

CPR and Defibrillator Training Event at St T's:

Sunday 27th October 12 to 2pm

Please keep this date in your diary. Straight on after the All Age service on Sunday 27th October, volunteers from St John Scotland and the City Defibrillator project will be with us to provide information and training on CPR and the defibrillator that we have installed at the front door of the church. The training is suitable for both adults and children and will also be advertised around Corstorphine and we expect to welcome visitors who can drop in at any point between 12 and 2pm.

Launched in 2016 the St John and the City defibrillator project has placed more than 120 public access defibrillators across Edinburgh and the surrounding area with some great news stories, including at Edinburgh Castle, one on each of the city's trams and now one at St T's front door; more information next week and/or from Jeremy Southam.

A new assistant St. T. C. U. P. (St T's Church Uber-hygiene Person) is needed as Philip Busby wants to retire from this role. If you feel you are called to help to maintain the hygienic standards of our kitchens then please speak to Rosemary Harvey or email rosemaryharvey@sky.com. This is not primarily a cleaning job as we employ a cleaner and we expect the various groups to clean and tidy the kitchens after themselves. Instead this role is more about restocking, checking, and passing on an understanding of food hygiene to kitchen users.

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.

We are looking for people to do the Intercessory Prayer at the Sunday morning services. The dates needed are 17th November, 1st, and 8th December. Please consider doing one of these Sundays. Contact Jane in the office on 316 4292 or churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk Thank you.



Pray for our World Concern Partners, Mike & Helen Parker.

Mike writes:

Warm greetings from Beirut, where we at our team's weekend away, and welcoming some significant visitors. We'll meditate on Isaiah 59-63 – four poems that focus on 'The Anointed One' who will come to rescue his people, build a new community, and finally judge the world with justice and truth.

Our partners in Evangelical schools continue asking us to help them find suitably-qualified teachers with vision and ability to present, explain and model God's word to students and staff alike. We're looking at new settings to place people. Our Lebanon team has been the largest for a long time; now, with the exception of Iraqi Kurdistan, it's the smallest. Would you join us in praying for that to change soon?

Mike is getting ready to teach four Wednesdays in October the 'Islam' component of Highland Theological College's 'Exploring Other Faiths' course.

Give thanks that our daughter Jo & her family are loving their new work on Islay, and Stephen & his family have finally moved in to their refurbished house in London. Helen is writing another novel and has been shortlisted in a writing competition.

We're delighted that Mike's successor is going through the affirmation process from our colleagues, and we look forward to introducing him to you soon. He's a generation younger, more widely connected, with clearer management and sharper strategy skills and better Arabic, so will bring a lot to being Area Director in the Middle East! He starts in January, and is asking us to continue visiting to support colleagues and maintain links with local partners, on a part-time basis, for a period of time to be agreed. That leaves us partly free to take on being Interim Minister at the Priory, South Queensferry this month. Thanks be to God!"