

pray

Some suggestions for your prayers this week...

Give thanks for:

- The visits to local homes before Easter – pray that the Holy Spirit will work gently in some and powerfully in others, drawing people to Himself.
- Our Easter worship – for all who participated, the creativity, the music and joy. May the Lord help us walk in the light and power of the Resurrection of Jesus this week.

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- Those caught up in the terrorist atrocities in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. Those who are recovering from injury – for healing. Those who have lost loved ones – for God's help and peace. For that nation (and many others) – that hurting groups would not seek retribution, security services would be well informed and diligent and that governments would seek peace.
- All those who are now in exam season at school, college or university. For hard work, good memory, and the ability to communicate well what has been learned.
- The transfer of membership to the new St Thomas' Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). That this will be carried out quickly and efficiently.
- Jane Ross, our church coordinator who received surgery this week and who will be on sick leave for some time: for healing, recovery and patience.

st. Thomas'

28th April 2019

WELCOME to St Thomas'



We are really pleased to have you join with us to worship our risen Lord.

Today, we have our Café Church style of service.

This is an all-age service so our **Lighthouse Groups** will be staying in church. Led by David McCarthy and Rebecca McMillan, our theme is taken from Hebrews 10: 24 and 25.



Prayer Ministry: The Prayer Team is available every Sunday at the close of services at the seats by the font. Please come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others — concerns, support, healing, and giving thanks.

Next Sunday, being the first in the month, we meet together twice. At our **10.30 Morning Worship** the Rev'd Alan Purser will be preaching. At **6.30 we have Prayer Base** - do join us as we pray for one another, for the church, the nation and our mission partners.

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

Coffee Plus meets as usual on Thursday morning in the Main Hall - 10 to 12 noon.

Family First next meeting is on Saturday 4th May 3.30 till 7.30 in the Main Hall.

Friday May 10th 7pm - Save the date!

Fundraiser for Cyclone Idai relief, We are holding an evening of light entertainment to raise funds for the Cyclone relief fund. This will take place in the Sanctuary and we hope that Alex Vere and team will join us for the evening. There will be music and magic plus some surprises - there may even be an artist in residence with a sketch to be auctioned at the end of the evening! Please do plan to be there and bring your friends and neighbours.

If there are any more volunteers with a party piece to perform, please see Linda Aslet or email linda.aslet@yahoo.com

Copies of the finance summary for the 6 months to March 2019 are on the table at the back of church.

Church Celebration Lunch - Sunday 2nd June

Keep this date free and join with us after a special morning service to enjoy lunch and to celebrate together. Not to be missed! More details coming soon!

Temporary Changes in our Office: Whilst Jane is on sick leave, hall bookings will be dealt with by Rosemary Harvey (in the office on Mon to Wed, 9.15am - 12.30pm). For Notice Sheet items, contact Miller Bogie (0131 332 6540 or email: thebogies@talk21.com) by 9.30am on Thursdays.



The flowers today were arranged to depict the Garden of Gethsemane at Easter.



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.



Important Notice: TRANSFER YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP!

If you regularly attend St Thomas' you will be aware that we have formed a new charity for our church. In June we will resume a similar status that we held prior to 1990 - we will still be an Anglican church but we will be independent from the Scottish Episcopal Church.

So, we are on the verge of a new era in the history of St Thomas'. The leadership is thankful to the Lord Jesus for guiding us in this process and bringing us all to this point.

For all this to happen smoothly, **we require your active participation.** There are two things that you are invited to do:

1. Complete and return your membership transfer form in order to join the new charity.
2. Ensure that all your donations are re-directed into the bank accounts that have been set up for the new church.

Further explanation of what we are doing and how you can help is available today in the Main Hall. Every Green Card member of St Thomas' Episcopal Church has a envelope to collect and a form to sign. This envelope contains an explanatory letter, and Membership Transfer Form and some information from the Treasurers (both of the Church and of the World Concern Fund). Please collect your pack today after the service. Members of the Vestry will also be in the Main Hall to answer any of your questions.

And **please complete the Transfer Form as soon as you can.** If you do this **before 19th May**, you will be able to participate in the new charity's first General Meeting to be held on that day.

On **2nd June**, to mark the official start of the new church, we are planning a special service of worship followed by a church celebration lunch.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the first **General Meeting** of St Thomas' Church, charity number SC049045, will be held in St Thomas' Church at 12.15 on **Sunday 19th May 2019**. Agenda: the appointment of Vestry members. All members who have transferred their membership to the new charity are entitled to attend and vote.