

st.Thomas'

18th February

Welcome to St Thomas'



Welcome to our Sunday morning Communion service at 10.30am. David McCarthy is preaching "How to Defeat the Giants in Life - Anger"



Lighthouse groups meet as follows: Our **Crèche** (0-3yrs) room is available throughout the service (downstairs).

I Samuel 24:1-13
Ephesians 4:25-32

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.

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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from Friday 16th February at lunchtime till Tuesday 27th

February at 9.00am.

Vestry Secretary: Jeremy Southam c/o 316 4292

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Holiday club meeting this week after the service. Grab a cuppa and meet in the Sanctuary! We're fairly on the ball, which is really exciting! However we still need 2 helpers and 3 leaders for our groups. If you can't give up the 3 days but are able to do just the Monday, that would really help too!

If you can volunteer speak to Claire (Claire@saintthomas.org.uk) Please remember to pray for us and get excited with us! There are so many fun things planned for the community of Corstorphine. We are really privileged to have this opportunity."

The Glory of the Cross by Tim Chester is a book of daily readings for Lent. This is the same author who wrote the Advent book we read leading up to Christmas. Unfortunately, we did not have them for the beginning of Lent as there has been such a high demand and a reprint was necessary. They cost £4.99 and will be available in the hall after the service.

St Thomas's Church AGM will take place after the service on **Sunday 4th March** in the sanctuary. We have two vacant congregational vestry places and welcome green card Church Members to put their names forward for these positions. Voting will take place during the AGM. Applications are on the table at back of the church and all nominations to be handed to Jeremy Southam (vestry secretary) by Monday 19th February.

Notice of office closure: The office is closed from Monday 19th February till Tuesday 27th February. There will be no cover. Any notices need to go through David before the service to be announced on the 25th at Café Church.

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

Coffee Plus is on this Thursday morning in the Main Hall at 10.00am.

Electrical work is to be carried out in the Sanctuary next week and in the Main Hall the following week. If access to Sanctuary is needed next week please speak to **Mike Turner** on 07484 607 569. The following week for access to Main Hall speak to Jane Ross in the office on 316 4292.



Next Sunday 25th February we meet for Café Church
All - Age service at 10.30am

This year is **Tear Fund's 50th anniversary** of caring around the world. Lent is a good time for us to consider giving. Tear Fund suggest we use this time to give to their work in the Democratic Republic of Congo, either by saving over the weeks or having a 5 day period of eating only rice and beans, and sending them the money saved during that period. Either way you choose, there will be Tearfund envelopes available to use for your gift on Easter Day

The World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 2nd March at 2.30pm at St Ninian's Church, St John's Road, Corstorphine. The title of the service is 'All God's Creation is very good'

Prayer Opportunities during Lent:

1) **Pray weekly** for the street you live on, for those neighbours you know, and those you don't know.

2) **Join the Rector on a prayer walk** along Glasgow Road after the service on each Sunday during Lent.

3) Sign up to **give prayer flyers** along sections of the Glasgow Road, and **collect them** before the Sunday, so we can pray for people's requests. There are sheets for signing at the back of the church. Further details from Lai Fun Russell

Easter Holiday Club for all primary aged children is on at St Thomas' Church from Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th April. Registration forms on table at back of church or from the office. Junk modelling items are being collected at back of church. Everything welcome apart from polystyrene!

Do you do sign language? Would you enjoy occasionally spending time with our youngest members to teach them a memory verse? Please chat to Claire if this is something you would be interested in! Or email her on claire@saintthomas.org.uk



This week's flowers were donated from the flower fund 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.





Please pray for:

Give thanks for the Lord's continued provision and the support of His people around the world for the people of St Thomas'.

Pray for those who are ill, those awaiting diagnosis and waiting for treatment to begin. Those named and unnamed.

Tommy Simister, Jenny Tanner & Bill McGillivray.

For peace, comfort and healing.

For the upcoming Annual General Meeting (4th March) – for new vestry members who are willing to serve the Lord and His people, faithfulness to the Gospel and united vision of what the Lord is calling us to do and be.

For the Lenten Prayer Walks on Glasgow Road – that the Lord will be at work in this area in ways unseen, but also that we also see fruitfulness.

For our Mission Partners:

Fiona Christie as she returns to the UK – for the next steps for her.

Chas & Jenny Tanner as they seek the Lord for their next steps.

For plans for the Holiday Club (9th-11th April):

For Claire Burns as she leads and that there will be more volunteers.

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