

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

for week commencing 13th October 2019



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

We meet for our morning service "The Radical Witness When Congregations ...Sing!"

David McCarthy is preaching on Psalm 96

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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Other News

Embrace service – “Welcome “ Hebrews 13 1-3, tonight at 5pm in Sanctuary.

The Thanksgiving service to celebrate the life of Gerda Wright will be held at St Thomas' on Monday 14th October at 2.30pm. Tea and coffee will be served after the service in the Main Hall.

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. For any questions please contact Kerstin Prill 07849 716265 or Alison Bogie 07719 570476.

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

Central Meeting meets in the Main Hall on Thursday 17th October at 7.30pm

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.

Hospitality Sunday – following comments at the September 7th meeting, it has been agreed at the recent Vestry meeting that we will hold a Hospitality Sunday on 27th October – an opportunity to host or be hosted for Sunday lunch or an evening meal that day. Further details are on the insert sheet, and you can sign up at the back of church. Sandy and Angela Benzie are organising this, but will welcome help from anyone interested.



Today's flowers are donated and arranged
by Sandy and Angela Benzie

Other stories for your information and diaries

Work with Young People

With Phil Taylor's arrival, we have an urgent need to establish a new team of helpers in order to follow best practice. No preparation work involved (he'll do all of that!). Simply a few hours week to support in building relationships. If you'd like to serve in this vital area, let Dave know at david@saintthomas.org.uk.

Quiz Night – on 1st November at 7.30 pm in the church. Teams of up to six can be pre-registered with Sandy Benzies, but we will also have plenty of room for others on the night. Chocolate prizes will again feature! This is a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbours, colleagues or people from clubs that you are in. No admission charge, but donations on the night will go to the Corstorphine Foodbank run by Edinburgh City Mission and to Emily Robinson's support for her year in Uganda.

Shoe Box Appeal: Once again Coffee Plus is organising the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal. The boxes go to children and adults in Western Europe who have very little. Leaflets give information about what should be included in each box. There is a supply of ready covered shoe boxes at the back of church. Please help yourself. Leaflets are on the back table. Filled boxes should be returned to church no later than Thursday 7th November.

"Welcoming the World" is an event organised by Corstorphine Churches Together. It takes place on United Nations Day 24th October at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue from 7:00 –9:00 pm. The programme will centre around the welcome given to refugees and migrants in Scotland. Surrounded by worship the evening will have a small buffet, an interview with a Syrian refugee and a contribution from Sabine Chalmers of the Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees. There will also be a tasting of Syrian sweets! The cost is 3.00. Tickets available from David McCarthy

Next Sunday 20th October

Communion Service at 10.30am. Jesus said: Trust in God John 14 : 1 – 5,
Thorsten Prill is preaching.

27th October

All-Age Caf'e Church service at 10.30am

For our prayers this week

Pray for Betty Robertson, Mike Carrington and Margaret McPhaden as they recover from surgery – for healing and strength. Remember Charlie and Joan Wright as Charlie faces a diagnosis of serious illness – for comfort, peace, love and the powerful presence of the Lord.

Pray for the family and friends of Gerda Wright as they gather here tomorrow afternoon to give thanks for her life – for joy and thanksgiving at her memory.

Give thanks and pray for Rachel Henderson & Kris Hawkins as they get married at St T's next Saturday. Pray that their families and friends will have great fun together but above all else that Rachel & Kris will have a wonderful start to married life and that Jesus will be glorified!

Give thanks for Phil Taylor as he begins work with young people on the 21 October: pray for energy, renewal of our vision, strengthening of relationships and open doors.

Pray for the Kurdish people in Northern Syria and the Turkish armed forces and others who have begun a new conflict – pray that world leaders will behave with integrity and seek the peace.

Pray for our prime minister, Boris Johnson as he meets with EU leaders this week and for other national leaders as they seek to influence events: let's ask for clarity and resolution to the confusion our nation has experienced.

