

The st thomas' story



10th November 2019

today's story @ 10.30 Morning Service

Welcome to our Remembrance Service where Bruce Gordon is leading and preaching. We will join the Cenotaph service at 11.00am to observe the silence.

Lighthouse (Sunday School) groups meet as follows: **Creche** (0-3yrs) The Creche Room downstairs is available throughout the service with a live audio and video feed; **Sparklers** (3yrs - P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt; **Spotlight** (P3-P6) meets in the lower Lennon Rooms; and, **Fusion** (P7-S3) will meet in Upper Lennon rooms.

Our **Prayer Team** is available, by the pulpit steps, at the end of the service. Please come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others. Someone will be pleased to pray with you or for you.

"Embrace" service is at 5.00pm tonight, where we will be thinking about the topic of "Sorrow". Our speaker will be Kerstin Prill. Please do come and join us for this short service which is suitable for all ages.

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For items to be in next Sunday's **st thomas' story**, please contact the office by 10 am Thursday



events calendar

Tuesday: **Mums and Tots:** meet this **Tuesday** in the Gyle Hall at 10.00am. New members are most welcome. Please speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.

Wednesday: **Invitation to Ladies Bible Study:** We meet **every Wednesday from 2.30 – 3.30pm** in the Crèche. If you have any questions please contact Kerstin Prill 0784 971 6265 or Alison Bogie 0771 957 0476.

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

Next Sunday: **17th November:** Communion Service “Jesus said Drop It”. David McCarthy is preaching and Thorsten Prill is leading.

Further Ahead: **Central meeting** on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm.

Christmas Lunch This year the Christmas lunch will be held in the Main Hall on Thursday 12th December 12 noon for 12.30pm. Tickets will be available from Sheila Nicol from next Sunday.

St Ninian’s Christmas Fair

There will be a Christmas Fair at St. Ninian’s Church, Corstorphine, on Saturday 23rd November from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

Enter from St. John’s Road or St. Ninian’s Road.

Lunches will be served till 2.30pm.

Admission will be £1 for adults and 50p for children.

Various stalls and raffles available

Music will be played throughout the fair time.

Half the proceeds will go towards Church Funds and half will be divided equally between The Rock Trust (which prevents youth homelessness and supports young people to build better lives) and The Dystonia Society (which supports people with this neurological condition).

other information

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 David McCarthy know by email on david@saintthomas.org.uk.

Big boxes ...

Yes, there is a rather large box in the corridor at the back of church! At our October meeting, family first were asked if they could help donate food and toiletries to the food bank that operates out of Corstorphine community church in time for Christmas. We've made a start but would love some help. So if you're able to buy an extra item each week along with your own shopping and pop it in the box on a Sunday, we would be really grateful. We'll be collecting until December 7th. Please pop in any long-dated food items but NO cannelloni beans, borlotti or kidney beans.

(Please ensure toiletries etc. are placed in the separate box from food items)

Musical Worship

David Harvey would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved in either of the 'Pop Up' Choirs we hope to form for and our Christmas Programme.

He would also be glad to hear from you if you would like to be included in times of informal musical worship designed to encourage one another in the use of the gifts God has given us.

The Great St Thomas' Quiz

£600 was raised which will be split between the Corstorphine Foodbank run by Edinburgh City Mission and support for Emily Robinson's year in Uganda. Thank you very much to all who attended, helped out and gave so generously.



**Thanks for today's flowers go to Norah Nicol who kindly
donated and arranged them**



for our prayers

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. We dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and pray for wisdom and strength to build a better world.



Give thanks:

For Phil Taylor as he starts his ministry with us – pray that he will settle well, connect with families, and discover new ways to develop outreach to young people.

Pray for:

The nation as we enter a General Election campaign:

- That voters will participate and turn out to vote
- That politicians will present their policies with clarity and honesty
- That the campaign will prove to be a model of respect, with words used carefully and candidates treating one another with respect
- Give thanks that candidates for our constituency of Edinburgh West have agreed to take part in a hustings in the first week of December
- Pray for the planning and organisation of this.

Betty Robertson as she continues to recover from surgery. For Evelyn Brown, Bill McGillivray and Fred Norwood who are unwell – for healing and peace.

David McCarthy as he attends the synod in Ottawa of the Anglican Network in Canada till 11th November – for safe travel, good learning and new friendships.

Westhill Community Church as their rector Ian Ferguson has announced his retiral last Sunday. Pray for him, his wife Heather, and for the congregation as they seek to leave the Scottish Episcopal Church – that mercy and grace will prevail.

St Silas' Glasgow as they plan to relaunch on advent Sunday.

Pray that we will humble ourselves, seeking God and asking for forgiveness.



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