st.Thomas' Welcome to St Thomas'

10th February



Welcome to our service at 10.30am. "Why We Need Encouragement" David McCarthy is preaching.



Lighthouse groups meet as follows: Our Crèche Hebrews 3: 7 - 13 (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) will stay in Church this week.

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 finance figures for the 4 months to the end of January are available on the table at back of church. Any questions can be answered by Agnes Murray.

The accounts for the year to 30 September 2018 were signed on 14 January 2019. Copies are available on the table at the back of church.

The accounts are available on the web page.

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Lawrie Jones is on Monday 11th February at 2.00pm in the Sanctuary at St Thomas' Church. People are invited to stay for refreshments after the service in the Main Hall.

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

Coffee Plus will not meet on Thursday 14th February.

The Central Meeting will be in the Main Hall on Thursday 21st February at 7.30pm.

The annual Remembering Service for all who have suffered the loss of a child from the beginning of pregnancy onwards will take place this year in **St John the Baptist, Corstorphine, Sunday 17th February 5.00 pm**. Details are on notice board.

Women Walking With God 2109: This conference is takin g place on Friday 1st 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.

Denise Hocking will be in Edinburgh from 27th February until 4th March and is keen to meet up particularly with friends who prayed for Paul during his illness. She will be at St Thomas's on the Sunday morning (3rd March) but we would also like to welcome those of you are free to come and have tea and cake with Denise at our house on the Sunday afternoon. We will have open house at 6 Belgrave Road between 3pm and 6pm that day, so please come any time that suits you. If you'd like to contact Denise over the weekend, our landline is 334 8953.

Join us next Sunday 10th February for our service at 10.30am "Why We Need Encouragement" Hebrews 3: 7 - 13 **St Thomas's Church AGM** will take place after the service on **Sunday 10th March** in the Sanctuary. At this meeting we do some important work which both looks back to what the Lord has done and forward to what will happen next. We will review the past year, elect new vestry members, and approve the accounts. It is likely to be the last AGM before a constitution is adopted, so please make plans to attend and participate.

We have two Congregational Vestry places that are vacant and welcome green card Church Members who would like to put their names forward for these positions to complete a nomination form (on table at back of church). Responsibilities of Vestry sheet also available. Voting will take place during the AGM. Completed applications should be handed to Jeremy Southam (Vestry Secretary) before the end of service on **Thursday 14th February.**

Please be prayerfully considering whose gifts might be helpfully employed on our vestry. We are going into the next stage of our life together and there is much to be done. Let's pray for increased passion for the Gospel and vision for the future.

If you are a leader of a group meeting at St Thomas' you are invited to write a short AGM report. All reports should be handed in or sent to David McCarthy (copy to office) before Thursday 14th February. Email requests have been sent out to group leaders with last year's report attached.

St Thomas' Easter Holiday Club is planned for the week Monday **8th to Wednesday 10th April.** The theme this year is "Super Hero's" Please speak to
Rebecca McMillan and let her know if you are interested and if you have a specific
thing you would like to help with. Contact details: rebecca@saintthomas.org.uk
07510152148 or contact the office on 07507485053.



The flowers this week were donated by Anna, Douglas and Andrew McLaggan and arranged by a member of the flower team.

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.





For Prayer:



Please reflect on 1 Kings 8:22-61 as we seek the Lord together in prayer this week.

Keep the governments of Scotland & the UK in prayer – for a resolution to the issues surrounding Brexit.

Give thanks for the life and service of Lawrie Jones and remember his family as they gather tomorrow to remember him.

Pray for those of us who are in work – that their service will be rendered not only to their employer, but also to the Lord.

Give thanks for those who serve us so well – catering, welcome, children, young people, music, techies, buildings, flowers, administration, filling the gaps, outreach, vestry and trustees.

Pray for your family and friends who do not know Jesus – that the Holy Spirit will draw them to Him and that you will be confident in witnessing to His love for them.

Urgent as of Thursday pm - Pray for Rebecca McMillan's father, William following a medical emergency on Wednesday evening. Pray that medics will provide the best care possible and that Lesley, her mum will know comfort and peace at this difficult time.



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