

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



17th November 2019

today's **story** @ 10.30 Morning Service

Welcome to our Communion service this morning where David McCarthy will preach on Mark 10: 46 - 52, "Jesus Said: Drop It"

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.

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



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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

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

Central meeting in Main Hall at 7.30pm.

Saturday **Pop Up Choir for Christmas** meets in the Sanctuary 9.00am to 12 noon. Please contact David Harvey if interested.

Further ahead **Sunday 24th November: Café Church All - Age Service** at 10.30am. Phil Taylor is leading this service.

Vestry meeting on Monday 25th November at 7.30am. in the Crèche.

The Church Office is closed on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th November. Reopens on Wednesday 27th at 9.30am.

Christmas Lunch This year the Christmas lunch will be held in the Main Hall on Thursday 12th December 12 noon for 12.30pm. Tickets, £5, will be available from Sheila Nicol from today.

“Angels of Corstorphine”



For those who are knitting angels to be distributed around the area during Advent, could you please hand them into Jane in the office or to Fiona Campbell as soon as possible. Thank you. Patterns are still available if you fancy knitting one.

other information

Please see the notice sheet insert for an update from the Vestry on work done following the 7th September congregational meeting and separate insert on planned Church Weekend Away next year.

We are dropping invitations to local homes again this Christmas. These will include an opportunity to share prayer needs which we will pick up on a second visit. Also this year, Fiona Campbell has been co-ordinating an angel “yarn-bombing” campaign, where small knitted angels will appear randomly around the area. The last time this was done it created something of a buzz in the area. It will be accompanied by a social media campaign which you’ll be able to share a link to (search for “Angels of Corstorphine” on Facebook!)
Would you plan on helping with this?



Here's the plan:

Monday 2nd December 6-8pm: Delivery of invitations and placing of first angels around the area.

Monday 9th December 6-8pm: Visiting homes, picking up prayer requests and offering gift of an “Angel of Corstorphine”. Placing of more angels around the area.

Please let us know if you will help by signing up at the back of church

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.



Thank you to the McLaggan family for the donation of today’s flowers arranged by a member of the flower team.

for our prayers

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long suffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4: 1-3

Pray for:

Those **recovering from surgery and illness**: for complete healing and the Lord's peace.

Remember too those who are facing the end of this life and for all those that know and love them: that they will know the comfort of the Lord and peace that passes all understanding.

Our **plans to reach out to the community** in December with invitations and angels! That the Holy Spirit will be at work drawing people to the Lord.

The **Husting meeting** at St T's on 10 December. Give thanks that all the candidates are taking part. Pray that it will be helpful to all who attend as we consider how best to cast our vote.

For the General Election

Good government is God's plan for every nation. God has given to each nation positions of authority for the advantage of that nation. The people who are put into those positions are our responsibility. Let us support them in prayer that God may guide them in the way that they should go.

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority. 1Tim 2:1-2

Pray for godly wisdom and understanding for those in authority.

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence and find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign and rulers decree justice. By me, princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.

Proverbs 8:12-16

As we pray for those in authority it is that personal needs of a good quality of life for everyone are achieved.

that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 1 Tim 2:2 (b)

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