaching.

Luke 11: 1—13

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 ten months to 31st July 2017 are available from the table at the back of Church. If you have any comments or queries, please contact Agnes Murray.

Youth starts meets tonight Come and join us from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. P7's are welcome to come along too!

Mother and Toddlers group starts back in Gyle Hall on Tuesday 22nd August 10.00am - 11.30am.

Ping Pong Fellowship meets in Lennon Rooms on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30pm.

Coffee Plus starts back this Thursday 7th September at 10.00am in the Main Hall.

Programme cards for the next session September to December are included this week with the notice sheet. Please note: Central meetings are on the second Thursday of the month for all months this session.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be next Sunday, 10th September. All donations of non-perishable food will be given to the foodbank organized by Corstorphine Community Church. Items needed include breakfast cereal, jars of pasta and curry sauce, tinned meat and jam. Fresh items can't be used. Please consider bringing something along with you next Sunday. Items will be collected at the beginning of the service.

An Evening of Praise "Inspire" will be held next Sunday 10th September at 7.00pm at St Thomas'. We will sing popular hymns and songs to praise the Lord followed by tea, coffee and cakes. Donations to Stanley Special Needs School where Jane Ross' Grandson attends. Details on notice board. Please come along!

With some sadness, it has been decided that the **Wednesday Fellowship** should come to an end. We give thanks for all those who have facilitated and led the meetings over the years, and especially Brian Rattray and Martin Hawthorne who have done so in the last year. Let's give thanks for all that the Lord has done in and through the Fellowship and look to what new things He wants to do.

Next Sunday 10th August join us at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service where Bruce Gordon will be leading and preaching.

Invitation to members of the congregation to come to the dress rehearsal of **"The Choice"** for free on Sunday 24th September at 4pm. This is your chance to see if we've improved any since the presentations, and to get a flavour of the whole thing so that you can rave about it to your colleagues and friends. There are lots of flyers ready to help you to do this at the back of church. Please take some. Tickets available from the cast or at the door.

SAVE THE DATE! The great **St Thomas' Quiz Night** will take place on Friday 10th November at 7.30 pm, following the usual format of questions, calorific prizes and drinks and cakes afterwards! We invite teams of up to six to register now with Sandy Benzies. Cash donations on the night will go to the ECM food bank run by Corstorphine Community Church.

Safe Families for Children has a training day on Sat 16th Sep from 09.45am - 4pm at Niddrie Community Church, 12 Hay Drive, Edinburgh, EH16 4RY
Could you demonstrate the love of Jesus to children and families who are going through a rough time? By offering friendship, hospitality, or skills and resources you can get alongside families in the community who have no-one to turn to. Please contact the office on 0131 603 8430 for further information'

Eco - Congregation Scotland Edinburgh Network meets at Craigsbank Church on Wednesday 27th September from 6.15pm for a locally sourced Harvest supper. Olga Bloemaen will talk on Nourish (Good Food Nation Bill and related matters) RSVP to annecurrie@yahoo.co.uk by 23rd September to confirm numbers. Details on notice board.

Ps & Gs School of Theology: Courses run for 10 sessions (Saturday mornings or Tuesday evenings starting in September.) For more information see the cards on the table at the back of the Church , the Ps & Gs website and or speak to Bill Wright.



**This week's flowers were donated
by Phyll Brown and arranged
by a member of the flower team**

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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.**





“From the World Concern Group:

We are implementing a monthly focus on one of our World Concern Partners. For September, we'll be praying especially for Steve, Catriona and Hannah Bennett. They have recently arrived in Gahini, Rwanda to serve as doctors with the Church Missionary Society in the hospital there.

They write:

“We are settling in well. So far we haven't been able to work as we were awaiting medical licences. But today (an answer to prayer) both medical licences were collected by Steve. So now we can finally begin at the hospital. We are also starting language lessons tomorrow so that will be a great help.

Our current prayer points are:

-That we might settle in quickly to work and be able to use our skills to help benefit patients and staff.

-That Hannah gets on well with her nanny and settles into this new routine.”

In other news - we reach the end of the financial year, and because of the Lord's goodness, we've agreed to use the remaining funds to give £1000 to the work of Edinburgh City Mission and £1000 to the work of Scripture Union Scotland.

If you would like something included in the next notice sheet, please contact David McCarthy by **10am on Thursday**. Thank you.