

# st.Thomas'

## Welcome to St Thomas'

23rd April

FOR THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD DOES NOT  
CONSIST IN WORDS  
BUT IN POWER  
1 CORINTHIANS 4:20

Welcome to service at 10.30am. Godly Leadership Part 2  
David McCarthy is preaching.



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

1 Corinthians 4: 1 - 21

**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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**Vestry Secretary:**

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**The finance figures** for the 6 months to 31st March are available from the table at the back of Church. If you have any comments or queries, please speak to Agnes Murray, the Treasurer.

**The Seedling** an inter-church coffee morning in the Old Parish Church Hall, Kirk Loan, meets on Mon 24th April at 10am - 11.30am. Carrick Knowe Parish Church have organised the speaker for this month.

**TABLE TENNIS FELLOWSHIP:** Ping Pong Prayer. St Thomas' Table Tennis Fellowship's next meeting is on Monday evening, 24th April. If you would like to join us or get more details please contact Nick Harding or Michael Brown.

The next **Vestry meeting** is on Monday 24th April in the **Crèche** at 7.30pm. **Please note change of venue.**

**Mothers and Toddlers** meets on Tuesday in the Gyle Hall from 10.00am to 11.30am.

**Coffee Plus will meet this Thursday** in the Main Hall at 10.00am. (Incorrect date given last week).

**Responsible person(s) required:** We need a new Church-kitchens Uber-hygiene Person (and preferably an assistant) to take over responsibility for the hygiene compliance of our kitchens. If you feel you would like to serve as our main, or assistant, C.U.P. then please speak to Philip Busby.

**Central Meeting @ 7.30pm on 4th May:** Please save this date - the vestry and trustees have agreed it should be an opportunity to meet as a congregation as the Scottish Episcopal Church prepares to vote in June on changing the marriage canon to allow people of the same sex to marry. We'll meet to pray and discuss in small groups with feedback to those who are present. There will also be an opportunity to hear what the options for St Thomas' will be, should the canonical change take place. Our 1st June Central Meeting will be given to praying for the SEC and for St Thomas'.

Next Sunday 30th April join us for our service  
at 10.30am. Church Discipline  
1 Corinthians 5: 1 - 12

## **Life Explored - WHAT'S THE BEST GIFT GOD COULD GIVE YOU?**

Life Explored is a seven session series featuring a combination of short films - shot around the world - and Bible interaction. It's an exposé of the little gods that promise us so much happiness, yet deliver so little. As it explores the Bible story (creation, fall, redemption, new creation), Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can only be satisfied in one person, Jesus Christ. The best gift God can give us is himself. We hope to run this course on Sunday evenings from late April into June. It's designed for spiritual seekers, so if that's you or you know anyone who might be interested please contact David McCarthy at [david@saintthomas.org.uk](mailto:david@saintthomas.org.uk)

**Melissa Hyder** is turning 18 on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Her church family is very important to her so she would like to invite her church friends to join us in celebrating. Her party is at St Thomas' Church hall on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. No presents please but if you would like to, there will be a bucket for donations to Tiphereth, the Camphill community Melissa attends daily. To help us with numbers, please let us know if you can attend by contacting us on 0131 467 4119 or calling Sally on 07813094934. Thank you.

**Animals and other actors** needed for our mission musical on the 1st October. Rehearsals begin in May on most Sunday afternoons with a gap for the Summer holidays. If you like drama, are reasonably active, at least 7 years old and are willing to have your performance videoed then please speak to Philip Busby or Linda Aslet for more details.

**Blood Transfusion Service mobile unit** will be at Carrickvale Community Centre, Saughton Mains Street on Thursday 27th April 2.30pm - 4.15pm and 5.30pm - 7.30pm. New donors in good health aged 17 - 66 are needed.

**Tearfund Scotland** are hosting a Spring Session with the New Scottish Hymns Band on Friday 25th May (doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start) at St Thomas' . Tickets are available now from Claire Burns or Jane in the office priced £6. Please come along and support Tearfund Scotland and enjoy an evening of worship.

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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.**



**Give thanks for our Easter celebrations** and remember Alex Vere in prayer following her baptism.

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**Pray for the vestry as they meet tomorrow night** – for wisdom, unity and enthusiasm.

**For the local council elections on 4th May** – for all standing as candidates and that we will take our responsibilities as the electorate seriously, considering the local issues and weighing who will best serve our communities.

**For the General Election** called this week for 8th June – that we will not grow weary from all of the politics, nor vote for a party or individual simply because we are considering what is best for me. Rather let us consider what candidates can offer, what will be of most help to the people of the UK and the world by voting in this way?

**Pray for preparations for our Central Meeting** of members of the congregation on 4th May – pray that we will listen to one another well and be listening also for the Lord's leading in the coming months.

**Pray for those caring for older family members:** for patience, appropriate help and hope.

**Pray for our young people** – that they will grow in relationship with the Lord, be strengthened for service and have the courage to stand firm in faith.



**This week's flowers were donated by the Cramond and West Gyle Homegroup and arranged by a member of the flower team.**

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.