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Welcome to St Thomas'



27th January

Welcome to our All - Age, Café Church service at 10.30am. Rebecca McMillan is leading the service.

TODAY IS AN ALL AGE SERVICE WHERE ALL CHILDREN STAY IN THE SERVICE.

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.



Finance figures for the three months to December 2018 are available from the table at the back of church. If you have any queries or comments, please speak to Agnes Murray.

Programme Cards for January to April 2019 are available on the table at the back of church.

St Thomas' Care Van Team have decide to continue to help on the Care Van and are going out **TONGHT**. If you have clothes you no longer need (especially men's jeans in small waist size) or hats, scarves, gloves, please contact Bob Kemp or any of the members of the Care Van team. It is possible to give a donation to help buy items that can be used on the van. Please speak to Jane Ross in the office.

Vestry meets in Creche on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm.

The Mother and Toddlers Group meets on Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30 am in the Gyle Hall.

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

Family First next meeting is on Saturday 2nd February in the Main Hall

The result of the vote at Westhill Community Church, Aberdeen last Thursday night, was 87% in favour of leaving the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Women Walking With God 2109: This conference is takin g place on Friday Ist and Saturday 2nd March at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. The main speaker is Amy Orr - Ewing and the worship is led by Lou Fellingham. A group of ladies from St Thomas' are attending and if you would like to join us please let Linda Henderson know.

> Join us next Sunday 3rd February for our Holy Communion Service at 10.30am "Where to Fix Your Thoughts" Hebrews 3: I - 6

St Thomas' Easter Holiday Club is planned for the week Monday **8th to Wednesday 10th April.** The theme this year is "Super Hero's" Anyone who can help out at the club are invited to a planning meeting in the Sanctuary after the main service **next Sunday 3rd February.** Please speak to Rebecca McMillan and let her know you are interested and if you have a specific thing you would like to help with. Contact details :

rebecca@saintthomas.org.uk or 07510152148

The Mission to Seafarers have sent their sincere gratitude for the latest batch of almost100 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.

Heriot Watt University Chaplaincy Annual Public Lecture is on Monday 4th February at James Watt Centre at 7.00pm. "Being Human in an Age of Artificial Intelligence. Registration required by 31st January via Eventbrite or 0131 451 4508.

Edinburgh Bible College in Broxburn (easy access, plenty parking space) will be running a a series of seminars on top ethical issues of our day presented by various well-known Christian leaders (Wednesday from 11.00am - 1.00pm). Why not come along to listen, learn and find biblical answers. Blue flyers are available at the back of Church. The Spring time - table also offers other interesting subjects. See brown flyers at back or visit http: //www.edinburghbiblecollege.co.uk/news/.



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Be Thankful

For the UK as politicians seek a way forward following the vote in the Westminster parliament – for clarity and unity.

For those who need healing - physically, emotionally and spiritually. Pray especially for Amanda Hamilton (who is home and eating a little). For Graham Baxter (Improving each day and hoping to be back at work by end of February) and Jimmy and Shirley Sibbald (Shirley had a cataract op on Tuesday as a day patient. She is hoping things will improve over the next week. Jimmie has been to hearing clinic and hearing in his left ear is minimal but the ear is clean and healing. He is to go back in three months).

Pray for our young people (and all of us!): that we will want to know Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

For Care Van Team going out tonight: for safety and opportunity to speak, listen and share the news of God's love to the homeless.

Esther Duncan is moving to work as a volunteer at the Northumbria Community from 28th January for 2 months. This is a Christian retreat centre with a rhythm of prayer 4 times daily, rooted in the Celtic Christian tradition and a centre for hospitality. She will be doing practical tasks with the House Team, in between prayer, and hopes this will prepare her for moving to the island of Arran to support the development of a similar Christian centre. After Northumbria she hopes to be working in Ayr from April as she makes the transition to the west coast! This is a big step of faith and she would value your prayers. Please let her know if you would like to receive news by email in the future <u>cheerfuleduncan@yahoo.co.uk</u>

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