

st.Thomas'

Welcome to St Thomas'

1st July



Welcome to our Communion Service at 10.30am this morning.
David McCarthy is leading and Thorsten Prill is preaching.



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

2 Corinthians
2: 12 - 3:18

Sparklers (3 - P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt. **Spotlight** (P3-P6) and **Fusion** (P7-S3) meets 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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Monday and open Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 12.30pm.

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Copies of the finance figures for the eight months to 31st May 2018 are available on the table at the back of Church. If you have any comments or queries, please contact Agnes Murray, Treasurer

The new **General Data Protection Regulation** came into force last month. In order to comply with its requirements, we have published a new data privacy notice. If we hold contact information for you or if you would like to continue to receive communications from St Thomas' please fill in a consent form. Both of these documents are available at the back of church - please fill in the consent form and return to the Church Office as soon as possible.

“To all at St T’s, I am overwhelmed by the kind gift that you all have given me for my leaving. Overwhelmed is an understatement! Thank you all for your kindness not just now but during my three years in St T’s. It’s been a wonderful time with both the young people and the extended members of the congregation and community. Lots of love & prayers for the times ahead.”

Claire Burns: Young Person's Pastoral Worker

Please see below the Lighthouse Rota for the month of July:

1st - Phil (helper TBC)

8th - Peter (Helper: Wendy)

15th - No Lighthouse Group

22nd - All Age

29th - Angela (Helper: Morag)

Sovereign God, we thank you that you have made us all different, in character, temperament, background and experience.

We thank you for the diversity this gives us,

and for the opportunities it brings to share with one another.

Help us to be open to all we might learn and offer,

to recognise that our differences

should not be a source of weakness but strength,

not a cause of division

but a chance to display the underlying bond that unites us.

though, we are many, you have made us one. **Lord, we thank you.**

Next Sunday 8th July we meet for the morning service
at 10.30am. “God is in the Fragile”

2 Corinthians 4: 1 - 18

St Thomas' have a number of opportunities for people to serve. Please read the information notice available at back of church, pray and consider if you might be able to serve in the roles we are looking for please speak to David McCarthy or contact the church office on 0131 316 4292, churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk if you can help.

Reading and Prayers on a Sunday morning: People to read the Bible verse and to do Intercessory Prayer as part of our morning service are **urgently** needed. Readers are still needed on 29th July and from 9th September onwards. People to pray are needed on 1st July, 29th July, 5th August and from 26th August onwards. If you haven't done it before but would think about doing it there is help available. Speak to Jane in the office 0131 316 4292.

Explore Caithness at Sue Gordon's brother's cottage near Wick:

Sea Otter Cottage, by shore and beach - self catering, sleeps 6.

Affords visits eg to Castle of Mey, Orkney day tour, John o' Groats.

See information leaflets with Web Site in corridor.

Safety Reminder: Could everyone who uses the access through **SIDE AND REAR GATES**, please **REMEMBER TO CLOSE THE GATES BEHIND YOU**. Keep the littlest members safe. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED ! An adult to serve as a Small Group Leader of 7 children (P1 - P7 level) at **CLERMISTON S.U. HOLIDAY CLUB:**

Five mornings (8.45am - 1.30pm) : **Monday 23rd to Friday 27th July**. You will receive plenty of help to prepare for the role (and to get PVG'd) and it will be great fun. Indeed the rewards are 'out of this world' (literally !). Please contact Donna McCarron-Flynn on 07921 156173 or speak to Mark Gilmour



**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.





Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer.

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty we see all around us and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time we have to be with our friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw us closer to You this summer. Teach us how we can pray no matter where we are or what we are doing.

Warm our souls with the awareness of Your presence and light our paths with Your Word and Counsel.

As we enjoy Your creation, create in us a pure heart and a hunger and thirst for You. Amen.

Pray for David McCarthy as he starts back to work: that he will feel relaxed and rested after spending time at Gafcon Jerusalem 2018.

Pray for the Trustees and Vestry: pray as we plan for the next stage of the life of St Thomas'. Help us to listen to God's voice.

Pray for volunteers to serve in the roles that are needed within the church. For children's groups, coffee rota, reading and prayers.

Give thanks for Claire Burns and her ministry among us.

For friends old and new who have and will continue to support her and Jeremy as they plan for their wedding and future together.

Pray for all in our congregation who are struggling in body, mind or spirit - for the peace of the Lord, a healing touch, the comfort of family and friends, and a sense of hope in their struggles.

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