

# The **st** thomas' story

for week commencing 22nd September 2019



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



Harvest Thanksgiving: We give thanks for the Lord's provision today at Café Church. We will give everything donated to support the work of Corstorphine Food Bank. Thank you for all the donations given.

TODAY IS AN ALL AGE SERVICE WHERE ALL CHILDREN STAY IN THE SERVICE. TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED DURING THE SERVICE

If you are able to read or do the Intercessory prayer on a Sunday morning PLEASE speak to Jane in the office. Dates from 13th October.



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The finance figures for the 11 months to 31st August 2019 are available there on the table at the back of church. You will see that since April there have been figures for both "new" and "old" St Thomas since we had to set up a new charity and new bank accounts. If you have any comments or queries on this, please contact Agnes Murray

Please pray for the Care Van going out in the City Centre tonight. Pray for safety for each of the team members and that the outreach will positively help people in need

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 – We are running a "Youth Alpha" course from Tuesday 3 September in the Lennon Rooms 7pm–8.30pm. All young people welcome. For more details contact Dave McCarthy ([david@saintthomas.org.uk](mailto:david@saintthomas.org.uk) or 07411 236 433

Coffee Plus meets in the Main Hall on Thursday morning at 10am.

Next Sunday 29th September we meet for Morning Praise at 10.30am. "Sing!....with Your Family" Deuteronomy 6: 5 – 7.

Dates for diary:

Sunday 6th October at 6.30pm – Prayer Base.

Sunday 13th October at 5.00pm – Embrace service

Thursday 17th October at 7.30pm – Central meeting



The Church was decorated this week by members of the Flower Team and friends. Thank you to everyone who helped.

## Other **stories** for your information and diaries

Thank you to everyone who came to our congregational meeting last Saturday. We'd love to hear your views so please either complete one of the feedback forms (on table at back of church) or give us a note of your thoughts in another format. We're interested in what you found valuable about the day, your personal response, and any other comments that would help inform future congregational events. The recordings of the talks with copies of the slides are available to members and can be accessed using a Dropbox link that is available from the church office. If you need information in a different format, please let us know. A short report will follow soon.

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.

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.

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.

Corstorphine Churches together Open Mike Night 7pm on Friday 4th October at St Thomas' Church. More details from Duncan Whitty 07849851231 or on notice board in corridor.

# For our prayers this week

*Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



Give thanks for the harvest through which we are fed.

Pray that we will be moved to do better for those who do not enjoy such riches.

Pray for peace – in Syria, the Gulf states and Afghanistan

Pray that we will have greater concern for those afflicted by the savagery of war.

Pray for wise leadership from UK politicians – that they will come to the end of themselves, bow the knee to the Lord and seek the common good.

Pray that we and all those in leadership would turn away from sinful self-concerns and humbly desire above all the most precious gift: Jesus Christ.

Give thanks for the possibility of relationship with God the Father through the giving of his son Jesus Christ, and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray that we will long for and see a harvest of lost people turning to Jesus Christ.

Remember and pray for all who are in need of healing: our children, our parents, our friends and colleagues.

Pray especially for Betty Robertson as she recovers from surgery.

