

st thomas' church

The **st**ory on 16th June 2019



Today's **st**ory

@ 10.30

At our **Morning Worship** today the preacher is Sandy Benzies. We will be continuing our studies in Hebrews, today looking at "Faith for hard times" from chapter 11: 17-32.

For our young people, **Lighthouse Groups** will run as usual during the service: our **Creche** room (0-3yrs) is available throughout the service (downstairs); **Sparklers** (3-P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt; **Spotlight** (P3-P6) meet in the lower Lennon Room; **Fusion** (P7-S3) meet in the upper Lennon Room (see how you could help with Fusion over the summer – details on page 2).

Prayer Ministry: At the close of the service, the Prayer Team is available as usual. You'll find them at the seats by the pulpit steps. They will pray with you or for you. Please come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others.

Our story this week

Tuesday

Mother and Toddlers Group: All are welcome at 10:30 in the Gyle Hall.

Thursday

Coffee Plus: Coffee, tea, cakes and scones — how many more reasons do you need to join us at 10 until 12 in the Main Hall.

Central Meeting: The monthly main meeting for all church members takes place at 7.30 this evening. We start with refreshments and then have a time of teaching and prayer, and finish by 9.00.

Sunday

Next week we have another all-age **Cafe Church**, which will be led by Rebecca McMillan. We serve tea and coffee from 10.15, and begin the service at around 10.30. This is an informal service suitable for all the family – something a bit out of the ordinary.

Fusion (Sunday morning group for P7 and High School)

We would like to keep the group going on Sunday mornings over the summer whilst regular leaders have a break. So we need cover for July 7, 14, 28 and Aug 4 & 11. You can either use the normal Youth for Christ material or devise your own or simply give your Christian story. If you think you could lead or indeed help please speak to Jeremy Southam (07836235926 or email jermis@blueyonder.co.uk)

Important Changes to the Website Area for our Members

We are currently refreshing the members' area of our website. The plan is simple: only those who have joined the new church will have access to the members' area. Questions?... Gavin Hamilton is the man with the answers.

Today we thank Mary Graham for the flowers we see in church.

Two local events that may interest you...

Sing Scotland – Thursday 20th June – a day or evening conference



A day's conference for church leaders and musicians who seek to become better equipped to lead their congregations in worship. Thinking about what God demands of His church when we gather: preach the word; equip the saints; sing praises; pray without ceasing; make Jesus known. Search "*Sing Scotland*" for tickets: conference in Charlotte Chapel and evening concert in the Usher Hall.



Edinburgh Convention – 30 June to 5 July

This Convention is hosted annually by Faith Mission at their Gilmerton campus (just behind their bookshop). Both residential guests and day visitors to enjoy the Bible readings and seminars. Speakers include Christopher Ash, Jeremy McQuoid, David Armstrong and David Robertson. Full details from <http://www.faithmission.org/edinburgh>



Holidays

If you don't already know, David McCarthy and Ali are away until 27th. Let's remember them in our prayers, that they might have a peaceful and happy time, and be brought safely back after a refreshing break.

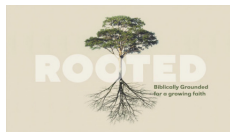


Whilst David is on holiday, please don't try to contact him! Members' pastoral matters may be referred in the first instance to Bruce Gordon or Thorsten Prill who will respond where possible, although both have prior commitments during the Rector's holiday period. Admin issues can be referred to the Office or Alastair Brown (acting chair of Vestry).

For your prayers ...

Bishop Charlie Masters recently wrote of the things that should be a priority in the prayer life of every church. The first priority is BOLD WITNESSES, the second priority is

Priority 2: BIBLICALLY GROUNDED



Heavenly Father, we ask you to give us a renewed love and passion for your word, the Bible. We are guilty of taking it for granted, and for leaving real knowledge of its teaching to the "experts"; the theologians and clergy. And yet, it is a gift to each of your children; the means by which we grow in our love for you and the means by which you protect us from sin and error. Forgive us for our neglect and lethargy. Give us spiritual eyes with which to read and understand your word. Establish discipline in each of us such that we may take care to feed our souls as well as we feed our bodies. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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Please don't contact him!*

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