

st. Thomas'

5th May 2019

WELCOME to St Thomas'

Today we meet twice and you are most welcome to join with us to worship our risen Lord.



Our **10.30 Morning Worship** and communion service is led by Rev'd Thorsten Prill and today we welcome Rev'd Alan Purser as preacher. **Lighthouse Groups** for children will meet as usual during the service.

Prayer Ministry: The Prayer Team is available during communion and at the close of service, at the seats by the pulpit steps. Please come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others.

At **6.30** we meet for **Prayer Base**. Come and join us as we pray for one another, for the church, the nation and our mission partners.



Next Sunday, we meet for Morning Worship at 10.30. Then at 5pm we meet for Embrace, our new monthly time of worship.

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Mother & Toddlers Group meet on Tuesday in Gyle Hall 10.00am - 11.30am .

Coffee Plus meets as usual on Thursday morning in the Main Hall - 10 to 12 noon. This week there is a “Let’s knit angels” session with all materials provided and instructions for non-knitters.

Enquirers’ Course - Wednesday at 7.00

Are you new to church? Want to find out more about the Christian faith? We are running a short four week course from **Wednesday 8 May at 7pm at St. Thomas’**. David McCarthy will lead and help explore faith in Jesus and what the church is all about. If you are interested, please let Dave know at david@saintthomas.org.uk or on 07411 236433 by this Tuesday evening.

Fundraiser for Cyclone Idai Relief— this Friday 7pm in Church. An

evening of light entertainment to raise funds for the Cyclone relief fund. Alex Vere and the BMS team will join us for the evening. There will be music and magic plus some surprises. Please plan to be there and bring your friends and neighbours. Speak to Linda Aslet (email linda.aslet@yahoo.com) for further details.

At the start of April we welcomed Thorsten and Kerstin Prill as missionary partners. If you want to receive their prayer letter, please email them at kerstinprill67@gmail.com or leave a note in their church pigeon hole with your address.

Sunday 2nd June - Day of Celebration Worship and Lunch

Put this date in your diary and join with us for a special morning service at 10.30, followed by a family Lunch for everyone to celebrate our new beginnings!

The new summer term at **Edinburgh Bible College** has only just begun. Please visit <http://www.edinburghbiblecollege.co.uk/news/> or ask the Prills for a hard copy of the programme. They would be delighted to have you join one of the modules.

The flowers today were supplied by Ursula and Alec Lamb
and arranged by the flower team.



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**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 return to 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.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.. [Hebrews 12, v1 to 3]



Some suggestions for your prayers:

- ◆ Visit of Alex Vere's BMS team this week: for good relationships, encouragements and challenges for us to engage with the world church
- ◆ Meeting of Corstorphine Churches Together on 9 May – for unity
- ◆ Pray that “Embrace”, our new monthly worship time on Sunday 12 May at 5pm, will be creative, helpful, and that new people will come to it
- ◆ Final plans and preparation for new church launch on 2 June:
 - ~ members' transfer
 - ~ AGM on Sunday 19 May to elect our new vestry
- ◆ Our church co-ordinator, Jane Ross as she recovers from surgery – for healing
- ◆ Those struggling in the workplace – for encouragement, endurance and the Lord's help
- ◆ Those who have lost loved ones: for Doug and Anna McLaggan as they mourn the death of Douglas, Doug's dad. The funeral is Monday 6 May at 2.30pm. Dave McCarthy is conducting the service
- ◆ Young people in this time of exams – for good preparation, excellent memory and an ability to communicate information clearly
- ◆ Those struggling with family members: partners, children, parents – for patience, good counsel and appropriate support.

Temporary changes in our Office: With Jane is on sick leave, for hall bookings contact Rosemary Harvey (in the office on Mon to Wed mornings). For Notice Sheet items: contact Miller Bogie by Thurs morning (thebogies@talk21.com).