

Welcome TO

St Thomas' Church, Kendal



Diary Dates & Info

Sunday 5th November 2021

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Theme: Advent

Title: The Feast

Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

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.



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NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES

Tonight!
7.00pm WORSHIP
EVENING

8.45am Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Worship with STKids

Church services

Due to increase awareness of the new Covid variant we ask that you wear masks until seated. Please respect with physical distancing and 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.

Christmas Services

Please pick up a postcard from the reception desk.

Christmas Decorations

Wednesday 8th December

If you are available it would be great if you could join in the fun of putting up our Christmas Tree here in church. From 2pm until 5pm

Christmas Bookstall

On Sundays 5th, 12th & 19th December we will host a bookstall from Market Place Books to promote Bible reading in 2022. A variety of Christian greeting cards all at £2 will also be available.

James and Emilia Locke—Important Announcement

Due to Covid related health problems and James being hospitalized, James & Emilia need to delay their move until the New Year. We look forward to welcoming them once their baby has arrived and they are ready for the move. In the meantime please keep praying for them: for James' health, Emilia and their baby, and watch out for further news in the New Year.

Youth Ministry

We also want to acknowledge that it's been really challenging to have a long period without a youth co-ordinator, provision has been limited which is hard for our young people and families. It would be a great help to have an extra couple of people join the team for the coming months. If you would like to find out more about volunteering please let the church office know.

Welcome Tea

Sunday 12th December 4.00pm at Church

An invitation to all who are new at St Thomas' church. Come and join us for a Welcome Tea and find out a little more about us and who we are. It will be lovely to see you. Let the office know if you can make it. 730683

Thank You

A massive "thank you" to all those who helped with and supported the Advent Fair last Saturday. In spite of it blowing a hoolie outside, people struggled to get to their stalls, deliver soup and mince pies and came to shop for local crafts and raised money for many charities. They received a warm, friendly welcome and there was a great atmosphere.

We raised £700, from donations for the refreshments and from the stall holders, which will be divided equally between the North West Air Ambulance and St. John's Hospice, Lancaster. About another £1000 was raised for 12 other charities that were represented. Thanks again, Barbara and the Team.

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.

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.

Kendal and District Debt Centre

Everyone is invited to the launch of the Kendal and District Debt Centre. The launch includes the commissioning of Samantha Vyner Brookes. Which will take place at STK on Sunday 9th January 7.00pm

A Tribute to Stuart Frost

For Stuart

Softly the organ music welcomed us
As, entering this church for the first time
Almost eight years ago, we found our seats,
And sought to bring our busy, wayward thoughts
Into a calm and ordered state for worship.
Wondering if God had called us here.

You played a simple worship melody
And as I listened, something inside melted,
The Holy Spirit, inhabiting the music
Impressed upon my heart the reassurance
That here, more than two hundred miles away
from where I lived, I now was coming home.

One day last week the organ seat was empty -
A Friday celebration of remembrance
For another man of God - but you were absent.
'That's not like Stuart!' people thought, and wondered
if something were amiss. But you had heard
A loving Saviour's call, 'Come home, well done!'

God gave to you a precious gift of music;
You gave it back to him, and so blessed us.
The Holy Spirit led your worship choices,
Music and love and prayer in harmony.
And now your symphony of faithful service
Has been transposed into a higher key.

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There will be a full Funeral Service for Stuart at Beetham Hall on Friday 17th
December at 2pm.

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.*