

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 16th March 2025

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

Title: Give

Reading: Acts 3:1-11

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9.00am Morning Worship

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7.00pm Holy Communion



Preacher: George Briggs

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Wednesday 19th March

12.00noon Holy Communion

followed by soup and roll lunch

Preacher: Neil Carter

Sunday 23rd March

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Worship

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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.



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.

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

Everyone needs to fill in an Electoral Roll form! Every 6 years the Electoral Roll is completely refreshed so **everyone** who wishes to be on it will need it fill in a form 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 and the forms at the door. **The Roll closes on 6th April.**

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.

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.

The Bereavement Journey Course

Starts again on Thursday 10th April at 2.00pm. This is helpful to those who are recently bereaved and for those who are struggling with unresolved grief. The 7 week course is free of charge and open to all, suitable for those of faith or none. Enquiries from Lorraine Gibbard lorrainegibbard2023@gmail.com or the church office.

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.

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.

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

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***



Our theme is "Give" and our reading this week is Acts 3.1-10. Reflecting on Peter's actions, and his words: "what I have I give to you..." (Acts 3.6)

In what ways do his words sum up the whole life and movement of the church?

1. What can you see Peter believed about Jesus and about himself that gave rise to the healing at the Beautiful Gate?
2. What are the things you have which Jesus has given you? Take your time, be detailed!
3. What are the needs that you see around you in your everyday life? Who are the people, what are the issues or situations that stir your compassion?
4. What do you have which you can offer to others of what Jesus has given to you?
5. What are some the ways you are able to strengthen and bless others as part of the life and fellowship of church?
6. Pray for opportunities and interruptions which enable you to bring God's good gifts to others...