

The st thomas' story



8th March 2020

today's story @ 10.30am Morning Service

Welcome to our Morning Service, David McCarthy is preaching on “How to spread the gospel” Colossians 4:2-6.

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 meets tonight at 4.45pm – 5.45pm 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

- Sunday** **Embrace** meets tonight at 4.45pm – 5.45pm in the Sanctuary
YF meets tonight 6.00pm – 8.00pm, for pizza & cake decorating.
Speak to Phil Taylor for details.
- Tuesday** **Toddler Group** meets in Gyle Hall at 10.00am. Please speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.
- Wednesday** **“Rooted”** ladies Bible reading group will meet in the crib at 2.30pm - 3.30pm.
- Thursday** **Coffee Plus** meet in the Main Hall at 10.00am
- Further Ahead** **The church office** is open this week on Monday, Tuesday and Friday only from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

We plan to deliver an Easter magazine, a Funday and Easter services invitation to homes in the area around St Thomas'. This will be done in your own time and is planned for the week starting 29th March. Bundles for each area can be collected on the Sunday morning after the service. Delivery should be done during that week. Further details to follow.

The Edinburgh Easter Play 2020 is on Saturday 11th April at 2.00pm in Princes Street Gardens West. More info at www.easterplay.org. This is a free unticketed event. The play is part of weekend project “The Edinburgh Passion”



The flowers this week were donated by Shirley Winters and arranged by a member of the flower team

other information

The Annual General Meeting of St Thomas' Church will be held on Sunday 29th March 2020 after the morning service.

There are a number of congregational representative places to be filled and nomination forms are now available. Please ask the person you would like to nominate, if they are willing to stand. In order to comply with our Constitution, we need all nominations to be submitted by end of day today.

Please pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing as we review the past year and look to the future of our church fellowship.

The finance figures for October - December 2019

Copies of the accounts for both "old" and "new" St Thomas' are on the table at the back of church. Please do read them. Finance figures for the four months to 31st January are also available there. Please direct any comments or queries to Agnes Murray.

Printed copies of the annual reports from the leadership, different groups and ministries of St Thomas' Church are available at the back of church. More can be printed if needed, just ask. We encourage everyone to use an electronic copy available on request from the office (churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk) or on the website (www.saintthomas.org.uk).

An Easter Funday will be held at St Thomas' Church for children aged 5 - 11 on Saturday 11th April between 1.00pm – 4.00pm. There will be games, activities, an Easter Egg hunt and a chance to hear the Easter Story. Adults must accompany children under 7. Refreshments will be available for parents who wish to wait for their children.

Corstorphine Fair – 6th June 2020

We are hoping to host a stall at the Fair again this year. Can you help? We'll need a team to serve during the day. The goal is to serve, listen, chat, and be friendly as local people enjoy all the fun of the Fair. If you want to be involved it will help us if you can let Jane in the office know. We'll follow up with our detailed plans after Easter.

for our prayers

For the governments of the UK and Scotland, the NHS and public health leaders and the international organisations preparing for a possible pandemic of Covid-19 – for wisdom, clarity in communication and provision of adequate resources. Pray that there is no panic in response, and that those who follow Christ will model care, consideration and calm.

Pray for our AGM on 29 March, giving thanks for those vestry members who have served so well and will retire. Pray that there will be active and committed individuals willing to serve in their place. Give thanks for our treasurer, Agnes Murray, as she steps down - for her diligent and faithful service. Pray for the right way and persons to fulfil this vital role. Give thanks too for Morag Bryce who has served as vestry secretary and is standing down from this role.

Pray for our Easter Family Fun Day on Saturday 11 April: for Phil Taylor and team as it is planned. Pray that people will accept the invitations we give to them.

We are exploring the possibility of accepting an intern to work alongside us from the autumn – the person we have in mind will be coming from North America. Pray for wisdom as we look into this, favour from the Home Office as we enquire of them and a clear sense of the Lord's call in this.

Pray for all those who use St Thomas' facilities during the week: for fun and safety, for good relationships between them and us, and for opportunities for them to see and hear the love of God for them.

Pray for David Meldrum as he recovers from surgery on his kidneys – for rest and healing.



The **st thomas' story** and hymn-books are **available in large print**.
We also have a **hearing loop system** installed.



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