

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

for week commencing 28th July 2019



Today's **story**

@ 10.30 Morning Worship

All Age
Worship



Today we meet for our Café Church All Age service where David McCarthy is leading. CHILDREN STAY IN THE SERVICE. Tea and coffee is served throughout the service.

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.

Next Sunday 4th August we meet for a Communion service @10.30am .
'What God's Kingdom Looks Like' We continue studying Hebrews chapter 12: 19 - 29.

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Finance figures for the 9 months to June 2019 are available from the table at the back of church

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.

Gardening Group

We will next meet on Saturday 3rd August from 10.00 to 12.00 to tidy up the church grounds. Please come and join us if you can as there is always plenty to do.



Today's flowers are provided from the Flower Fund and arranged by a member of the Flower Team

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 Benzie can obtain them for you, but hurry, they're going fast!

I AM MARK: A Daring New Staging of Mark's Gospel. Stefan Smart recreates for a modern audience the story as originally narrated – as a full bodied drama, with its many characters and nuances brought startlingly to life. Edinburgh Festival Fringe: Scottish Storytelling Centre. Tuesday 13th – Saturday 17th August 2019 at 5.30pm. Tickets are available from the SSC Box Office on [0131 556 9579](tel:01315569579) or online.

Harp Theatre presents "Passion Perspectives" written by Mike Lees. 5th – 10th August 4.20pm at The Space at North Bridge. Tickets available from the Box Office 0131 510 2386.

For our prayers this week

Jon Bloom writes: For "to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace" ([Romans 8:6](#)).

To die to our flesh in order to pursue boldness is really to choose life. That should lead us to pray: *Whatever it takes, Lord, decrease the hold that unbelieving fear has over me and increase my boldness to declare the gospel to everyone you put in my path.*

Emily Robinson is working with teachers in Rwanda from today. Pray for safety as she teaches and travels home on 6th/7th August

Give thanks for:

All who serve at St T's in any way – for gifts shared and care shown. Pray that we will all serve willingly, sacrificially and without needing to exert control over others.

Pray for Boris Johnston and his new government – that they will seek God's glory and not their own; His Wisdom and not their own; Humility and not vanity.

Pray for Bishop Andy Lines and his wife Mandy, as they visit us next weekend – for safe travels and encouraging fellowship with us. Pray as we consider the future, we will understand our purpose as a church and that the Lord will give us the courage to be bold for the Gospel.

Pray for all serving at Scripture Union camps this summer – for young people to meet Jesus, safety and fun.

Pray for Betty Robertson as she waits for news of a date for heart surgery – for patience and that she will know God's kindness and the love of His people.

Pray too for all waiting for dates for medical procedures.

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

