

The **st** thomas' story

for week commencing 14th July 2019



Today's **story**

@ 10.30 Morning Worship

Our series based on Hebrews continues. Today our service is led by Rev'd Bruce Gordon. He will be speaking on the subject of "Discipline and Discipleship" as we continue our studies in Hebrews – this week looking at chapter 12: verses 4 to 11.

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. Downstairs we have a **Creche** room available throughout the service for 0-3 year old to enjoy.

There is a **Prayer Team** 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.

Our **story** this week

Most of our groups have stopped during this holiday season

Sunday to Friday – Sligo 19

This conference in Ireland runs all this coming week. Ali Cathcart and Dave McCarthy have been invited to attend and to present some seminars. Let us remember them this week, and pray for clarity in communication, receptive hearts and good



networking! Find out more details at <https://www.newwineireland.org/events/sligo-19/>

Sunday 21st Morning Worship

We will be looking for "Signs of Personal Growth" as our series in Hebrews continues in chapter 12 verses 12 to 17. The service, which will be led by Rev'd David McCarthy, will conclude with the Lord's Supper.

Diary Dates

We welcome Bishop Andy Lines on two Sundays: 4 August and 8 September



Please also keep Saturday 7 September free – we are planning on using that day to meet as a congregation, to seek the Lord together and dream some dreams for the future. More details to follow shortly.

Other stories for your information and diaries

Care van this Evening

A couple of our members will be out with the Bethany Care Van later this evening. In that connection, we have received this prayer request:

"Please pray for Mark Gilmour and the Bethany Care Van team (Linda H, Maggie, Keith R and Michelle) as they provide food, clothing and friendship to rough sleepers in our city's centre, in the name of Christ".

Emily Robinson's summer plans

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 this summer she has gone back there and will also visit Rwanda.

Last week, before she left, Emily gave us 4 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."*

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 a machine?

Contact Bill (T.334 9629) for details, and give your PC a new lease of life!

Open-Mic Night – 2nd Aug

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ts is hosting one of a series of Open-Mic Nights 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.



RHC @ the 2019 Fringe

Join the men of the **Rolling Hills Chorus** as their 2019 Fringe show "Distilled in Scotland – 100% Harmony" takes you on a musical journey through Scotland. Performances are on 10th August at 4.30 pm and 11th/17th/18th August at 7.30 pm at St Andrew's and St George's West Church. Tickets are priced £12 (£10 concessions) and Sandy Benzies can obtain them for you, but hurry, they're going fast!

For our prayers this week

"Prayer – though it is often draining, even an agony – is in the long term the greatest source of power that is possible."

(Tim Keller – Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God, p140)

Pray for all who are able to take holidays this summer – that they will find physical and spiritual refreshment.

Prayers cont...

Pray too for those who cannot get away because of work , circumstances or ill health – that they will know the peace and provision of God.

Pray as we seek a new person to work with and help us reach out to young people – that a suitable person is called.

Pray for those struggling with illness, those recovering from surgery and those waiting for medical appointments – for their patience, their healing and their turning to the Lord.

Give thanks for Bishop Andy Lines and his wife Mandy – pray for them as they seek to find a pattern of ministry which works and for provision as it develops. Pray too for spiritual protection in the face of the challenges of leadership.

Please pray for Dave & Ali as they serve at New Wine 2019 in Sligo, Ireland this week – for good connections with people, that what they share will be focussed on Jesus and helpful to listeners.

Pray for Jeremy Hunt and Boris Johnston – that whichever is selected to be Prime Minister, he will seek the common good, listen to wise advisers and serve the nation with humility.

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