

# The **st** thomas' story

for week commencing 18th August 2019



## Today's **story**

@ 10.30 Morning Worship

We meet for our Communion service where David McCarthy is preaching on Hebrews 13: 17 – 25 "Honouring Leaders." This is the last in the series from Hebrews. 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 as follows: Our Cr che (0–3yrs) room is available throughout the service (downstairs). Sparklers (3 – P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt. Spotlight (P3–P6) meets in the lower Lennon Rooms and Fusion (P7–S3) will meet in Youth Room upstairs in Lennon Rooms.

## **staff and contacts**

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Finance figures for the 10 months to July 2019 are available from the table at the back of church

Programme cards for September to December '19 are available on the table at back of church.

### 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 ([jermis@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jermis@blueyonder.co.uk)) or Hilary Robinson ([hilary000@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilary000@hotmail.co.uk))

We have a few vacancies in the Welcome Team from 1<sup>st</sup> September – if you enjoy chatting to folk then this could be for you! It's a vital and much-appreciated part of St Thomas' Sundays as we make visitors and newcomers welcome. Please contact Angela and Sandy Benzies if you want more information.

Mums and Tots start back this Tuesday in the Gyle Hall at 10.30am. New members are welcome. Speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.

Please save the evening of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November for this year's Great St Thomas' Quiz Night. Further details will be given in due course.



Today's flowers are provided  
and arranged by the  
Cramond & North Gyle Homegroup

# Diary Dates

Please keep Saturday 7th September free between 10.00am – 3.00pm, 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. Details to be confirmed.

## Other stories for your information and diaries

Next Sunday 25th August we meet at 10.30am for our Caf Church Service; "The Big Story of God – Abraham – a Man of Faith.

Corstorphine Churches Together have organised a Pilgrimage to Glasgow on Saturday 14th September. Bus leaves Edinburgh at 12 noon and travel to Glasgow Cathedral for short service of worship and a chance to visit the Museum of Religious Life, walk the Necropolis, explore the Cathedral Heritage and visit the Zen Garden. St T's have 10 places available. Cost is £25 per person which includes travel and a meal. Sign up sheet available at back of church on the table. If you are interested or would like more details please contact Jane in the office.

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*".

Saltmine Theatre Company are a Christian Theatre Company currently performing 2 shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The shows are being performed at Carrubbers this week. Details are on notice board.

*Prayer is the light of the soul, giving us true knowledge of God. It is a link mediating between God and man. By prayer the soul is borne up to heaven and in a marvellous way embraces the Lord. This meeting is like that of an infant crying on its mother, and seeking the best of milk. The soul longs for its own needs and what it receives is better than anything to be seen in the world.*

*St John Chrysostom – Homily on Prayer*

## **For our prayers this week**

Please keep in prayer the following:

David McCarthy, our trustees and vestry members as they serve the Lord in leadership.

For Jane Ross and Rosemary Harvey as they staff the church office – for enduring patience and wisdom as they manage lettings and expectations!

For Home Group Leaders (Monday) and Worship Leaders (Thursday) as they meet this week.

The congregations of Westhill, St Silas' and Harris as they discern the best ways forward for them – pray that their leaders will be full of courage and peace.

For all those struggling with illness, infirmity and aging – for wholeness and hope.

For Boris Johnson and those who advise him – that they will contemplate with care the consequences of their decisions.

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

