

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

for week commencing 8th September 2019



## Today's **story** @ 10.30 Morning Worship

Bishop Andy Lines is preaching following our congregational meeting yesterday. Tea and coffee is served after the service in the Main Hall.  
2 Corinthians 12: 1 – 13

Embrace service at 5.00pm in Sanctuary. Everyone welcome – please come along and join us.

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) meet in the Youth Room

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## Other News



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.

Mums and Tots meet this Tuesday in the Gyle Hall at 10.00am. New members are welcome. Speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.



Youth Alpha is NOT meeting this Tuesday but will resume on Tuesday 17th September.

Thank you to everyone who helped, organised, planned and spoke at the Congregational meeting yesterday especially Angela and Gavin. Thanks also to Andy Lines and his wife Mandy who joined us for the weekend.

Next Sunday 15th September we meet at 10.30am for a Communion service. "Sing!.....with Heart and Mind". Psalm 75 and Psalm 23.

The next Central meeting is on Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Main Hall.

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## Other stories for your information and diaries

David and Bev Meldrum are the World Concern Partners we are focussing on during September. Details from them for prayer are on the table at back of church. Please pick a copy up to take home.

Christmas Day Lunch 2019 Sorry for raising this, but Christmas is coming! Dave & Ali are thinking that they'd like to host a Christmas Day lunch in the church hall. They have done this before and it is a great way to celebrate together on a day which is not always easy. This would be for everyone interested – families, singles & couples. In order to gauge interest we need to know if you would come. If this appeals please let Dave & Ali know at [david@saintthomas.org.uk](mailto:david@saintthomas.org.uk). If there is enough interest, we'll begin planning in earnest.

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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.

Origin Scotland annual Symphonic Praise takes place at Palmerston Place Church on Sunday 6th October. Details can be found on the Origin Scotland website.



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

# For our prayers this week

In this time of turmoil

*We pray for the Prime Minister and Party Leaders as they negotiate the political future of our nation:*

*Father, give them your wisdom and vision.*

*We pray for all in Parliament as they represent their communities:*

*Jesus, give them your humility and strength.*

*We pray for the media as they interpret events for the nation:*

*Holy Spirit, give them your truth and compassion.*

*We pray for ourselves, your Church, as we show your love to our neighbours:*

*Would we speak hope, embody courage and model unity in diversity.*

*Almighty God, we place our trust in you:*

*For yours is the kingdom the power and the glory, now and forever,*

*Amen.*

For prayer:

For Betty Robertson as she undergoes surgery this week – for the Lord's help, protection and healing.

For students beginning or returning to study in the coming weeks – for focus and learning which builds up.

Give thanks for our day together yesterday, as we sought the Lord and desired his purposes for us. Pray that we will always seek what he desires.

For Bishop Andy Lines and his wife, Mandy as they visit us – for clarity of purpose, an increased sense of the Lord's calling and His provision.

