

Welcome TO

St Thomas' Church, Kendal



Diary Dates & Info

Sunday 21st November 2021

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Theme: Mission Shaped Living

Title: Celebration

Reading: Matthew 13:18-23

Regular service times:

- **First Sunday of the month**
10.00am All Together Service
7.00pm Worship Evening
- **All Other Sundays**
8.45am Morning Worship
10.45am Celebration Service
-with children's groups on
the 2nd and 3rd Sunday.
4th Sunday with family time
in the church lounge
- **Wednesday 12 Noon**
Holy Communion
- **First Tuesday 7.30pm**
Prayer Meeting in church

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.

NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES

8.45 Morning Worship 10.45 Morning Worship (*with Family session in Church Lounge*)

Church services

Please continue to wear a mask around the building until seated. We still need to remain vigilant with physical distancing, please leave one empty seat between your bubble and the next. Should you feel vulnerable, there are seating discs available to put on the seat next to you, which asks others to leave it empty for social distancing. Please pick a disk up as you enter church or ask a church warden for one.

NEXT SATURDAY - Advent Fair 10-3 Saturday 27 November

Please **SIGN UP TODAY** at the door. Can you help by providing mince pies or homemade soup, bread rolls, welcoming, setting up, clearing up, serving refreshments? **SIGN UP TODAY** or contact Barbara (barb@computers-and-things.co.uk or 733466). This year we are supporting the North West Air Ambulance and St. John's Hospice, Lancaster and individual stalls will support other charities. If you can't help out, why not come and spend your pennies **NEXT SATURDAY**. There'll be refreshments and Father Christmas will be visiting! Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours too. We have 26 exciting stalls to browse. Our Facebook virtual Fair is now up and running till 19th December. We have nearly 290 members! Join the group online - £10 if you are selling.

Christmas Day at Manna House

If you are free to offer food/entertainment on Christmas Day, please let me know as I'll be heading up the team. I'm sure it will be fun!

Christine Burgess: Christine.burgess@me.com

Fairtrade Pop-Up Shop in Kendal 24th-27th November - 10am-4pm

Kendal Fairtrade is hosting this *at the URC on Highgate*.

There's a huge variety of gifts/goodies.

ECO Board

We are developing our ECO Friendly Church Initiative. Each month will have different ideas to "Tread Gently" See the board next to the hatch in the lounge. For more info speak to Stephen Coleman.

Have you really missed singing carols with others?

Come and join us, no experience needed.

Carol rehearsal; Thurs. 25th Nov, 6-7pm @ STK

Carol singing; Fri. 3rd Dec. Charity event in aid of Cry for Cumbria and Cardiac Risk in the Young @ Kendal Golf Club; 7-8pm

Carol singing; Thurs. 16th Dec. 6-7pm; Organised by STK, carols round Hallgarth then mince pies and coffee back at the Hallgarth Community Centre. Families welcome.

If you can make any of these dates, please contact Christine Burgess at: christine.burgess@me.com

SCHOOL GOVERNORS for St Thomas's Primary School

We are so grateful for our relationship with the St Thomas's School community, and we are looking for two new **Foundation Governors** to serve the school – is God calling you to invest in the life of our school in this way? Please do get in touch with George via the office for more details.

Bob Spratt

Bobs Thanksgiving Service will take place at STK on Friday 26th November at 12.30pm. Places will be limited at this service, if you wish to book a place please contact the church office. The Service will also be live streamed via YouTube on the church website.

Help for Bob Spratt's Thanksgiving (12.30pm Friday 26th November)

Can you bake a cake? Can you help serve after the service? Please contact Chris de Vial or the Office.

Save the Date!

Sunday 19th December 6.00pm STK Carol Service. More details to follow.

Foodbank news

As Christmas is soon to be upon us, items such as selection boxes, larger tubes of sweets, tins of biscuits or boxes of chocolates would be appreciated this month as they are given away at the beginning of December. Also small toiletry boxes to give as gifts. Donations may be left in church, at local supermarket collection points or taken to the Shakespeare Centre Yard 46 Highgate on Tuesdays Wednesdays or Fridays between 12 noon and 3 pm. Thank You.

Notes relating to this weeks talk.

Matthew 13.18-23

In our Bible reading Matthew records Jesus' explanation of the parable of the sower. Jesus draws attention to the fruit that hearing and understanding the message of the kingdom produces in our lives.

1. How would you explain what Jesus is talking about when he speaks of 'the message of the kingdom' (verse 19) – and what does that message mean for your life?
2. How do you actively cultivate God's word in your life – what pattern of reading and receiving do you have? To what extent does that mean that you are hearing, understanding and producing the fruit of his word?
3. In the images of the path, the rocky ground and the overgrown ground Jesus describes things that limit the impact of our response to him and his word. Do you recognise things that limit the fruit of his word in your life? Where are we closed or hard in response to him, what beliefs or experiences have limited the deepening roots of his word in us, what worries choke the life of his word in us? What steps can we take to change some of those things?
4. What is your experience of God's word having shaped your life – what transformation has it brought? What challenges and what blessings have you discovered recently? Is there fruit in your life which results from believing and obeying Jesus' word?
5. Read James 1.22-25 – what is God challenging you to do? What does he want you to remember about who you are? What fruit are you hoping to produce with him?

If you wish to hear our Sunday talks again you can find them at

www.STKweb.org.uk and follow the youtube link

We also produce CDs for those who are unable to get to church on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who would be interested in receiving a weekly CD, please let the office know.