

The **st** thomas' **story**

for week commencing 7th July 2019



Today's **story**

@ 10.30 Morning Worship

We meet for **Morning Worship at 10.30**. Continuing our studies in Hebrews, this week we are challenged to “Consider Jesus”, based upon Hebrews 12: vs 1–3. The service will conclude with the Lord’s Supper, to which all who love the Lord are invited.

For our children, the **Lighthouse Groups** will continue to run over the summer. However, some of the groups may not be meeting in their usual rooms, so our young people are advised to leave the church when announced and they will be directed as appropriate. One thing we can say is that this week our **Fusion** (P7–S3) group will meet in the Gyle Hall. Also, downstairs the **Creche** room (for 0–3 year olds) is available as usual throughout the service.

There is a **Prayer Team** available during Communion and at the end of 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.

@ 6.30 Prayer Base

Let’s pray for one another, for our church, the nation and our mission partners. We can’t win the battle if we are **too** busy to pray!

Our **story** this week

Most of our groups have stopped during this holiday season

Sunday 14th Morning Worship

Our series based on Hebrews continues. We will be examining the subject of “Discipline and Discipleship” as we continue our studies in Hebrews – this week looking at chapter 12: verses 4 to 11.

Other stories for your information and diaries

Adieu to Emily Robinson

Emily, who is one of our members, is a primary school teacher. You will recall that last year she spent her summer holidays working in a primary school in Uganda. She enjoyed it so much that she is going back there and also visiting Rwanda this summer.


Before she left she gave us some points for our prayers:

- *“that positive relationships are built as I work alongside Scottish, Ugandan and Rwandan teachers*
- *to know what to say at the right times, and how best to support people*
- *that my work there has an impact on both those I work with and on my own teaching*
- *that the experience builds my faith further.”*

Summer Camps and Conferences

Many Christian organisations hold their conferences during the next few weeks, and there are lots of young people going to Christian camps. We can remember these activities in our prayers.

Ali Cathcart and Dave McCarthy are leading seminars at the Sligo 19 Conference in Ireland. This conference starts next week. Find out more details at <https://www.newwineireland.org/events/sligo-19/>

Some of our  members will be attending the **Keswick Conference**, also starting next weekend. The Conference operates by faith; there is no booking and no fees to pay – you would be welcome to attend, even if just for a day! But if you are unable to go, you can still hear the main talks by using your technology; search the web for “Clayton TV” and then look for the link to “Keswick Convention 2019”.


Other stories cont...

Redundant Laptop wanted


Do you have a laptop that you have “retired” from active service? Bill McGillivray, who volunteers in a food bank, knows a client who could put an old laptop to good use for word processing — nothing fancy and no internet capabilities are required.

Perhaps you have just such machine which is growing old and gathering dust? If you have, chat to Bill (T.334 9629) for more details of how it could be given a new lease of life.

Holiday Reading

If you would like some suggestions for holiday reading, five suitable books have been reviewed by some  members. Pick up the leaflet on the table at the back of the church and fire up your imagination!

Open-Mic Night – 2nd August

 is hosting an Open Mic Night which will be held in our Main Hall on Friday 2nd August from 7pm – 10pm. You may want to come along to listen or to participate. We need some volunteers to serve teas/coffees at around 8pm – might you be able to help? Please let Rosemary Harvey know if you are free or if you would like more details of this event.

Today the Sibbalds have provided the flowers. Thank you, Shirley and Jimmy.

For our prayers this week

“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?”

Corrie Ten Boom

Please pray for:

- Those who are able to take rest this summer by having a holiday. Pray for relaxation, reflection and encouragement.

Prayers cont...

- Those struggling with illness – for good diagnosis, treatment and healing. Pray especially for Jimmy Sibbald who has been in hospital and for his wife, Shirley.
- For our children, whether small or grown – that they will fix their eyes on Jesus.
- Pray for Emily Robinson as she returns to teaching in Uganda, then goes to Rwanda – for safety, joy and peace.
- Ali Cathcart and Dave McCarthy as they take seminars at the New Wine conference in Sligo 14–19 July – for clarity in communication, receptive hearts and good networking!
- For members of the Conservative and Unionist Party as they decide who should lead them and the UK – that they will consider what is best not just for the former but for the latter.
- Also for the members of the Liberal Democrats as they choose a new leader.
- For all politicians in Scotland and the UK – that all will work for the common good and that we will see the current turmoil end.
- For those we meet this week – that they will see Jesus in us.

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