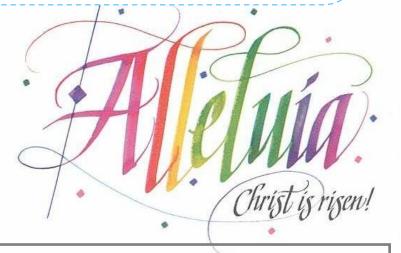
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St Thomas' Church, Kendal

Welcome to StThomas' 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 20th April 2025 Theme: Easter Title: "On Sunday....." Reading: John 20:1-23



Sunday 20th April 10.00am Easter Celebration 6.00pm Easter Communion

<u>Wednesday 23rd April</u> 12.00noon Holy Week Communion followed by soup and roll lunch Preacher: Rob McLellan Preacher: Pete Jorysz

Preacher: Bill Holliday

<u>Sunday 27th April</u> 10.00am APCM

Preacher: George Briggs

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is available at every service. Come for yourself or for someone else. Prayer team wear green lanyards.

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EASTER HOLY COMMUNION Tonight 6.00pm

NEXT SUNDAY

APCM - Sunday 27th April - 10am

Our Church Annual Meeting. An opportunity to hear what we have been up to over the last year. PCC Nomination forms are also available today. Please prayfully consider if God is calling you to serve our church family on our PCC. For more information regarding the work of the PCC please speak with George or one of our church wardens. Tim Waddington and Roger Porthouse.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY STK Youth Ministry Leader.

We are advertising for a Youth Ministry Leader - part time to start in July 2025. This is an exciting and strategic role within our ministry. For more details please speak with George or a member of the staffing team Moyra Lee, Roger Porthouse, David Neale or take a look at the job spec and application form on the church notice board/website/church office.

We are also looking for a part time temporary administrator.

To join our existing staff team. Up to 2 days per week (flexible hours). Starting June - December 2025. For more details and job spec please contact the office.

Coffee Team Needed?

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.

Wednesday Communion

After communion we serve soup and cake; **we are looking for more volunteers**, both to make soup and to serve, you don't have to do both. We are going to be particularly short of servers in May so even if you can't commit to long term this would be a great opportunity to give it a go. For more information see Helen Whittaker or give her a call on 07923405736

How Green is your Spring Clean.

Part of our church Eco Journey is informing and sharing with us as we journey together. **After the 10.45 service on May 3rd** Helen and Helen will be leading a half hour discussion to share how we can clean with eco products, share ideas and encourage one another. If you can recommend a cleaning product you have used and liked please bring it along with you. You will also have the chance to make some All Purpose Cleaner so please bring an empty spray bottle with you if you



have one. Helen P will also be around after the 9am service so do please chat to her.

Transport request

Would anyone be available to transport a lady with mobility difficulties from the Waterside area near Abbot Hall, Kendal to & from occasional church services or to warm space on Thursdays.

Please contact Ann & Steve Holton 07713 628763 Thank you.

Kendal District Debt Centre Community Gathering

Thursday 1st May, 7.00 - 8.15 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Church vestry. We will be meeting together to share encouraging updates about the ministry of Kendal Debt Centre and to give thanks and pray together for the ongoing work of releasing people from debt and poverty in the Kendal area. It will also be an opportunity to get together and share ideas with others from the different supporting churches, including volunteers, prayer supporters and the trustees and staff of the charity.

All are welcome, whether you are a regular supporter or volunteer, or just interested to know more about our ministry. Light refreshments will be available.

King's Food Bank

In March the Food Bank provided 4575 meals. So far this year, they have provided 14,550 meals, so a huge thank you to everyone who supports the Foodbank. Supplies are very limited at the moment. If you can help with anything for this list it would be most appreciated. Food bank boxes for drop off can be found in the narthex. Thank you

Baked Beans Tea Bags (80) Small jars of coffee Instant Noodles Instant Pasta

Cup-a-soup Microwave Rice Tinned Fruit Tinned Vegetables Tinned Tomatoes

Prayer & Pastoral Support

General Prayer: For prayer requests please email *prayergeneral@stkmail.org.uk* or phone the office on 01539 730683.

Confidential Prayer: Please speak to Julie Barker or contact Julie at *prayerconfidential@stkmail.org.uk* .

Pastoral Prayer Ministry: - Individual, confidential appointments available for a deeper time of listening and prayer ministry. Speak to Lorraine Gibbard

Monthly Prayer Meeting

First Tuesday of the month for the whole church in church. There are no life group meetings on this day.

STK Pastoral Team

If you feel you need some support (or know others who do) please contact anyone on the team. All conversations and contacts will be confidential and held within the Pastoral Team. Details on how the team works and who to contact are on the website.

A leaflet is also available in reception.

Questions from our Sunday theme for personal reflection or group study



1. What did Easter mean to you before you believed in Jesus and what does it mean now?

2. Do you feel that it is a more important celebration than Christmas? Why / why not?

3. Take a look at the four Gospel of the empty tomb (Mark 15:42-47, Matt 27:57-61, Luke 23:50-56 and John 20:1-18) I was intrigued by the similarities and differences. What do you think?

4. What do you think Jesus meant when he said to Mary - "Do not touch me". If you were at the Sunday morning service and saw the classical art-works that depict this scene what did you think of them? Try describing the scene as you imagine it would have been.

5. Mary was the first to carry the astounding Good News to others. We all carry that Good News too. What place, people and situations is Jesus sending you to share it and how do you do it?

6. Pray for each other to be filled with the Holy Spirit to help you live out the good news.