

# st. Thomas'

**Welcome to St Thomas'**

**18th March**

**The Last Giant**

Welcome to our Communion service at 10.30am.

David McCarthy is preaching. "How To Defeat The Giants  
In Life - the Last Giant.



Mark 10: 46 - 52

**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.

**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 5 months to the end of February are available from the table at the back of If you have any comments or queries, please contact Agnes Murray.

**Easter services at St Thomas'**: details can be found on the A5 programme sheet on the table at back of church.

**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!

**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.

**I would like to say thank you** to the members of the congregation who have supported me since I started at Faith Mission Bible College. The financial contributions have enabled me to pay my first year's tuition fees. I would appreciate the continued prayer support. Prayer points: 1) Skye weekend away (16<sup>th</sup> – 18th March) 2) 5-week summer placement. 3) Pray that I continue to keep up with my academic studies and continue to deepen my relationship with God. **Rachel Henderson**

### **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

**Family first** is meeting on Saturday 7th April at 4.30 in the hall. All families with school age children welcome for food and fellowship!

Please let either the Fairhursts or the Forresters know if you can make it.

**Central meeting for next month will be Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm.**



Next Sunday 25th March we meet for our All - Age Cafe Church service at 10.30am.

All Age  
Worship

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

**Corstorphine Fair 2018:** The Fair is on Saturday 2nd June in St Margaret's Park. St Thomas' plans to have a stall with children's activities. The Fair Committee ask each group to provide two stewards who can assist with a number of tasks for an hour either on the Fair day or set up day. If you are able to help out at any time during the day on the stall or help as a steward please contact Jane in the office or David McCarthy.

**Origin Scotland Easter Event "Resurrection"** is on in the Usher Hall on Sunday 1st April (Easter Sunday) at 7.30pm. Guest speaker is **Ian MacDonald**, minister of Holy Trinity Wester Hailes. Tickets available from [website](#) and office (0131 541 0117). Group bookings are possible only by phone.



**The Princes Street Easter Play** will take place on Saturday 31st March in the Princes Street gardens. This is a new and unique production but a great opportunity to present the Easter story to those who may not have encountered it before.

### **The Edinburgh Gilbert and Sullivan Society**

Our main show, '**HMS Pinafore**' is in the King's Theatre, Edinburgh, Tuesday 20th - Saturday 24th March at 7:30pm Matinee 2:30pm on Saturday. **Please contact David Bunyan for tickets - more details and prices to follow.**



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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.**



This was another encouraging evening. Almost every home welcomed us – including some lengthy and moving conversations on the doorsteps.

**This is just a selection of many;**

An older man, caring for his very ill wife who has had two long periods in hospital. She is now home but is not very well and he's struggling to cope. V asks us to pray for her ageing parents for "health and joy" in their later years

One person asks us to pray for their immediate neighbour who is being treated for leukaemia

J's mother died last year and now her father has advanced dementia and he needs daily care. There are some family tensions developing. She has found great support from her own church minister.

R is a young man and newly moved in from the north of the country: he wants to make friends and become more settled

A has failing sight and is now unable to leave his home: he feels isolated and can't get to church any more

Many folk gave thanks for the support of their own, home churches and the pastoral care they have received from their own clergy

One young woman, who says she is not a believer in any sense, gives thanks for the delight that her little daughter brings her

B wants us to pray for the present tensions in the world, and asks St Thomas' to pray for President Trump

Many people expressed gratitude for the sense of local community they enjoy. They are glad to live where they do.

**Paul Hocking** had 7 sessions and coping well. Scan results due next week. Both Paul and Denise having trouble sleeping and coping with building works. Looking forward to a family gathering in April to celebrate Paul's 70th birthday.

**Fiona Crawford** is home from hospital and receiving physio for her leg.

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