

st.Thomas'

18th November



Welcome to St Thomas'

Welcome to our Communion service at 10.30am.

Sandy Benzies is preaching "Being Church - Teaching and Reaching"

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



Luke 5: 1- 11

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

Coffee Plus meets this Thursday at 10.00am in the Main Hall.

Ladies Prayer Breakfast: There will be a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 24th November from 9am to 10.30am in the Main Hall. We will start with food and chat before praying for St Thomas' and all the changes ahead. For more info see Linda Henderson.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the Flower Festival last week. We feel humbled and privileged to have worked with such a wonderful team. Each and every one of you made an enormous contribution to this very successful commemorative event, both for St Thomas' outreach and for the very worthy charity, Bliss, supporting babies born premature or sick. God bless you all, With love, Rosemary and Bob.

Poppies will be available, in the hall after the service today - come and choose your favourite! All donations towards *BLISS* (Scotland.)



Mark Gilmour left last Sunday to travel to Peru to join the crew aboard the Forth Hope. The team of medical staff from across the world travel to small villages to offer help to the Peruvian people. Prayer for this trip would be appreciated. Sheets giving details, can be picked up from the table at back of church. *Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to thee. Take myself that I may be, ever only, all for Thee.* France Ridley Haergal.

SIGN UP to attend the Ladies Christmas Evening on Thursday 6th December at 7p.m. The theme of this year's event is "All is Calm, All is Bright" and we would love for you to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food (dessert!). Please designate if you wish to sit with someone you know who is attending or hosting a table. For more info, contact Julie Fairhurst or Dee Turner through the St Thomas' office 316 4292. Details, leaflets and sign up sheets are on table at back of church.

All Age
Worship

Join us next Sunday 25th November for our
Cafe Church service
at 10.30am.



Advent Visiting of our area

We are called to serve our neighbours and so will be distributing Christmas cards to two local areas in the run up to Christmas. The cards will invite our neighbours to Christmas events, invite them to submit requests for prayer, and let them know we will be giving them a gift. We'll also be inviting people to "Faith: (Ir)relevant? - a brief Introduction to what Christians believe on 13th January".

These visits will happen in two phases: week beginning 2 December – deliver cards through letter boxes. Week beginning 9 December: visit to pick up prayer requests and deliver gifts (beautiful presented easy read Bibles).

We have about 300 Bibles to deliver. We would like to have at least fifteen pairs of people (ideally fifteen men and fifteen women) visiting in week 2. If enough people volunteer we will get it all done in one evening. Please pray that we make good contacts through this.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to indicate your willingness to be involved. Maybe one of the most important things you could do this Advent?

Dates for your diary: Tuesday 27th November we meet for morning prayer in the Sanctuary at 7.00am, followed by bacon rolls in the Main Hall.

After the morning service on the 16th December the Christmas party for Sparklers and Spotlight will be held in the Gyle Hall. At 5.00pm we will have an all age Carols by Candlelight service followed by tea/coffee and Christmas pies. At 7.00pm there will be a joint YF/Fusion party in the Main Hall.



**The Flowers this morning have been donated
from the Flower Festival.
Very many thanks to everyone who contributed.**

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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 pray for:

For Amanda and Gavin Hamilton –

Amanda has been feeling rather unwell in the last few days. The doctors want to treat the wound as infection build up is making her feel very unwell. Please pray for strength for her in body and mind and that it will have a beneficial effect.

Please also pray that this is sufficient to relieve the infection and pain and it is not necessary to do anything more invasive, as a further procedure at this time would be very demanding both physically and emotionally.

Pray for patience and endurance as Amanda faces a long hospital stay. Pray also for Gavin and the boys.

Give thanks for the Festival of Flowers and for all those who gave of their time to make it happen – pray that visitors will return to St Thomas’.

Pray for families experiencing the harsh pain of marriage difficulties – for parents comforting children; children confused by a parent’s decisions: friends and wider family finding their loyalties stretched. Pray too that the Holy Spirit will convict of sin, bring repentance and pour healing into broken relationships.

Pray for the plans to visit and distribute gifts to the neighbourhood – that many (you?) will volunteer and that many will respond positively to our invitations. Details inside notice sheet.

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