

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 12th May 2024

Theme: A Gospel People

Title: CALLED

Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Sunday 12th May

9:00am Holy Communion

Preacher: Nick Gray

10:45am MW with Adult Baptism

Preacher: George Briggs

Children and Young People in their groups

Wednesday 15th May

12.00 noon Holy Communion followed by soup and cake lunch

Preacher: Bill Holliday

Sunday 19th May

9:00am Morning Worship

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7:00pm Evening Worship

Led by Wendy Young

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is available at every service.

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

Thy Kingdom Come

Light up the world in prayer. 9th—19th May.

Parents Bible Study Group

We are running a parents bible study group with a creche, on Monday mornings looking at Marks gospel and learning more about who Jesus is and why he came. If you can help us in the creche (for max 1 hour) or you would like to join us, please speak to Vivienne or Wendy.

Christian Aid Week 2024

12-18 May

CAW 2024 will be supporting poverty-stricken families in Burundi (one of the poorest countries in Africa) to build up reliable and diverse incomes. Please continue to help this year by giving, acting and praying. Envelopes will be available soon.

Seven days, so many ways to fund lasting change. WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Cakes for Chars Funeral

Following Chars funeral we will be having tea and cake in the church lounge. If you would be willing to bake a cake please could you let Di Holliday know. Thank you.

STK Men's Meal Thursday 20th June 2024 at 7pm in the Church Lounge at STK - Booking Essential!

The next Men's meal is upon us! Come and join us for an evening of food & fellowship as we hear from Ramin Salehi, who will be telling us about his work in Wellbeing and Mental health and sharing some tips and strategies to help us along the way.

The evening is open to all men aged 16-99 and will provide another great opportunity to get to know one another better as brothers, fathers, husbands, sons and friends. **This time it's Lasagna**, complete with crusty bread, salad and Coleslaw. As before, bring your own drinks, be that beer, wine or or your favourite bottle of pop! **If you're not feeling hungry or don't like Lasagna**, feel free to bring your own snack or just turn up for the talk (from about 8pm) For those eating, costs are £10pp but if you can't afford that, just pay what you can. To book your place, please message Roger Porthouse on email at roger.w.porthouse@gmail.com
Bookings close on Sunday 16th June.

STK Youth & YWAM mission trip to Romania August 10th –24th

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. If you would like to donate go to our fundraising page at

<https://ywamharpender.enthuse.com/pf/stkyouth>

Team Wanted

Are you looking for a part to play in our life here at STK? Could you help within our Sunday services? If you would be willing to learn to operate our sound desk, or projection, or would be able to offer a short amount of time each week to transfer our service recordings from the sound desk which then enables those who can't get to church to listen via CD please do let Janet in the office know, she would be delighted to hear from you.

Housing Required

Amar and Aneeta and their 3 children are in need of a 2 or 3 bedroom home to rent in Kendal as they have to leave their current home by the end of June. Please let the office know if you are aware of any suitable properties.

James Vyner Brooks—YWAM Trip

James is fundraising for the trip to Romania and he is close to reaching his individual target by plunging into a (freezing!) water butt every day in April. If you would like to donate towards his final push the link to the page with all the daily photographic evidence is...

<https://ywamharpender.enthuse.com/pf/james-vb>

2 single beds

A couple in Underbarrow are giving away 2 single beds. If you know someone in need please contact the office.

St. Thomas's Day Fair 6th July 10-3

There are a few spaces left for stalls at our summer fair? Please contact Barbara Handley (barb@computers-and-things.co.uk) if you're interested. Also we're hoping to have both cake and plant stalls; please can you be potting up and labelling house and garden plants for us, and planning what you might bake!

Church Cleaning

Friday 28th June 10am –2.30pm

We would like to gather together as church family to spend time cleaning and tidying up the church. There is much to do —something for everyone! and many hands make light work. Please pop the date in your diary. There will be lists up outside the kitchen door — do add your name to it when it goes up, if you fancy doing any particular job or just turn up on the day. We will have cleaning products but buckets and dusters will be a help if you bring them along.



St Thomas' School Help Request

Beth is looking for marshals and walkers to help with St. Thomas' School sponsored walk. On Friday 24th May, the children leave school at 1pm and back for 3pm. Please get in touch with Beth Booker if you can help, elizabeth7ra@gmail.com

Market Place Books

Sadly, after 47 years in Kendal, selling Christian books and Bibles, MARKET PLACE BOOKS will close its doors at the end of June. It has been operating at a deficit for the past few years and will formally pass a Resolution to close the shop at a Special General Meeting on 15th June 2024 at Parr Street Church. In the meantime bargains are to be had as they are selling the remaining stock of many books and cards at half price. **ALL BIBLES HALF PRICE**

Mission Partners corner See the corner at the back of the church in the narthex for open doors news.

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

Confidential Prayer: Please speak to Julie Barker or contact Julie at prayerconfidential@stkmil.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.

Questions for reflection and study and prayer this week:

1. Jesus talked to the apostles about the kingdom of God (verse 3), and in verse 6 they have a question about the kind of kingdom he was talking about – how would you define the Kingdom of God? (How does the Lord's Prayer or Luke 4.14-21 help you?)

2. What does it mean to be baptised with the Holy Spirit (verse 4)? What has your experience been of receiving power from heaven to share Jesus (verse 8)? What is Jesus expecting the disciples will be able to do to continue what he "began"? (Verse 4 and Verse 8) Take some time to pray and receive a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit together.

3. What do you imagine the disciples might have felt about witnessing in Jerusalem? Are there contexts you feel intimidated to share your faith? What do you think it will look like to see God move powerfully through you in those contexts? Will you pray for them this week as part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative?

4. In verses 9 and 10 the disciples watch Jesus ascend. Is our Christianity sometimes more focused on following Jesus to heaven, rather than preparing the earth in partnership with the Spirit for Jesus' return? What is the difference and what is the fruit of each?