

# 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 19th November 2023**

**Theme: Courageous Faith in a Complex World**

**Title: The Compassion of Jesus**

**Reading: Luke 7:11-17**

### **Sunday 19 November**

**9.00am Morning Worship**

**Preacher: Kevin Cook**

**10.45 Morning Worship**

**Preacher: George Briggs**

*Children and Youth groups in church lounge from 10.30am*

**7:00pm Evening Worship**

**Preacher: Wendy Young**

### **Midweek Communion 22nd November**

**12.00noon Holy Communion followed by Soup & Cake Lunch**

**Preacher: Kevin Cook**

### **Next Sunday 26th November**

**9:00am Holy Communion**

**Preacher: Pete Jorysz**

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## Date for your diary! STK Carol Service 17th December 6pm

A place to invite family and friends. If you are willing to serve refreshments after the carol service please let the STK office know. Thank you.

### Hospitality for Alpha

Would you be willing to make a pudding for one of the weeks during the duration of Alpha? We need willing volunteers to make a pudding for our guests. We also need help to set up and clear away . If you are able to support any of these ministry areas please do sign up on the lists outside the kitchen. If your life group would like to come as a team and help one week please sign up as a group. Thank you.



### Travel to Vic's Licensing

If you wish to travel by coach to Vics licensing (Broughton in Furness) please sign up on the list outside the kitchen. Cost is £10 which will be collected on the night. Coach will be leaving busher walk at 5.30pm.

### Thank you

Dear church family, We would like to thank you for all your encouragement and generosity you have shown us as a family throughout the last three years. Thanks so much for the beautiful send off yesterday. For all those who served practically. Thank you. For all those who provided hospitality- what an extravagant feast. For all those who prayed for us and had words for us. Thank you. For all those who gave financially towards our leaving gift. Thank you. For all those who gave gifts and cards. Thank you. We will miss you all. If anyone took photos throughout the day please send them either to 07786061972 or email [vsekasi@gmail.com](mailto:vsekasi@gmail.com). If you are ever in Broughton-in-Furness for any reason, do pop in. We move on the 16th November to The Vicarage, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6HS. Vic, Martin & Annabella .

**Congratulations!** To Emma and Vinay on the birth of Isaac Ezra born on Monday 13th November.



## Family Alpha

***Started 9th November 10.30am***

Family Alpha takes place on a Thursday morning—creche provided. Please contact the church office or speak to Wendy Young if you are interested in day time family alpha.

## Christmas Date for your Diary ***Wednesday 6th December from 10am***

we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Everyone welcome to come and join in the fun.

## Advent Fair NEXT SATURDAY – HELP!

***25<sup>th</sup> November 10-3***

This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome the community into church, to raise money for charity (our main charity is WaterAid this time), to meet new people and to “work” together as a team – oh, and to do some Christmas shopping by supporting small and local businesses.

How you can be involved: We need a Father Christmas! Size does not matter! No qualifications required, just a jolly disposition and a robust “Ho, ho, ho”! Please advertise this and tell your friends and neighbours – posters and handouts available. We still need homemade soup, buns and mince pies (homemade or bought), homemade cakes and preserves, and toys (see James’ notice). **Can you help on the day?** Welcoming, with refreshments, in the kitchen, looking after stall holders, on a stall, with activities... Please come and join the fun! See Barbara Handley at the door or email [barb@computers-and-things.co.uk](mailto:barb@computers-and-things.co.uk)



## Community Christmas Day Lunch STK

We are doing the Christmas lunch again. Would you like to have lunch with us? Would you like to be on the team? Would you like to contribute to the costs? See Christine Burgess; [christine.burgess@me.com](mailto:christine.burgess@me.com)

**New Wine 2024** Bookings for New Wine at Shepton Mallet are now open. There is only one week this year. 25th –30th July. If you are wanting to go please book online and click the drop down box to indicate that you are part of St Thomas Kendal. If you decide to go and have booked in please do let our church office know, this helps us to communicate with other members of our church family who are also going.

**Youth YWAM mission trip** – used toys needed for fundraising.

We're excited to say that 8 of our young people will be going on a mission trip with YWAM mission adventures next summer! As part of the fundraising effort the young people will be selling used toys at the craft fair on 25th November, but between now and then we would love donations of clean, good quality used toys to be resold at the fair. If you have some used toys which you would like to donate, please bring them to church any Sunday. Please hand any toys over to either Megan Taylor or Samantha Vyner-Brooks.

### **Power House**

***Sunday 26th November from 5pm - 6:30pm***

Power House is a chance to draw closer to Jesus through opening the Bible together and diving in; with food, games, and a chance to explore the power of who Jesus is. All young people aged 11 – 18 years old are welcome. The young people are very welcome to bring friends, we just ask that each new young person gives us an emergency phone number of a parent or guardian for safeguarding purposes.

### **CHRISTMAS IS COMING! Foodbank**

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foodbank**

We are thinking ahead to Christmas and have already started to receive selection packs and even mince pies!! **Items which will be helpful for the festive season are:** Mince pies, Christmas bar cakes, Tins of biscuits Boxes of chocolates, Chocolate Oranges, Chocolate money, Selection boxes, Small gift packs of toiletries.

### **Cumbrian Ladies Refresh Day**

***Sat 9th Dec***

Saturday 9th December, 9:30am-4:30pm. St Lawrences Church, Appleby in Westmorland. Key note speaker—Bishop Jill Duff. Tickets £10, available from [rachel.milburn@carlisediocese.org.uk](mailto:rachel.milburn@carlisediocese.org.uk)

A day to worship, network, learn and receive. Alternatively, there is a poster on the notice board with a QR code you can scan.



## **Luke 7.11-17: Questions for reflection and Life Groups this week**

1. Do you share Jesus' capacity to be moved deeply, as he was when he saw the woman whose son had died?
2. Can you share one or two of the things that move you deeply? What does that stirring of your heart and compassion produce?
3. What does Jesus' compassion produce in him and in the situation in front of him?
4. What might the difference be between believing in Jesus and believing like Jesus?
5. In what ways can we grow in our ability to love deeply and release beautiful and miraculous grace into situations?
6. Might it be said of us, our lives, response and actions "God has visited his people today?"
7. In response to our reading, what will you ask God to give you? What will you offer to him?