

WELCOME to St Thomas'

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



Our **10.30 Morning Worship** will be taken by the BMS team who were in Mozambique with Alex Vere. They will be sharing some of their experiences, stories and lessons that they have learnt.

The **Lighthouse Groups** for our children will meet as usual during the service, EXCEPT for Fusion who will be staying in church to hear about the BMS team's experiences.

Prayer Ministry: The Prayer Team is available at the close of every service, at the seats by the pulpit steps.

Then today at **4.45pm we meet for Embrace**. The meeting starts with tea, and the service begins at 5pm sharp! The focus will be on "Wisdom". Do join us for this new time of worship.

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Charity No. SCO09393

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

Coffee Plus meets on Thursday morning in the Main Hall - 10.00am till noon.

Central Meeting on Thursday at 7.30pm

Join us for prayer and learning together as we study Luke 20:9-19 - "The Parable of the Vineyard" or "Insulting or Motivated?"

Cadenza Spring Concert—on Saturday 18th May at 7.30

This year's concert will be in Broughton St Mary's, 12 Bellevue Cres, and is in aid of Bethany Christian Trust and Music for All. Do come along and enjoy a mixed repertoire of classical and contemporary choral music – tickets available at the door £10.00, or concessions £8.00. Contact Gillian Brown for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY we meet at 10.30 for worship and communion. We return to our studies in Hebrews, and the subject is "Jesus - Keep Near and Press On", from chapter 10 verses 26-39. The service is followed at 12.15 by a **General Meeting of members of St Thomas' Church.**

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

Important date for everyone's diary

Sunday 2nd June - Day of Celebration: Worship and Lunch !

Put this date in your diary and join us for a **special morning service** at 10.30.

Our guest preacher is Bishop Charlie Masters. After worship we are holding a church family **Buffet Lunch** so everyone can celebrate our new beginning!

The new summer term at **Edinburgh Bible College** has just started. 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 the Gill Grattage legacy fund,
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!

During May, Green Card members of St Thomas' Episcopal Church are being invited to transfer their membership to our new charity, which is simply called "St Thomas' Church". At the start of 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 of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

If you are a church member, and have not already done so, you are invited to pick up your Transfer Pack envelope, which is available in the Main Hall **today** after the service.

In this Transfer Pack you will find a letter of explanation and you will be invited to:

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 now been set up for the new church.

If you have any questions about this process, please chat to a member of Vestry who will be in the Main Hall at the table with the envelopes.

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 (that's next Sunday!).

And **if you would like to join** but you are not yet a member, you can pick up an application pack which is also available in the Main Hall.

The exciting news is that we are on target to hold our first service under the new charity on **2nd June**. This marks the official start of St Thomas' Church. We are planning a special service of worship followed by a **church family Celebration Buffet Lunch**. This is not to be missed!

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.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7



Give thanks for the visit of Alex, Andrew, Jack and Rebekah (The BMS Mozambique Team) – pray that the rest of their visits will be joyful and encouraging and remember them as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

Pray for Jane Ross, our coordinator, giving thanks for her return home – ask for complete healing for her.

Pray for all the plans for the relaunch of St T's – for membership and financial transfers, fresh publicity the service and lunch together on 2 June.

Pray for the visit to Scotland of Bishop Charlie Masters of the Anglican Network in Canada from 25 May - 3 June – for safety in travel, new friendships to grow, vision imparted and care offered.

Remember all young people in this season of exams – for good recall, organisation, and calm.

Pray for families in distress

- where relationships are broken, tempers frayed and hurt caused and felt
- for a willingness to seek healing, forgiveness

For the leaders of nations

- pray that Northern Ireland will be returned to a functioning government
- that the UK will see a resolution of the issues surrounding Brexit
- that further war will be averted in the Middle East and that all people in that part of the world might know peace and justice

Temporary changes in our Office: 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).