

Welcome TO **STK**

St Thomas' Church, Kendal

ST THOMAS' KENDAL

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 12th January 2025

Epiphany:

The Baptism of Christ

Matthew 3:11-17



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9.00 Holy Communion

10.45 Morning Worship

Preacher: Dave Sharps

Preacher: Pete Jorysz

Wednesday 15th January

12.00noon Holy Communion

followed by soup and roll lunch

Preacher: Brian Lock

Sunday 19th January

9.00am Morning Worship

10.45am Morning Worship

7.00pm Evening Worship

Preacher: George Briggs

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Preacher: Rob McLellan

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is available at every service.

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

Are you new to St Thomas?

We would love to get to know you, please pick up a 'Welcome to you' card from the reception desk to stay in contact with us. We are soon to hold a welcome evening to share more of the ministry of St Thomas and a time to get to know you. These little cards help us to make that link with you. Its great to see you.

Powerhouse

Please note going forward Powerhouse will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of the month.

Left Property

There is an accumulation of left property in the pigeon holes near the front door. If you suspect you have left anything please check! It will be removed by Sunday 19th January Thank you!

Cedars

Our cedars will be gathering this Monday 13th, 2pm-3.30pm. For an afternoon of games, tea and cake. It will be great to see you there.

Donations needed

The charity Release Mates are asking for donations of men's hats, gloves and tracksuit bottoms to give to men who are being released from prison. Many of the men being released are coming out in the tee shirts and shorts that they were wearing on arrest in the summer. If you could donate any items please bring to church for Rev Di Gilmore to collect after the services on Sunday 19th January.



Lindsay Harrod

Lindsay has moved to be the curate of the Parishes of Dacre, Watermillock and Matterdale. She will be moving from Langwathby into Penrith early in the New Year. Do pray for her as she gets to know new people.

Grace Bryers

The Carlisle Street Pastors are finishing at the end of December after fourteen years of patrolling the night streets of the city, listening, helping and caring. I have very much valued the support, interest and above all the prayers of STK people over the time I have been part of this. A very

Date for your Diary, 19th January

If you are new to STK we are hosting a welcome lunch on the 19th January.



If you have not done so, please do complete the welcome card found on the front desk so we can invite you to come along. It would be great to get to know you and let you know a bit more about life at STK. If you have already received an invitation do let us know if you are able to come. More details to follow this coming week.

Christmas Day Lunch—THANK YOU

Thank you for all your support, particularly if you contributed food or paid towards the cost. We had thirty guests and twenty members of the team. Our guests were welcomed by the team and made to feel at home. The food was absolutely amazing and everyone was full at the end. One of our guests ended the afternoon with leading us in carols and songs. Thank you George and St Thomas' for making the day possible, from Christine and the team.

King's Food Bank

Presently the food bank is in most need of:

Pasta sauces. Tins of ravioli, macaroni cheese, spaghetti. Large tins of vegetables. Instant mash. Instant noodles/pasta. Biscuits. Sponge pudding. Food can be left in the boxes in the narthex.

Changes to landline telephones

The UK's telephone network is being upgraded, so landline services are changing. For most, switching over will be straight forward, BT expects all of their customers will be moved to the new digital system by the end of January 2027. For more information hand outs are available from the reception desk.

CDs - We produce weekly audio CDs of our 9am service. If you know of anyone who you think would benefit from listening to our 9am service at home for whatever reason, be it illness or housebound or in need of spiritual refreshment. Please let Jean Thorp or the office know. CDs are posted out along with a service sheet and notice sheet.

Gift for James Locke

Following the announcement at Christmas that James has decided not to return to his role as Youth Work Leader at St Thomas's we would like to give a thank you gift to him and show how much we appreciate all he brought to the role. If you would like to contribute please mark your gift and place in the offering box or hand it to the office before 26th January.

Conferences for your diary

New Wine Women's day in Manchester 1st Feb 2025 More details on <https://www.new-wine.org/events/reset-2025/>

Flourish Women's Conference 2025 Saturday 15th March Barrow. Speaker is Philippa Hanna. Tickets at www.flourishladies.co.uk



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



1. Imagine that you are John the Baptist. How would you have reacted if Jesus had said to you, “baptise me!”

2. Do you think that Jesus had to go as far as he did to relate to us, to the human condition? The fact that he went as far as he did, how does that make you feel about him?

3. How do you see Jesus as our role model? Is it simply following his moral teaching? Ministering in Spirit filled power? Or both? What is the balance if there is one?

4. Jesus baptises with the Holy Spirit. How do you think that you can be filled more with the Holy Spirit?

6. Jesus baptises with fire and scripture talks about the refiner's fire burning off impurities. What are the areas of your life that God may have his finger on right now to work on? Be encouraged, his desire is to help you overcome sin and grow in holiness!

7. Have you been baptised? If not why not?