

Welcome TO **STK**

St Thomas' Church, Kendal

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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 8th September

Theme: Formed by Jesus

Title: Formation

Reading: Matthew 4:18-25



Sunday 8th September

09.00am Holy Communion

Preacher: George Briggs

10.45am Morning Worship

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With groups for children and young people from 10.30am

Wednesday 11th September

12.00 noon Holy Communion Preacher: David Parsons

with soup and roll lunch after the service

Sunday 15th September

09.00am Morning Worship

Preacher: George Briggs

10.45am Morning Worship

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7.00pm Evening Worship

Led by George & Rob

Cedars Monday

9th September 2pm at STK

Cedars Harvest afternoon tea is on Monday 9th September. It would be lovely to see you.

Midweek Soup

Soup lunch will resume following Holy Communion on Wednesday 11th September. Thank you to our fantastic soup makers, Pauline, Briony, Chris, Helen, Grace and Janet, Ann for her lovely cakes and Diane, Kevin and John for their help with setting up and clearing down. A BIG THANK YOU to Chris deVial for her years of organising the rota. We could do with a couple more helpers on the rota, not to make soup but willing to serve soup. If this is something you can offer please speak with Helen Whittaker.

Harvest Sunday 29 September

We will be having one service at **11am**. After this we will have a bring and share lunch together. The menu will be lasagna, bread/garlic bread, cheese, salads and pickles, followed by harvest fruit puddings ie apples, pears, plums, blackberries etc in crumbles, pies, cakes etc with cream or custard. Please sign up with Barbara at the door over the next few weeks with your offers of food or offerings of help.

Staff Changes

At the beginning of September Alex will be leaving us to take up a new full time post with the council, working in project management. We will be sorry to see Alex go but we are grateful for all she has brought to the life of the church here at STK. We are to have an opportunity to say farewell and pray for Alex (and Klen) on Sunday 8th September. If you would like to give towards a leaving gift please place any donation in an envelope and leave in the office addressed to either George or Janet Thank you.

Job Vacancy

We will shortly be advertising a part time vacancy for a Parish Administrator, 16 hours per week. If you are interested initially, please leave your name and contact details with the church office, and we will be in touch, in due course, with further details.

Alpha Courses

We are all called to share our faith in different ways and a great way of helping people find Jesus for themselves is to invite them on an Alpha course. We are hosting the next **Alpha** every Thursday evening from 26th September to 5th December (inc a special weekend 8-9th November). Please be praying about which non-Christian friends, family, neighbours and colleagues you can invite (leaflets available now!). Any queries ask Pete Jorysz. There will also be a **FAMILY Alpha** starting the same day— with Creche provided 9.30 –11.00am do let Wendy or the office know if you are interested.

Bereavement Course

Starting September

The death of a loved one can shock, traumatise and break your heart. Trying to avoid grief can hinder your healing. Suffering in silence does not make it go away. In the Bereavement Journey you will find a safe place, where others who have experienced loss can share their experiences and empathise with you. This is suitable for all, not just Christians. You may want to bring someone along to encourage them. The next Journey begins on Thursday 12th September at 2.00pm in the church lounge. See Lorraine or the team for further information.

Groups restarting this week

- Bumps and babes will restart on Thursday 12th September
- Toddlers will restart on Tuesday 10th and Friday 13th at Hallgarth
- Warm space will restart on Thursday 12th September 1.30-3.30pm

A Warm welcome with cakes, tea, coffee, newspapers, board games and chat continues throughout the winter. Warm welcome will start back up on the 12th September.

Market place books thanksgiving service

Sat 21st Sept 11am

'You are invited to join us for a thanksgiving service at parr street church on Saturday 21st September at 11.00. Join us to celebrate and give thanks for those 47years and for what we hope to see God do in our town in the future.'

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is available at every service.

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

9am Coffee Volunteers

We currently have 5 people on the coffee rota for the 9am services, unfortunately this isn't sustainable. Please let the office know if you would be willing to help. Thank you.

Ladies Refresh Day

5th October 9.30am

Join us for a day of worship, teaching and refreshment at St Mary's Parish Church, Ambleside, LA229DH. 9.30am-4.30pm. Book online. For more details see notice board.

Advent Fair 30 November

The planning is underway! Would you like a stall? Pitches are going quickly! And we are in search of **Father Christmas!** Can anyone find him? Contact Barbara Handley barb@computers-and-things.co.uk.

St Thomas' Heating and Net Zero Project—UPDATE

Planning permission has now been given, Praise God; and Faculty is, we hope and pray, close to being granted. We are continuing to apply for grant monies and to carry out fundraising to cover the £40,000 cost of the project. Please continue to pray for the progress of our project, and heartfelt thanks to all who have given so generously towards the costs involved. Thank you

The Community Shopping Bus

Runs every Wednesday am to Morrisons. A friendly team will collect you from your door and carry your bags inside on your return. £4 for round trip. If **you could benefit** from this service or **know someone who would** please pick up a flyer and contact John Whittaker

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.

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 relating to this weeks talk

Formed by Jesus – Matthew 4.18-25

1. Who or what would you say are the main influences on the person you have become today?
2. What are the main things that shape the way you live and what you think it means to be a Christian?
3. What strikes you as you read the familiar verses of Jesus calling his first disciples?
4. What are the key things that Jesus did and taught that you have adopted as your own way of life?
5. Are there any things that Jesus did and taught that aren't part of your life? What would it look like to begin to do those – and what difference would it make to you and those around you?
6. Looking at your life, what do you think the cost of following Jesus afresh and allowing him to form your life will be?
7. What do you think the cost of *not* following Jesus and allowing him to form your life will be today and in the years ahead?
8. What would you like to learn from Jesus?