

# st.Thomas'

## Welcome to St Thomas'

25th March



Welcome to our All Age Café Church Palm Sunday service at 10.30am. Claire Burns is leading today. Hope you remembered to change your clock forward one hour.

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

**The Seedling** an inter-church coffee morning meets on Monday 28th March 10.00 - 11.30am. The meeting is at Corstorphine Community Church Hall - Glebe Terrace. All welcome.

**Vestry meeting** is on Monday evening in the Creche at 7.30pm.

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

**Coffee Plus** is **NOT** on this Thursday morning in the Main Hall. Next meeting is on Thursday 19th April.

**Maundy Thursday service** on Thursday 29th April **in Main Hall** at 7.00pm.

**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**

**The Church office is closed on Monday 2nd April, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April. It reopens on Thursday 5th April at 9.00am. There is no cover for this time.**

**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.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 31st March at 10.00am. All gifts of flowers and foliage will be much appreciated.

Thank You



Next Sunday 1st April we meet for our Easter Morning Sunrise Communion at 6.30am in the main hall and Easter Communion 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

### **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!

**Change of dates:** The All - Age service due to take place on Sunday 22nd April has been moved to the Sunday before and will be a Holiday Club Service on 15th April. Sunday 22nd April will be a Communion service at 10.30am. Thorsten Prill will preach that Sunday.

**Fiona Christie** is holding a **Thanksgiving Evening** to celebrate and give thanks for her time in Colombia with Latin Link. This will be held in the Main Hall at St Thomas' Church on Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.



**This week's flowers were donated  
and arranged by Rosemary Kemp**

**AAA** 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 all that the Lord has done for us and for his provision.

**Pray as we continue the process of finding a successor to Claire Burns.** The closing date for applications is 31 March. Pray for David McCarthy, Alex Vere Bob Kemp, Diedra Turner and Margaret Robertson as they discern who to invite to the next stage of the appointment process.

**Pray for Christian agencies** which seek to bring justice and peace around the world: for integrity and protection as they serve with care and conviction.

**For the events of this week** as we remember the teaching, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. That we will be thankful for all that God the Father has done for us through His Son, Jesus, and that our faith will be renewed and our serving enthused.

**Pray for those who face the troubles of anxiety, anger or addiction:** that they will know the peace and hope of Christ as well as knowing what they can do to begin to think and act differently

**Pray for the family of P** and his friends as he died suddenly last Sunday. **The request came from C** who attends Mums and Toddlers. **Pray also for L** who is having a very difficult time in her life after a miscarriage.



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