

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



for week commencing 29th September 2019

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

We meet for our morning service "Sing!.....with Your Family".

Deuteronomy 6: 5 – 7. 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 Creche (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 in the Lennon Rooms.

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The finance figures for the 11 months to 31st August 2019 are available 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

Gerda Wright, a long time member of St Thomas' passed away in her sleep overnight on Monday. This was unexpected and sad news and details of funeral arrangements will follow later.

David McCarthy writes: "I spoke briefly with Gerda last Sunday morning. She had written a brief reflection about our congregational day on 7th September. It ended wonderfully with the words, "It's all about Jesus!". She is right of course and now sees that even more clearly. We give thanks for a wonderful servant of God, who listened to many so well and offered wise counsel to those who sought it. The St Thomas' church family will miss her very much.

Vestry meets in Creche on Monday 30th September at 7.30pm.

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 – "Youth Alpha" course is running on a Tuesday evening in the Lennon Rooms 7pm–8.30pm. All young people welcome. For more details contact Dave McCarthy (david@saintthomas.org.uk or 07411 236 433

Invitation: If you struggle reading the Bible for yourself, don't know where to start or if you are simply tired reading God's Word on your own then please come and join our small group of ladies. Friends are welcome, too! This term we are reading Mark's gospel. We meet every Wednesday from 2.30 – 3.30pm in the Creche. (on lower level) For any questions please contact Kerstin Prill 07849 716265 or Alison Bogie 07719 570476.



Today's flowers are donated and arranged by Margaret Simister

Other stories for your information and diaries

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

Gardening Group will next meet on Saturday 5th October 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.



Family first will meet on Saturday 5th October at 5.00pm in the main hall. All families with school age children are welcome to come along and join us for coffee, craft, chat, games and a supper together.

The marriage of Rachel Henderson and Kris Hawkins will take place at St Thoma's on Saturday 19th October. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony at 2.00pm.



Christmas Day Lunch 2019 Dave & Ali are thinking of hosting 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. If this appeals please let Dave & Ali know at david@saintthomas.org.uk. If there is enough interest, we'll begin planning in earnest.

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.

Next Sunday 6th October

Morning Praise at 10.30am. "Sing!....with the Local Church
Ephesians 5:5–21

6.30pm we meet for PrayerBase in the Sanctuary.

Sunday 13th October

Morning Praise at 10.30am "The Radical Witness When
Congregations ...Sing!

5.00pm we meet for Embrace service in Sanctuary.

For our prayers this week

"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'" Billy Graham

Give thanks for the life of Gerda Wright, who died this week.

"Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labour. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Gerda, whom you have graciously received into your presence. Grant her your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon her; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with her into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

For the UK:

Lord Jesus Christ,

We pray today as people who do not agree.

We are divided on what we think is good for our country, we are divided on what should happen next, and we are divided in who we trust to lead us.

We know we cannot cry peace, peace, where there is no peace.

And yet, we continue to call out to you about the state of our nation, for the politicians who must make critical decisions in the coming days, and for our parliament.

Through your Spirit, we sigh in groans far deeper than words, yearning for the inexpressible hope beyond our politics, and for the heavenly promise that goes deeper than any platitudes.

Together we pray,

Your kingdom come,

Amen

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"The STory" and hymn-books are available in large print.

We also have a hearing loop system installed.

