

Welcome TO **STK**

St Thomas' Church, Kendal

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Welcome to St Thomas' Church Kendal. It's great that you are here as we gather for worship today – we love coming together as a family and pray that everyone will receive the Father's love, encounter Jesus and know the Spirit's power! If you are new please make yourself known to someone wearing a lanyard who will be delighted to help you feel at home.

Sunday 9th March 2025

Theme: Why Church? A vision of our life together.

Title: Grow

Reading: John 15:1-17

Sunday 9th March

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Worship



Preacher: Stephen Bell

Preacher: George Briggs

Wednesday 12th March

12.00noon Holy Communion

followed by soup and roll lunch

Preacher: Brian Lock

Sunday 16th March

9.00am Morning Worship

10.45am Morning Worship

7pm Evening Holy Communion

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Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is available at every service.

Come for yourself or for someone else. Prayer team wear green lanyards.

As it could stay colder for the next few weeks, may we remind you that this beautiful building is very difficult to warm up when it's this cold outside. Please wrap up warm, or even bring a rug or blanket.

PCC Minute Secretary



We are looking for someone who would be willing to take minutes at our PCC meetings and distribute them to PCC members following the meeting.

You do not need to be on PCC for this role but would need to know how to take and write up minutes.

PCC meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm. If you feel you can serve the church family in this role please speak with either George or the church office. Thank you.

Steena Lowther

Steena's funeral will take place at Beetham Crematorium on Wednesday 12th March at 2pm. Everyone is welcome. Steena asked that people don't wear black.

STK Youth Ministry Leader.

We are advertising for a Youth Ministry Leader—part time to start in July 2025. For more details or an application form see the church notice board/website/church office.

Electoral Roll

2025 is the year! Every 6 years the Electoral roll is completely refreshed so **everyone** who wishes to be on it will need to fill in a form soon whether you've done this before or not. Joining the Electoral Roll allows you to vote on church matters at the APCM and stand for the PCC. Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding St. Thomas's as your spiritual home does that. Look out for Barbara at the door from **TODAY!**

Cedars

Monday 10th March 2.00pm

We look forward to seeing all our Cedar members tomorrow. We also look forward to welcoming Kevin Cook who will give us a talk with slides and pictures followed by tea and cake.

Anyone for Coffee?

We want to continue serving tea and coffee on a Sunday morning but we are still very short of willing volunteers. If this is a way in which you are able to serve please do contact Beth Booker or the church office. If we are able to have more volunteers it puts less of a strain on our current team. We need 16 volunteers for our 9am service and 16 volunteers for our 10.45 service. We presently have 14 volunteers in total to cover both services. If you want to know what is involved do have a word with a team member or the office. Thank you.

Day of Prayer

The Coalition of Evangelical groups invite you to pray against the ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL. St Thomas Church will be offering an opportunity to meet together on Tuesday 25th March at 10.30am to pray.

Mothers Day Brunch

30th March

We will have two services on Mothers Day. 9.00am and 10.45. Between the services we will be serving Brunch. Everyone is invited to share this time together.

Calling all men! Help with brunch.

Phil Fazakerley has kindly offered to co ordinate our Mothers Day Brunch. We would love this to be prepared and served by the men of the church. If you would be willing to help with this. Please either speak with Phil or the church office. Thank you.

Two Valley Lent course

Everyone is welcome to attend the Lent Course taking place at St Marys Crosthwaite. An exploration of ecological concern through the lenses of love, truth, wisdom, justice and hope. The 5 sessions will be led by Nick Gray, Brian , Lock, Tony and Hilary Fitch, Rob McLellan and Dorothy Grace. For more info pick up a flyer from reception desk

Rev Di Gilmore

Please pray she is licensed to her role as Anglican Chaplain at HMP Lancaster Farms - the service is in the prison chapel this Sunday presided over by the Bishop of Lancaster Rt Rev Jill Duff. Please also pray about all that God is doing through the ministry of the chaplaincy.

Floristry decorations.

Thank you to all those who came to our teaching from Rachel McLellan about the environmental benefits of using local/British flowers, decorating with foliage from our own gardens/hedgerows and using reusable or natural fixings in containers. Oasis is out!

We are asking if you are dividing any perennials in your garden to bring them to STK to grow in the church yard, that maybe used in the future for decorating. Also we will put a bucket in the porch for you to put your cut flowers and foliage that maybe used in decoration that week. Thank you for helping and contributing in helping make our worship area beautiful. Pauline Kelly.

DTI Summer Youth camp - 2nd to 7th August.

An amazing opportunity for 12-18s to experience faith, fun and friendship with 1000s of other young people. Interested? See Megan Taylor for more details 07563 739 514 / taylor71@hotmail.co.uk / Powerhouse or Groovys whatsapp groups.

Ladies Meet Up

Shelley Pickles is wondering if any ladies would love to meet up for coffee, catch up and chat. The more the merrier. Please contact Shelley if you are interested. 07763912094

Sacred Encounter

Sunday 16 March 11am Coniston

A 7km walk in the Coniston fells with a symbolic washing of feet (or more) in the cold water of a mountain tarn, embodying spiritual renewal and rebirth, and allowing ourselves to be forgiven and to forgive.

Book online (free) at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sacred-encounter-renewal-tickets-1232907873639> or Contact John Fleetwood on info@beyondtheview.org.uk or see the notice board for more details.

King's Food Bank/Manna House

The latest newsletters and Food Bank requests can be found on the reception desk.

If you would like to give to the ministry of the church, there is a card machine at the back of the church on your way out. Thank you.

***Questions from our Sunday theme for
personal reflection or group study***



John 15.1-17 - GROW

In John 15.1-17 Jesus speaks of us being chosen and appointed to bear fruit in our lives (vs. 16)

1. What do you think this fruit is?
2. What does it mean to “remain” or “abide” in Jesus (vs 4, 7, 9) and how do we protect and strengthen that connection with Jesus?
3. In what ways does Jesus enable us to bear fruit?
4. What would you say are some examples of Christian growth?
What is the goal of Christian growth?
5. Can you think of a time when you were growing in your life and faith in Jesus – what did that growth look like, and what were some of the things that helped the growth?
6. How can we support, help and champion one another’s growth in our life together?