

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

for week commencing 21st July 2019



Today's **story**

@ 10.30 Morning Worship

Today our preacher is David McCarthy, "Signs of Personal Growth" as we continue our studies in Hebrews – this week looking at chapter 12: 12 – 17. There will be Communion served during the service.

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.

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Our story this week

Most of our groups have stopped during the holiday season

Sunday 28th Morning Worship

The service at 10.30am will be led by David McCarthy and is a Cafe Church service where tea and coffee will be served throughout the service.



Our thanks to Shirley and Jimmy Sibbald
for today's flowers.

Other News at



Catch Up Coffee

There will be a Catch Up Coffee morning on Thursday 1st August from 10.00am – 12 noon in the Main Hall at St Thomas'. This is an opportunity to catch up over the Summer months when regular groups are not meeting. Everyone is welcome. Tea/coffee will be available with cakes to nibble on. A donation can be given on the morning.

Open-Mic Night – 2nd August (organised by Corstorphine Churches Together)

St T's 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. Volunteers are needed 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.

Diary Dates

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

Please also keep Saturday 7th September free as 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

RHC @ the 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!

Saltmine are coming to the Edinburgh Fringe again this year and are bringing a piece called *Faultlines* which addresses domestic violence with a theme of hope and escape. We are also bringing a children's all age play based on the Prodigal Son story called '*A Long Road Home*'. We are performing at Palmerston Place 9th-11th August then trying a new venue Carrubbers Christian Centre. Some of the team are needing to find accommodation from Monday 12th - Saturday 17th August. Would you be able to help host any? Hosts are asked to kindly provide a bed overnight and leave out breakfast in the morning. The Saltmine team will be travelling to and from the venues and have their own transport. Contact Joanna Bell, 01384 454807 or creative@saltmine.org if you can help.

For our prayers this week



Our nation as we face another week of turbulent politics
For clarity and agreement as voting takes place next week and Britain's next
Prime Minister is announced.

That there will be no violent reaction to whatever happens

For those fearful for their jobs and income

That Christian voices will be heard which point to God's sovereignty and
love, even in the face of political and economic uncertainty

For those in need

The bereaved and lonely so they know God loves and supports.

Those waiting for surgery for early appointments and patience as they wait

People struggling to find work and those in work who struggle to manage

Young people we know whose life feels meaningless and who feel caught
in a web of materialism, images, addiction and unrealistic expectations

For a new Youth Worker

Parents and children together all day during school holidays. For patience,
consideration of each other and the love of God shown from both sides

Pray that the Body of Christ will be so full of the love of Jesus, making time
for people, being faithful to what he says, conscious of our own brokenness
but full of light, life, joy and peace. He welcomes us as we turn to Him.

Give thanks for

David and Ali as they return after their week in Sligo

God's love available for all of us to open our arms and welcome Him into
our lives.

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"The STory" and hymn-books are available in large print.
We also have a hearing loop system installed.

