## st.Thomas'

## Welcome to St Thomas'

Welcome to our Communion service at 10.30am. "How to Receive Mercy & Find Grace"

David McCarthy is preaching.







Hebrews 5: 11 - 6: 12

**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) will meet in Youth Room upstairs 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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Monday and Tuesday this week and open Wednesday to Friday

9.00am - 12.30pm.

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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.

**St Thomas's Church AGM** will take place after the service **TODAY** 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 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.

The AGM report, Agenda for meeting, end of year finance figures and minutes from AGM 2018 are available on table at back of church.

The Church office is closed this week on Monday and Tuesday. Rosemary Harvey is covering bookings only on Tuesday morning.

**Easter & Lent service details** can be found on an A5 leaflet on the table at back of church. If you didn't get one last week please take one today.

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

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

Care Van Request: The team are looking for small adult size shirts, t shirts and small waist size trousers (male and female) to be given out from the Care Van. Hats and gloves are also needed. If you can help contact Mark Gilmour or Bob Kemp or hand into church office.

We welcome back, Alex Vere from her travels to Mozambique. Alex would like to thank everyone for their prayer support while she was away and for her safe travel home.

Join us next Sunday 17th March for a Communion service at 10.30am. 'The Anchor For Our Souls'

Thorsten Prill is preaching.

**Gavin and Amanda Hamilton** would like to thank everyone for their ongoing prayer support during Amanda's stay in hospital and her recuperation. We have felt God's grace and love and have been humbled by His answers to prayer.

**Ladies Prayer Breakfast:** The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 23rd March in the **Gyle Hall** from 9.00am - 10.30am. Come and join us for breakfast and a time of prayer for the church in the period leading up to the Holiday Club and Easter. For more information speak to Linda Henderson or Kerstin Prill.

The Holiday Club is planned for the week Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th April. The theme this year is "Hero's Academy" Please speak to Rebecca McMillan and let her know if you are interested in helping 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 for a registration form.

<u>Easter - Visiting Local Homes</u>: The Trustees and Vestry have decided to visit houses in our local area in the lead up to Easter. The following dates give details of days and times the visits are planned for. If you are able to help out on any or all of the dates, please put your name and contact details on the sheets at back of church. Please speak to David if more details are needed. 6pm-8pm Wednesday 27th March – Drop off invitations to Holiday Club 6pm-8pm Wednesday 10th April – Drop off Try Praying booklets and Easter Invitations

6pm-8pm **Wednesday 17th April** – Pick up Prayer Requests and delivery of Real Easter Eggs.



The flowers this week were donated 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.



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Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you and promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. St John Chrysostom (349 - 407)

Give thanks for:

Be Thankful

The Lord's faithfulness to us as a congregation over the last year in the face of some painful decisions.

A safe return to the UK of Alex Vere and the BMS team.

Those who have served well on vestry and who are now standing down..... and for those who are offering to serve in their stead!

The increased numbers coming to prayer gatherings at St T's.

Pray for:

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Holiday club plans and preparations – for successful practices.

**Outreach plans and visits** – for receptive people whom the Holy Spirit has been preparing.

**Plans for the establishment and launch of our new church** – for the group implementing this who meet tomorrow night.

Remember Westminster parliamentarians this week as they vote again on the Prime Minister's plan for Brexit – that we will have greater clarity.

Pray for those tasked with dealing with crime – police service, judiciary and politicians: that they will seek to prevent violent crime, have the resources necessary to be effective, and always work with integrity and wisdom.

If you would like something included in the next notice sheet, please contact the office by **I 0am on Thursday.** Thank you.