

st. Thomas'

Welcome to St Thomas'

1st April



Welcome to our Communion service on Easter Sunday at 10.30am. David McCarthy is preaching this morning. "Why the Resurrection of Jesus Matters" (Part 1)

I Corinthians 15:

1 - 11

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.

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 **TODAY**. They are on the table at back of church.

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.

The Mother and Toddlers Group and Coffee Plus will not meet this coming week.

Thank you to all who helped to decorate the Church for our Easter Celebration Service today.



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 Holiday Club for all primary aged children is on at St Thomas' Church from Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th April. Please speak to Claire Burns if interested but not registered. There are still a small number of places available.

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.

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

Some sad news from our World Concern Partners: **Jenny Tanner** passed away this week. Please pray for Chas and their family at this time of loss.



Next Sunday 8th April we meet for our Morning service at 10.30am. "Why The Resurrection Matters" (Part2)
I Corinthians 15: 12 - 34

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 Sanctuary at St Thomas' Church on Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Mark Gilmour, a member of St Thomas' is travelling to Tanzania to work on the Vine Trust's ship "**JUBILEE HOPE**" on the 8th April. Mark has prayer requests for the trip and if you feel you could pray for him, leaflets with details are available on the table at back of church.

"Calling all of our wonderful older generation! (Retirement age and up). Our young people would **LOVE** if we could serve you. We are hosting an afternoon tea event in honour of you all on 29th April at 2pm. Please come for a cup of tea, sandwiches and some home baked goodies served by our teenagers. Please sign up at the back of Church so we know how much to make! If you would like to give a donation, which is not required, we will give the money to charity."



"**Lord**, we are so thankful that because of your perfect sacrifice we can be free of guilt and sin. There's nothing we could ever do to deserve salvation. You did all on the cross. All we need to do is believe and receive Jesus. Thank you that when we believe, we are declared clean."

You are invited to a concert on behalf of **Safe Families for Children** where **Cadenza**, one of Edinburgh's leading amateur choirs; who sold out concerts at the recent Edinburgh Festival will perform. The concert is on Saturday 12th May at 7.30pm at St Thomas. Tickets are £10 for non-volunteers and £8 for concessions payable at the door. To ensure we do not over book please reserve your tickets in advance via this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cadenza-in-concert-tickets-44477138318> or contact Jane in the office with your details.



This week's flowers were donated and arranged by people from the Flower team and friends.

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 the requests from our neighbours for prayer during Lent and give thanks for those who prayer walked and talked with people on their doorsteps. Pray that the connections made might be used by the Lord to draw some to Himself.

Prayer requests from people living in South Gyle Gardens

- One person asks us to pray for the older folk who live alone in the area
- A is waiting on a brain scan; his cancer may have spread there and he's worried
- P asks us to pray for Palestinian people wo he passionately believes have been unjustly treated
- One young teenager was home alone and seemed very frightened: his parents probably abuse drugs and the SW department is involved now
- A little boy called J is having treatment for leukaemia
- Please pray for M in Nigeria who has had a stroke
- Two older ladies have been widowed in the past year and are feeling lonely now
- L's young wife died very suddenly recently leaving two little children: he's just coping
- Many folk enjoy the community spirit in the street and recognise God's goodness in that: C especially recognises this and wants to thank God
- One man called S asks us to pray that he'll win the lottery!
- Several folk ask the church to pray for their pet dogs: especially for dog M who is failing now

D gives thanks for the "quiet hour" held at Corstorphine Old Church which he knows many people appreciate

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Psalm 116:15

Remember those who are in hospital or sick at this time.

Pray for the final preparations for the Holiday Club which takes place 9th-11th April. For the children and their families: that we connect and follow up well with them.

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