

Welcome TO ST THOMAS' KENDAL

St Thomas' Church, Kendal

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 25th February 2024

Theme: Christ in all the Scriptures

Title: Christ in the Prophets

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12

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9:00am Holy Communion

Preacher: Dave Sharps

10.45am Morning Worship

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Wednesday 28th February

12.00 noon *Holy Communion followed by soup and cake lunch*

Preacher: Brian Lock

Sunday 3rd March

10:00am Everyone Together

Preacher: George Briggs

7.00pm Evening Worship

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Please note that the church office will be closed from Tuesday 27th February until Thursday 29th February inclusive as the staff team will be attending a New Wine Conference.

Lent Prayer

If you are looking for something to give up this Lent, one hour per week to listen to God may be just the thing for you. Come and join us on Tuesday afternoons at 2.00pm for Lent Prayer.

This continues on 6th March.

Jumble Sale

Saturday 13th April 2024

We are hosting a jumble sale here at STK on Saturday 13th April to raise funds for the Romania mission project. **Please start to store your jumble.** We would also appreciate clean jam jars — please leave these at the office or hand to Carole Smith. Thank you.

Easter Craft Prep

Could you help with decorating for Easter by cutting out red paper hearts, small, to be used as confetti? 3cms being the biggest.

Scissors and red paper available often over the next few weeks. Thank you so much.

Projectionists required

We need people to serve the church family through delivery of our worship via projection on a Sunday! Could this be you? If you are willing to learn please speak with one of our projectionists—Roger, Adrian or Beth and ask if you can sit with them on a Sunday morning to learn the ropes. Thank you.

Volunteers for Tea & Coffee at 9am and 10:45am Services

We could really do with some more volunteers to go on the rota for both our services for T&C. Even if you can only do one a month or one every two months we could really use your help. Please contact Alex in the office. Thank you so much.

Christ in All the Scriptures

Thursdays at 2pm at St Thomas's.

All welcome.

Recordings of the talks so far can be found on the STK Website. Click on 'Home', then on 'Downloads' and you will find links to audiophiles of each talk so far. If a password is required, type in: STKCourse If there are any problems, email davidnparsons39@btinternet.com

YWAM mission trip to Romania

James, Elisabeth, Aasha, David, Grace, Hugo, James, Martha will be joining YWAM on a short mission trip to Romania this summer! The aim of the trip is to support one of YWAM's partner churches in Romania in the work that they are doing. This will include: Children's ministry, Practical work (painting, sorting clothes, yard work, filling bins), Church services, Evangelism in the town (for which some training will be available) To help make the trip a success, as a team we aim to raise a total of £8000, and each participant personally raising £450 the remaining funds to be raised through team led larger events, grants and gifts. If you would like to donate go to our fundraising page at <https://ywamharpenden.enthuse.com/pf/stkyouth> or perhaps you would like to sponsor one of the young people individually with one of their fundraising challenges.

Intercessory Prayer meeting @ STK

Thursday 29th Feb 7.30pm

Danny Willis will be leading this time of Prayer to awaken the nation, UK (and the nations) meeting at STK. All Welcome. **CHANGE OF DATE**—now the 29th, not the 22nd.

Foundation Governors for St.Thomas's CE Primary School

We are looking for 2 enthusiastic volunteers from our church family to join the Governing Body. It is a great way to get involved in serving our local community, by offering oversight and support to the school. You don't need to be an expert in education, just have a willingness to learn and to share your own skills and experience. If you would like to know more, please contact Rachael Sutherland, Co-chair of Governors rachael.sutherland@stthomas.cumbria.sch.uk

Amporn & Eric House Move

Eric & Amporn will be moving into their new home and need help to load furniture on Saturday 2nd March and empty on Sunday 3rd March. Helpers required anytime from 10am - 3pm Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Please contact Eric or just turn up to 157 Vicarage Drive, LA9 5BS on Saturday.

Date for your Diary

The Church Annual Meeting (APCM) for all church members will take place on Sunday morning 28th April .

Moira Reeve

Dick & Moira Reeve were members at St Thomas' Kendal for several years until Dick (who was a retired priest) died in 2019. Moira was already suffering from Alzheimer's and shortly afterwards moved away into care near one of her children.

We have been informed that Moira has died (at the age of 93) and her funeral will be at Stafford Crematorium on Monday 4 March at 12noon. Her children are Hugh, Elspeth and John.

Letters of condolence should be sent to Morag Reeve at 20 Denmark Road, Exeter, EX1 1SL (Tel. 07890 521667). If anyone plans to attend the funeral, please let Morag know for catering purposes.

Christian Aid

Saturday 2nd March 10.30-1.00pm

Changemakers Conference hosted by Sandylands Church, followed by free lunch. Hear about the focus for Christian Aid Week 2024 and connect and share ideas with supporters from churches across Cumbria. Sign up via [Caid.org.uk/conference](https://caid.org.uk/conference)

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March 2.00pm

"I beg you, bear with one another in love".

All are welcome at this special yearly global ecumenical service written by the Christian women of Palestine. Service being held at Salvation Army Hall, Gillingate. Followed by refreshments.

Lakes Gospel Choir

Saturday 9th March 7pm

An inspirational evening of music, worship and celebration. St Mary's Church, Windermere. LA23 1BA Tickets £10 on the door

House for rent required

We have been made aware of a family of 4 needing to rent a 2-3 bedroom house in the area. The family are travelling from Zimbabwe in April. References are available if needed. If you know of anyone who can help please contact the church office. Thank you.

Thank you

Freda Smaje is grateful for the contact and care from church in so many different ways during her recent spell of being unwell.

Questions for groups and individual reflection

Christ in the Prophets Isaiah 52.13 -53.12

You will probably not have time to focus on all of the questions but it would be good to spend some time with Q1 and Q4

1. Read through Isaiah 53. 1-12 twice using different versions of the bible. Pause briefly between each reading. Spend a few minutes in silence perhaps focusing on one verse or phrase or an image in the passage.

What stood out for you or caught your attention? What questions does the passage raise for you?

What insight does the passage give into the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion?

2. Is 53v1 speaks of the arm of the Lord being revealed. In scripture the arm of the Lord is spoken of in terms of God's own powerful action to bring salvation and deliverance to his people see Deut 5v15. Now God is about to act powerfully in another act of deliverance. God is not getting someone else to do this: he is doing it himself.

He is rolling up his sleeves and getting down to the messy business of bringing salvation to a broken world.

What does this tell us about the identity of the Servant (Jesus)?

Does this in any way challenge our understanding of who God is?

3. verses 10-12. What parallels are there between Jesus' death and resurrection and this passage's description of the victory of the servant.

V12 is better translated, "Therefore I will give him a portion among the many and he will divide the spoils with the numerous".

What spoils, riches and gifts are now ours because of Jesus' victory?

4. In Isaiah 52v13 God through Isaiah encourages us to look at his servant, some versions say "Behold my Servant". During Lent how can we look, behold and focus our attention on Jesus?

What aspect of Jesus' life or death might the Holy Spirit lead you to focus on?