

The st thomas' church story

for week commencing 23rd June



Today's story



@ 10.30

This week it is time for **Cafe Church** again. Tea and coffee are served from 10.15 onward, so please help yourself. We start our worship service at around 10.30.

As this is a family service, there will be no Lighthouse groups for our children, who will stay with us for the whole service.

As usual, there is a **Prayer Team** available after the service at the seats by the pulpit steps. Please come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others. Someone will be pleased to pray with you or for you.

*In the beginning God created all things:
and God saw that they were all very good.*

*At our beginning, God created us:
made in His image, known by Him, precious to Him;
loved by the Father even before we were born.*

*Lord of Creation, Heavenly Father,
open our eyes to see your presence with us this morning,
open our souls to sense your Spirit at this service,
open our hearts to know the depth of your love for us.*

Amen.

Our story this week

Monday

Vestry: There is a meeting of Vestry in the Crypt at 7.30.

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.

Sunday

Next week we meet for **Morning Worship at 10.30**. Continuing our studies in Hebrews, this week's question is "Do we have enough faith?". We will be looking at Hebrews 11: vs 33—40. We look forward to hearing David McCarthy preach as he will be back from his holiday.

SUMMER BREAKS:

We would like to thank all those who organise our regular groups. They work hard during the year, and do a great job. But they deserve a break! So please note that our **Mother and Toddler Group**, **Coffee Plus**, and **Families First** are all stopping during July and August. The re-start dates for these groups will be intimated in The STory in one of our August editions.



Fusion

 (Our Sunday morning group for P7 and High School)

One group that doesn't want a break is **Fusion** – but the regular leaders still need time off. So we need cover for July 7, 14, 28 and Aug 4 & 11. Volunteers can either use the normal Youth for Christ material, or devise their own material. If you think you could lead or even just help to keep this group going over the summer, speak to Jeremy Southam (M. 07836235926 or E. jerms@blueyonder.co.uk)

stories for your information and diaries

Holidays

By now you will be aware that David McCarthy and Ali have been on holiday. David resumes work on 27th. Let's continue to remember them in our prayers as they return and start work again.


Whilst David is on holiday, members' pastoral matters may be referred in the first instance to Bruce Gordon or to 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).

Edinburgh Convention – 30 June to 5 July



The Convention starts this coming weekend, at Faith Mission on the Gilmerton campus. Both residential guests and day visitors come to enjoy Bible readings and seminars, from a host of great speakers. Details at <http://www.faithmission.org/edinburgh>

Important Changes to the Website Area for Members

We are currently editing the members' area of the  website. The plan is simple: only those who have joined the new church will have access to the members' area. If you have any questions about this, have a word with Gavin Hamilton – he's the man with the answers!



Financial Report to May

If you would like to know how our church finances are progressing, Income and Expenditure accounts for the 8 months to 31 May are available on the table at the back of the church.

...and speaking of things financial...

We hope that by now ALL our members who donate by standing order have updated their bank mandates to reflect the new sort code and numbers of the new church bank accounts. If you haven't done this yet, please speak to Agnes Murray (General Giving) or Miller Boggie (World Concern). We need this completed by the end of June.

Rosemary Kemp provided the flowers in church this morning. We thank you.

For your prayers ...

Bishop Charlie Masters, who was with us on 2nd June, recently wrote about the things that should be a priority in the prayer life of every church. BOLD WITNESSES is first priority, the second is BIBLICALLY GROUNDED, and the third is...

Priority 3: LOVING CHILDREN INTO THE KINGDOM

*Heavenly Father, we see in the actions of Jesus your passionate love of children and your deep desire for them to come into the Kingdom, even at an early age. We pray for a mighty, sovereign work of your Spirit among the children that you have given into our sphere of influence – our sons and daughters, grandchildren, neighbourhood kids. Prosper the children's ministries in our church and also wherever your word is taught, so that the children of our cities and towns may have the opportunity to know your love and saving grace.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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Please don't contact him!*

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