

st.Thomas'

2nd September



Welcome to St Thomas'

Welcome to our Communion service at 10.30am. "Generosity"
Part 2. Bruce Gordon is leading and preaching.

2 Corinthians

8: 16 - 9:15

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 lower Lennon Rooms 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.

St Thomas' Contacts:

Rector: Rev. David McCarthy 467 0660 Mobile: 0741 1236433

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David is away on leave till 12th September.

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Day off: Friday

Church Coordinator: Jane Ross: 316 4292

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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. There is no holiday cover. The office will open Thursday and Friday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Vestry Secretary: Jeremy Southam c/o 316 4292

Worship Co-ordinator: David Harvey c/o 316 4292

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Copies of the finance figures for the ten months to July 2018 are available on the table at the back of Church. Agnes Murray can answer any questions.

Congratulations to Bruce and Sue Gordon who are celebrating 50 years since Bruce was ordained. Tea, coffee and cake will be served in Main Hall after the service this morning.

The Church Office is closed from Monday 3rd September till Thursday 6th September. The office reopens on Thursday at 9.00am. There is no holiday cover.

30th August — 12th September

During this period (*David McCarthy is on holiday*), Bruce Gordon (01506 418466) will be available in situations of urgent pastoral care. The chair of vestry, Margaret Robertson (0131 339 0568), will deal with all other church matters.

PrayerBase meets tonight in the Sanctuary at 6.30pm.

The Mother and Toddlers Group meets on Tuesday morning 10.00am - 11.30 am in the Gyle Hall. Last meeting before the Summer break.

Coffee Plus meets on Thursday morning in the Main Hall at 10.00am

Thursday 13th September: Central meeting at 7.30pm in the Main Hall.

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

Sunday 30th September: Evening of Praise - Inspire 2.

Join us for an evening of worship and praise at 7.00pm. Old and new songs and hymns and prayers followed by tea, coffee and cakes.

Donations will be collected for Stanley School at Pensby. Jane Ross' Grandson Duncan attends this amazing school. No tickets needed.



Next Sunday 9th September join us for Morning Praise at 10.30am
Mike Parker will be preaching and Bruce Gordon leading.

For **The Great St Thomas' Quiz Night** we're going to do something a bit different and join with hundreds of churches across the UK who are taking part in Tearfund's Big Quiz Night. This will be on **Saturday 17th November** and we will start at 8.00 pm in the church. Our usual rules will apply – teams of up to six but turn up even if you're not in a team and we'll find one for you, and chocolate-based prizes! Cash donations on the night will go to Tearfund, who hope to raise £150,000 across the UK for their work around the world. So please save the date and think who you might invite along – it's a good opportunity to involve those who don't normally join us here. Register teams with Sandy Benzies, who will be pleased to supply more details.

Cath Marshall Lift on Sunday mornings: It was lovely to see Cath Marshall back worshipping with us last Sunday. If anyone is able to help pick Cath up to come to church and take her home to Murrayfield House after the service, could you speak to Cath Morrison on 01383 829534 or 47morrison@btinternet.com.

Would you like to dig deeper into the Bible, grow in your faith or be better equipped for serving the Lord? Then why not sign up for an Autumn class at Edinburgh Bible College (EBC)? Flyers are available at the back of the church. You can also ask Kerstin (07849716265) or Thorsten Prill for further details.

God, please enlighten our minds with truth;

Inflame our hearts with love;

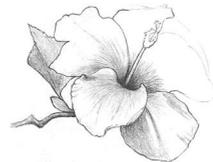
Inspire our will with courage;

Enrich our lives with service;

Pardon what we have been;

Sanctify what we are;

And order what we shall be. Amen.



**This week's flowers were donated by
Bruce and Sue Gordon 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 keep in prayer this week:



Pray for our **work among young people** as groups start up again this week. Pray for **Rebecca McMillan** as she gets to know everyone and for the opportunities in schools as she helps to build bridges. Be with Rebecca as she faces new opportunities, new schools and teachers and the children in all the groups she will deal with.

Alex Vere as she travels to Birmingham on Monday 3rd September. Stay close to her Lord, and let this adventure go really smoothly as she walks with You.

Pray for David and Ali as they take a break from the busy and hectic time here at St Thomas'. Keep them safe as they travel and let them find time to be together and relax. Urgent pastoral cover details are in the notice sheet.

Give thanks for the 50 years of ordination, that **Bruce Gordon** celebrates this weekend. Keep Sue and Bruce strong in their faith and enable them to continue your work

Thank You for the wonderful world into which we have been placed and the beauties that surround us - the sea and the sky and the hills and the valleys – for all the delights that You have placed in our lives in such abundance.

Lord we are not worthy to untie Your shoe-laces and yet in Your great grace and mercy You have freely given us all things to richly enjoy. Words cannot express the gratitude that is in our hearts. Help us Lord to be the people You would have us be.

Amen

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