

# st.Thomas'

7th January

## Welcome to St Thomas'



Welcome to our Sunday morning Communion service at 10.30am. Bruce Gordon is leading and preaching.



**Lighthouse** groups meet as follows: Our **Crèche** (0-3yrs) room is available throughout the service (downstairs). **Sparklers** (3 - P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt. **Spotlight** (P3-P6) meets in the Gyle Hall and **Fusion** (P7-S3) meet in the Youth Room in Lennon Rooms.

1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31

**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 year to 30th November 2017 are available on the table at the back of church. If you have any comments or queries, please contact Agnes Murray

All **Lighthouse** programs for **January to March 2018** are available on the youth notice board.

**New Programme Cards** for 2018 are available on the table at the back of Church. This card is from January to April 2018.

**The new flower sheets** are on the notice board for 2018. If you would like to provide flowers on any Sunday please add your name to the sheet and tick the box if you require someone to arrange for you. Thank you.

**Give thanks for Laurie Jones, (Helen Berry's Dad)**, a long time member of St Thomas' who celebrates his 100th birthday today.

Copies of the poem "**Disturbed Comfort**" written by Brian Rattray are available on the table at the back of church.

Brian passed away on 27th December in hospital and the family are holding a Thanksgiving service at St Thomas' on **Tuesday 16th January at 1.00pm**. There will be a Cremation service after this. Details to follow.

**Mother and Toddlers group** meets on Tuesday morning in the Gyle Hall 10.00am - 11.30am.

**Coffee Plus** starts back this Thursday morning in the Main Hall at 10.00am.

**"BAKE SALE" Sunday 21st January, in the Main Hall after the service.**

Lighthouse (formally Cypacs) support a compassion girl but we are needing a bit of a financial boost. Please can you help us by baking for the stall or buying lots of cakes on the 21st. Thank you.

For more information contact Hilary Robinson on 0131 333 1162.

Next Sunday 14th January at 10.30am we meet for Morning Praise  
I Corinthians 12: 31b - 13:13 'A Love That is Vital'  
David McCarthy is preaching

The **Welcome Team** does just that – we greet people as they arrive at Church and look out for visitors and newcomers afterwards. Due to various circumstances, some of our current members need to stand down, so we could do with some new folk to join us. It's a great way to get to know people you may not have met before. It involves being on duty approximately every eight weeks if the team is at full strength. If you enjoy chatting to people, this could be a good ministry with which to be involved – please contact Sandy and Angela Benzies for more details.

### **PVG Training part two – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 7pm – 9pm**

As a follow-up to the PVG training in September, and as a response to feedback and requests, we have organised some further training. This session will include the use of social media when working with young people, and safeguarding issues when supporting older vulnerable people. There will be an opportunity to discuss scenarios and ask questions. This evening is open to everyone not just those with a PVG. Please let Linda Henderson know if you can come along - to help us with catering arrangements - henderson-linda@sky.com

**HELP!** The small group that gives a lift to church for John Meldrum cannot provide this for the morning service on Christmas Eve. If anyone would be able to do this please contact Ian Young; 334 8953 or Margaret Robertson; 339 0568

**Refuel 18** is the only annual outdoor Family Festival of Faith in Scotland set upon the stunning grounds of Gordon castle Estate, Fochabers, Morayshire. The Filling Station invites you along from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Details can be found on [www.refuelScotland.org.uk](http://www.refuelScotland.org.uk) or phone 01343 610 230. This event is a unique Highland Christian Festival for all the family.



**This week's flowers were donated by Helen Berry to celebrate her Dad's 100th birthday and arranged by a members 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.**





*Pray*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE**

Eternal God, reigning over the universe and in our hearts, we worship and praise you. Through you comes the energy by which the world was made - through you the darkness is overcome and the light shines. And yet, in the midst of your greatness, you chose to reveal your power and glory: in - of all places - a stable and a new born baby. In a pilgrim-packed river - through - of all people - an animal-skinned, locust-eating baptiser; and - on a cross of wood, through - of all things - an agonising crucifixion - all communicating the mystery and greatness of your love. We praise and adore you, O God, for revealing your love so fully for us in Jesus, and for renewing our lives with your Spirit.

**Amen**

**Give thanks for the Lord's kindnesses to us last year** and pray that he will enable us all to serve with a passion for Him and compassion for all in 2018.

**Remember all those who find this time of year difficult**, especially those grieving loved ones. Pray for peace and comfort for the family of Brian Rattray who passed away last week. Give thanks for his life, and for all the ways he served the Lord. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Pray for David, Ali and Claire** as they return from their break away; for safety in travel and protection as they return to work. Wrap your arms of love around them at this busy time.

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