

st.Thomas'

Welcome to St Thomas'

Welcome to our Pentecost Communion service at 10.30am.
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 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.

4th June



Acts2: 1 - 21
John 20: 19 - 23

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General Election Hustings - 7.30pm, Monday 5th June 2017 @ Craigsbank Church of Scotland. Corstorphine Churches Together will host this hustings, chaired by David McCarthy. Please come! If you have questions you'd like to ask candidates and intend on being present, please send your questions to david@saintthomas.org.uk.

Fred and Elizabeth Norwood would like to thank those who visited their garden last Sunday. £150 was donated for the work of Christian Heritage Edinburgh. A big thank you to all.

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

Wednesday Fellowship meets in the Main Hall at 2.00pm on Wednesday 7th June. Rob Elwood will be the speaker - "Easter Play."

TABLE TENNIS FELLOWSHIP: Ping Pong Prayer. St Thomas' Table Tennis Fellowship's next meeting is on Wednesday evening, 7th June.

Coffee Plus will meet this Thursday in the Main Hall at 10.00am.

Prayer Meeting – Thursday 8th June, 3.00pm - 4.30pm, @ 124/2 Gylemuir Road, EH12 7US. This is the home of Brian Rattray. All are welcome.

This gathering is to pray while the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church is debating whether same-sex marriage is to be permitted.

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 10th June at 9.00am in the Main Hall. Come and join us for breakfast, fellowship and reflection before praying for needs of others.

Notice of Church office closure: The office will be closed on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th June. There will be no cover at this time. Notices for the notice sheet on Sunday 18th June will need to be at the office by 10.00am on Wednesday 14th June. Other notices can be intimated at the end of service on Sunday 18th June. Please contact David before the Sunday morning.

Origin Scotland invites you to Symphonic Praise **TONIGHT** at 8.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place. Exile choir will be singing and the Chamber orchestra performing. Check www.originscotland.org for details.

Next Sunday 11th June join us at 10.30am
when we welcome

Gary Nelson (Bishop of North West Australia) as our preacher.

God seems to be opening up a golden opportunity for members of St. Thomas's to provide a short, monthly Service of Christian worship at the plush new **Manor Grange Nursing Home in Pinkhill**. Such gatherings are attended by up to 40 persons comprising residents (several from the former TOR Baptist NH), their relatives and a number of staff. We need two teams of 4 or 5 volunteers to help with this ministry. Each Sunday afternoon Service, (structured on the KISS principle) will last about 25 mins. (3.30pm - 3.55pm) followed by tea and buns as we chat with the residents. Please ask God whether He wants you to serve Him in this new venture! Further information from Dorothy Martin or Mark Gilmour.

Tech Team Volunteers: You will have seen the new tech desk that is now in church. It has been installed because in a week's time our audio equipment and sound desk will be upgraded. So this would be a great time to volunteer to join the team that Sunday by Sunday operate the AV equipment. As part of the upgrade, the installers will carry out training (for a limited number of people) on how to operate the new sound desk equipment. We can also give internal training on the projection computer if that is required.

So if you want in on the ground floor now please consider volunteering in the next few days. Have a word with anyone on the current team - you'll find them at the rear of the church after the service.

Notice request from Mike Parker:

Our Muslim friends are fasting until June 25th - tough, given the long hours of daylight. It's a key month, when they believe their prayer has special impact. Christians all over the world are joining in to pray with them, asking that they 'll find what they're longing for, in Jesus Christ. If you want to join in, you'll find a daily prayer resource called '30 Days of Prayer' at <https://www.pray30days.org>.



**This week's flowers were donated
by Ursula and Alec Lamb 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.**



Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Nehemiah 1:11

The General Election - Edinburgh West Candidates

Sandy Batho	–	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Toni Giugliano	–	Scottish National Party
Christine Jardine	–	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Mandy Telford	–	Scottish Labour Party
Mark Whittet	–	Scottish Independence Referendum Party

Pray for our hustings on Monday 5th June – for David as he chairs. Pray for the candidates here and around the nation. Pray that the new government will lead with wisdom and care for all.

Prayer for St Thomas'

For new possibilities – who are the least, the last and the lost we should reach out to?

For our young people – for Claire Burns as she connects with them in St T's and in local schools.

For our programme of events for the coming year – for provision of resources and people to make them happen.

Give thanks for the Lord's provision of new fire alarm, PA system and central heating boilers

Prayer for the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church as it deliberates on Thursday afternoon as to whether to introduce the marriage of people of the same sex. For those who will speak in favour of retaining the canon as it is, especially Ian Ferguson from Westhill Community Church, Aberdeen.

For those who are same-sex attracted and who are living their lives in obedience to Jesus' teaching on marriage – that they will know loving support in the face of a potentially destabilising change.

For those offering a response to the media on Thursday – that they will speak and act with grace, truth & love.