

Welcome TO **STK**

ST THOMAS' KENDAL

St Thomas' Church, 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 6th April 2025

Theme: Easter

Title: Adoration

Reading: John 12:1-7

Sunday 6th April

9.00am Morning Worship

10.45am All together holy communion

7.00pm Evening Worship

Preacher: George Briggs

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Preacher: Rob McLellan

Wednesday 9th April

12.00noon Holy Communion

followed by soup and roll lunch

Preacher: Rob McLellan

Sunday 13th April

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Worship

Preacher: Kevin Cook

Preacher: Pete Jorysz



Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is available at every service.

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

Your Easter Decorating.

We are all invited to bring a bunch of daffodils in a jam jar to STK the **week of 14th April**; if no-one is in please leave them around the back by the prayer room door.

Also please do come and help decorate on **Saturday 19th April, 10-12noon**, hot cross buns supplied!

STK Youth Ministry Leader.

We are advertising for a Youth Ministry Leader—part time to start in July 2025. For more details or an application form see the church notice board/website/church office.

Electoral Roll

Sunday 6th April/TODAY is the day that the Electoral Roll closes!

Everyone who wishes to be on it will need to fill in a form whether you've done this before or not. Joining the Electoral Roll allows you to vote on church matters at the APCM and stand for the PCC. Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding St. Thomas's as your spiritual home does that. Look out for Barbara and the forms at the door.

Anyone for Coffee?

We want to continue serving tea and coffee on a Sunday morning but we are **still very short of willing volunteers**. If this is a way in which you are able to serve please do contact Beth Booker or the church office. If we are able to have more volunteers it puts less of a strain on our current team. If you want to know what is involved do have a word with a team member or the office.

Wednesday Communion

After communion we serve soup and cake; **we are looking for more volunteers**, both to make soup and to serve, you don't have to do both. We are going to be particularly short of servers in May so even if you can't commit to long term this would be a great opportunity to give it a go. For more information see Helen Whittaker or give her a call on 07923405736

Bookstall

Today only, books will again be available from South Lakes Christian Resources (cash preferred) on Easter, the church, Mothers, childrens books & 2 recommendations from Nick & Wendy: Women of Holy Week & Encountering the Risen Christ.

The Bereavement Journey Course

Starts again on Thursday 10th April at 2.00pm. This is helpful to those who are recently bereaved and for those who are struggling with unresolved grief. The 7 week course is free of charge and open to all, suitable for those of faith or none. Enquiries from Lorraine Gibbard lorrainegibbard2023@gmail.com or the church office.

Advent Fair

No, it's not that time yet! We sent £670 to the Open Arms Project, Kenya. The school has links with our own school. This money has fed a whole class of 38 children for 2 months; breakfast, lunch and afternoon fruit, giving them nutrition and showing them that they are loved. Thank you!

www.standby.me

EASTER!

Maundy Thursday - 5.30pm - Bring and share meal.

Good Friday - 10 - 11.15am Easter trail.

12 - 12.45pm Reflections at the cross

Churches together - 10.30am Stricklandgate Methodist

11.15am Walk of witness

Easter Sunday - 6am - meet on the castle

10am - Easter celebration

6pm - Easter Holy Communion

Save the date:

APCM - Sunday 27th April - 10am

PCC Nomination forms are available today.

Transport request

Would anyone be available to transport a lady with mobility difficulties from the Waterside area near Abbot Hall, Kendal to & from occasional church services or to warm space on Thursdays. Please contact Ann & Steve Holton 07713 628763 Thank you.

Ladies Meet Up

Shelley Pickles is wondering if any ladies would love to meet up for coffee, catch up and chat. The more the merrier. Please contact Shelley if you are interested. 07763912094

King's Food Bank/Manna House

The latest newsletters and Food Bank requests can be found on the reception desk.

Prayer & Pastoral Support

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 the month for the whole church in church. There are no life group meetings on this day.

STK Pastoral Team

If you feel you need some support (or know others who do) please contact anyone on the team. All conversations and contacts will be confidential and held within the Pastoral Team. Details on how the team works and who to contact are on the website.
A leaflet is also available in reception.

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***



John 12.1-7

1. Read or listen to the reading slowly – imagining the scene as it unfolds. What strikes you as you read it?
2. What does Mary's lavish gesture – and Jesus' response to her critics – tell us about loving and worshipping God? How does this relate to your worship? Stay with these questions – is there something that God wants to remind you of or show you for the first time?
3. There are two scenes in the Gospels where Mary puts herself at Jesus' feet. We would first of all read them and view them as an onlooker, but can you spend some time imagining yourself at Jesus' feet? What happens for you as you imagine yourself there close to Jesus? What do you want to say or do, what does he say to you?
4. As we continue the journey towards Easter, set aside some time to share with him (with your life group if you like) what it means for you that he would choose the death he faced for us. You might pray, simply keep silence in his presence, journal, sing, draw...
5. Would you like to offer yourself to Jesus afresh – and ask for a new love and courage in worship?