

Welcome TO

St Thomas' Church, Kendal



Diary Dates & Info

Sunday 9th January 2022

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Theme: Epiphany

Title: The Baptism of Jesus

Reading: Luke 3:15-22

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

16th January 2022

8.45am Morning Worship

10.45am Morning Worship with STKids and Groovys in church lounge

Church services

Due to the new Covid variant we ask that you wear masks throughout the service. Please respect others with physical distancing and please leave one empty seat between your bubble and the next. If you wish to do so, 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. ***The balcony is reserved for anyone feeling particularly vulnerable.***

Cedars Tea and Chat

Monday 2.00 -3.30pm

It will be lovely to see our Cedar members tomorrow at our Tea and Chat. Hope you can make it.

Midweek Holy Communion

Our soup lunch will return following midweek Holy Communion on Wednesday 12th January

Living in Love and Faith

Starting 13th January for 5 weeks

A resource from the C of E produced to help inspire people to think more deeply about what it means to be human and live in love and faith with one another. A study course to help inspire us to think more deeply both about what it means to be human and to live in love and faith with one another. Taking place for the Kendal Deanery of Churches at Holy Trinity Church Kendal for 5 weeks. For more details please pick up a leaflet from the reception desk.

Congratulations!

Big congratulations to James and Emilia upon the birth of their son Christopher on 28th December. We look forward to welcoming them all to our church family in the next few weeks.

Youth Ministry

We want to acknowledge that it's been really challenging to have a long period without a youth coordinator, 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 please let the church office know.

Margaret Davison

Should anyone wish to view Margaret Davison's Thanksgiving Service please contact the church office which can provide the YouTube link.

STK Connections Prayer

Please pray for the smooth completion of the toilet installation project which has started at Tiengre Primary School in Kisumu. This will provide desperately needed additional toilets at the school, including washing facilities which will enable girls to attend school during their monthly cycle.



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STK

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is available at every service.

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

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

Confidential Prayer: Please speak to Julie Barker or contact Julie at prayerconfidential@stkmail.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 each month for the whole church in church. There are no life group meetings on this day.

Notes relating to this week's talk:

Many small groups will be meeting this week for the first time in 2022. We might like to take the opportunity to share a practical review of our year: (taken from Pete Grieg)

In preparation – you could:

1. Review your journal if you kept one, but only at a cursory level.
2. Walk through your calendar in some detail, a week at a time recalling (and noting down) the notable events, emotions and experiences of the year gone by.

This can bring us clarity and joy. It's like the moment when walking up a mountain when you might pause and turn, as much to catch your breath as to catch a view of the valley. A review of the year is literally that – a 're-view', a new view – of the places I've been and the things I've seen.

Perhaps we can see unfolding patterns, gain perspective, perceive ways in which we are changing, lessons we are learning, find evidence of God's faithfulness in the cracks and details of our days.

Here's what we might share:

1. RECALL – the year in as much detail as seems appropriate – with honesty.
2. REJOICE – wherever God's blessings become evident. Take time to give thanks.
3. REPENT – wherever sinful patterns or attitudes become clear. Take time to admit and apologise.
4. REBOOT – How can I be more like Jesus in the year to come? Take time prayerfully to form a New Year's resolution – not so much about what you want to do, but more about who you want to be in the year ahead. It is vital we invite someone to help us in this, asking them to gently challenge and encourage you throughout the year to come.

Pray for and bless each other with the grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit for the journey ahead.

(Additionally – why not listen together to Isaiah 35.1-10 and ask God to speak to you personally about the year ahead...)