

The **st** thomas' story

for week commencing 11th August 2019



Today's **story**

@ 10.30 Morning Worship

We meet for our service where David McCarthy is preaching on Hebrews 13: 1 – 16 “What We Are Aiming For” Tea and coffee is served after the service in the Main Hall.

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.



Lighthouse groups meet for children this morning.

All children should leave at group time and directions will be given about where each age group is meeting this week.

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Other News at



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

Central meeting is on Thursday 15th August at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. This months topic is "What Would Jesus Say to Boris Johnson?" Please come along and join us. Tea and coffee available at start of meeting.

Ministry with Children on Sunday Mornings at St T's

We need helpers in every age group. For example:

One person is needed to lead Sparklers (3year olds to P1) once a month

Fusion (p7- s2/3 at school) - we could do with two new leaders until our new Young Person's Pastoral Worker is appointed.

Further information from Jeremy Southam (jerms@blueyonder.co.uk) or Hilary Robinson (hilary000@hotmail.co.uk)

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 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!

Thank you to everyone who donated at the Catch Up Coffee Morning last Thursday. A total of £150 was raised for Stanley Special Needs School in Pensby.



Today's flowers are provided by Phyll Brown
and arranged by a
member of the Flower Team

Diary Dates

Please 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

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.

Cadenza at the Fringe is at Greyfriars Kirk on Saturday 24th August at 8.00pm. Tickets available from Gillian Brown, from 657 3493 or Fringe Box Office, £15 (Concessions £13) children £4. The choir are performing Puccini's magnificent "*Messa di Gloria*".

Alison Page is an author and Isle of Arran Mary's Meals Ambassador and will be at a Fundraiser event in St Ninian's Church Hall at St Ninian's Road entrance on Saturday 24th August from 10.30 to 12 noon. Corrie's Capers books, posters, cards and fundraising items will be on sale. All proceeds go to Mary's Meals. Details are on notice board.

A letter was received from Mission to Seafarers saying a HUGE thank you to all the knitters at St Thomas' who gave knitted hats and wool. They are very grateful. Please check poster on notice board advertising the concert Saxes and Sevens on Friday 6th September at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Davidson Mains . Tickets are £5.

For our prayers this week

Give thanks for the five people who have applied for the role of Young Person's Pastoral Worker – pray for them as we consider their applications and for us as we seek the best person: For clear discernment.

Pray for those who have received exam results last week – give thanks for those who have been successful but remind us that exams are not everything and pray for comfort for those who are disappointed by results.

Pray for young people, parents and staff as they return to school this week – that our schools will be safe places in which to learn and that they will remain open to the possibility of the message of the Good News of Jesus.

Continue to pray for those who lead the nations of the United Kingdom in these difficult days – that during the Westminster recess, MPs will be carefully considering how best to handle the possibility of a “no deal” Brexit. Pray that parliament will come to a common mind soon

Pray for our continued unity – for humility and patience and that our greatest desire would be to see Jesus honoured by our lives and words.

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

