

The **st** thomas' **st**ory



Sunday 20th October 2019

Today's **st**ory @ 10.30 Morning Worship

We meet for our Communion service "Jesus said: Trust in God!"
Thorsten Prill is preaching on John 14: 1-8.

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

Congratulations to Rachel & Kris Hawkins who were married at St T's yesterday.

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 Crech'e. 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.

Hospitality Sunday 27th October

Today, Sunday 20th is the last day to sign up for our Hospitality Sunday on 27th October. This is an opportunity for church members to host or be hosted for Sunday lunch or an evening meal -this is a great way to get to know each other better. Please sign up on the sheets in the church or contact Sandy and Angela Benzies. Further details are in the weekly news section of the website.

There is a CPR drop-in training event in church on 27th from 12-2pm that is open to the community. Hosts may wish to schedule meal timings so that those who wish to participate in the training, or to welcome community attendees, may do that between 12 and 1pm.

Next Sunday 27th October

Café Church All - Age service at 10.30am. The Big Story of God "God sets his people free through Moses"



Today's flowers are donated from Kris & Rachel Hawkins' wedding held at St Thomas' yesterday.

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 Friday 1st November at 7.30 pm in the church. Teams of up to six can be pre-registered with Sandy Benzie, 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.**

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 from Jeremy Southam.

For our prayers this week

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

For us all – for humility, unity and forgiveness.
For opportunities to share God's love in word and deed.

Give thanks for Gerda Wright's loving witness, kindness and counsel.

For outreach – carers and toddlers on Tuesday morning, Coffee Plus on Thursday morning.

Phil Taylor as he arrives next week and for all working with young people. Pray for open doors for new ministry among young people. Give thanks for his temporary hosts and that he has found permanent accommodation nearby.

For our musicians and singers as they plan, prepare and lead us in sung praise.

Pray for Thorsten Prill as he leads and preaches today

Pray for Bruce Gordon as he prepares to lead and preach on Remembrance Sunday.

For the Lord's help and healing - Betty Robertson, Charlie Wright

For vestry and trustees as they serve us – for prayerfulness, clarity, and wisdom as well as leadership skills in communication and organisation.

For Jane and Rosemary as they staff our office Monday to Friday.
Give thanks for them and pray for patience with the many enquirers, focus for their work and that we will all support them well.

David & Ali as they have a few days off together this week – pray for refreshment and encouragement and for David as he travels to attend the Synod of the Anglican Network in Canada from 4 -11 November – for good learning, fellowship and discernment.

