



## Welcome to St Thomas'

Welcome to our Morning service at 10.30am.

What does hope look like? David McCarthy is preaching.



**Lighthouse** groups meet as follows: Our **Crèche** (0-3yrs)

room is available throughout the service (downstairs).

**Sparklers** (3 - P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt.

Matthew 11: 2 - 11

**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.

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**on Monday and open Tuesday - Friday from 9.00am - 12.30pm.**

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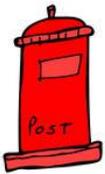
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**The finance figures** for two month to the 30th November 2018 are available on the table at back of church. If you have any comments or queries, please contact Agnes Murray.

**St Thomas' Invitations cards** are available with details of the Christmas services this year, on the table at back of church. Please take some to invites family, neighbours and friends to join us.

**Carols By Candlelight:** Please join us tonight to sing carols around the Christmas tree in the candlelight. The service this year is at 5.00pm. This service is a Café Church service so refreshments will be available throughout the service.



### **CHRISTMAS MAIL**

**Please remember to pick up Christmas cards this week from the pigeon holes in the corridor. The holes are in alphabetical order. Please check before you leave.**

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank David, the Vestry, Trustees and you all for the most generous gift presented to me at last week's service.

I was truly overwhelmed and so appreciative of such thoughtfulness and kindness.

Bob and I very much look forward to our Champagne Afternoon Tea!!

With much love, Rosemary Kemp.

**Programme Cards for January to April 2019** are available on the table at the back of church. The programme card has been sent attached to an email to all people on the Church email list. Please only take a copy if you cant access on your computer.

**Prayer request from Attila Fejszes:** I am writing to you requesting prayer for myself and Blessing Jha (my fiancée). We are getting married on 10th January 2019 in India and if the church would pray for our safe travel, finances (the cost of the wedding and any unforeseen expenses will be covered without debt) and our new married life. Please pray for Attila and Blessing.



Join us next Sunday 23rd December for our  
All-Age Café Church service at 10.30am.

All Age  
Worship

In the past St Thomas' have had a **Big, Sharable Christmas Card**. The Big Sharable card has been sent to us from World Vision and this idea is to help save time and money this Christmas.

**The card will be on a table at back of church and you are invited to put your Christmas message to everyone at St Thomas' inside the card** instead of buying a number of cards, spending time writing them and paying for postage, you are invited to give a donation to World Vision who help vulnerable children all around the world. World Vision distribute food packs, hygiene/shelter kits, and run classes for vulnerable children who need care and support.

**The Mission to Seafarers** have sent their sincere gratitude for the latest batch of almost 100 Beanie hats. These are deeply appreciated, giving to crews caring warmth through the Mission's Port Chaplains in what the seafarers find to be our colder northern waters.

At this time, far from home and family, these gifts are also a message of Christ's love. Please continue to knit as the Mission says it gives out an amazing 8000 Beanie hats every year. The pattern can be obtained from the office if you'd like to knit too.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! - Saturday 5th January 10am - 3pm.**

It's nearly time for the kitchens to be deep cleaned, if you're free and able to help, even just for an hour or so, please let Philip Busby or Rosemary Harvey know. (A snack will be provided), Thank you.

**Lord, help us** not to hide our light. Save us from apathy and the blandness that so easy envelops us. Let us use our energy in ways that bless others and demonstrate your love. May the peoples praise you, O God. Amen.



**Thank you to the flower team and friends who decorated the church for Christmas.  
Thank you to everyone who helped.**

**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.





pray

**Give thanks for:**

**The local visits to our neighbours** - for warm welcomes, good conversation and that some had prayer requests.

**Please pray for:**

**Please pray for all those for whom Christmas is potentially difficult** - especially the bereaved and people with the heartbreak of broken relationships. For the Lord's comfort and the sensitive care of family and friends.

**Pray for Amanda Hamilton** - for effective treatment and for her healing. Pray too for Gavin, as he travels to hospital - for stamina and encouragement.

**Pray that the Bibles delivered to local homes** this last week will be read and that the Holy Spirit might prompt many to seek Him.

**Pray for our worship services this Christmas:** that all will be drawn to Christ through them.

**For Westminster politicians following this troubled week** - for clear leadership and better consensus on the way ahead.

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