

# The st thomas' story



24th November 2019

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## today's story @ 10.30 Cafe Church

**Welcome** to our Café Church service this morning. Phil Taylor our Youth Worker is leading this All-Age service. Tea and coffee served throughout the service.

**All children stay in during the service this morning. Crèche facilities are available downstairs but parents need to stay with children.**

**Sunday 1st December** is the first Sunday of Advent. "Bearing Christmas Hope: Rahab the Granny Speaks!" Joshua 2: 1 - 21

PrayerBase is at 6.30pm in the Sanctuary.



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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

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**Monday** Vestry meeting at 7.30pm. in the Crèche.

The Acorn coffee morning is on the last Monday of the month **TODAY** at St Anne's Church at 10am. Everyone welcome.

**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. **Please pray for** Irene Brydon, Mark and Elinor, Kathleen, Dorothy and others as they lead the monthly Service at Manor Grange Care Home **at 2.15pm.**, and especially for our speaker, Christine Macdonald as she prepares a talk for residents and staff there.

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

**Further ahead** **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 12<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon for 12.30pm. Tickets, £5, will be available from Sheila Nicol 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.

**An update from the Vestry on work done following the 7<sup>th</sup> September congregational meeting and separate insert on planned Church Weekend Away next year are available on the table at back of church.**

# other information

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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:

**Sunday 1st December after morning service:** Envelopes containing invitations with a map and address to deliver to will be available in the Main Hall. Invitations should be delivered that week at a time that suits you.

**Saturday evening 30th November at 7pm:** Gathering in the hall to complete tying the messages to the angels so they are ready to go out. (Tea/coffee)

**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.

**Thank you to everyone** for your prayers, and care over the past two/three months. I’m taking it slowly, there is still some healing to take place so please keep praying. I will gradually get back to church and the various events. Thank you all. **Betty Robertson**

'**Please pray for** Irene Brydon, Mark and Elinor, Kathleen, Dorothy and others as they lead the monthly Service at Manor Grange Care Home **next Thursday (28th November) at 2.15pm.**, and especially for our speaker, Christine Macdonald as she prepares a talk for residents and staff there. Thank you'



Thank you to Bruce and Sue Gordon for the donation of today’s flowers arranged by a member of the flower team

# for our prayers

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## Give thanks for:

Those recovering well from surgery

Phil Taylor's arrival and the provision of his PVG certificate

Dave McCarthy's visit to the Synod of the Anglican Network in Canada's synod

Katherine Chong's testimony last Sunday

St Silas' in Glasgow relaunching on Sunday 1st December

## Pray for:

Visiting local home in the coming weeks – pray that invitations to Christmas events receive a good response

Yarn bombing with "The Angels of Corstorphine"

Hustings on 10th December and the General Election on 12th December

Christmas lunch on 12th December

Carols By Candlelight on 22nd December

## People and Situations

Those coming to the end of life

Those suffering from illness - including Bill McGillivray

Westhill Community Church as they prepare for the retiral of their much-loved rector, Ian Ferguson. Pray for him and his wife Heather – that a new home is found for them and for a fitting celebration of his long ministry.

## Ministries

For Phil Taylor as he gets settled into his new role – that he gets to know people and for the best plans are made for how to grow the work among children and young people

## *For our plans for next term including:*

Vestry Awayday in North Berwick on 11th January - seeking the Lord and planning together

Day of prayer on Sunday 12th January from 1.30pm - 7.30pm.

Teaching on Colossians with everyone invited to do Bible studies.

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