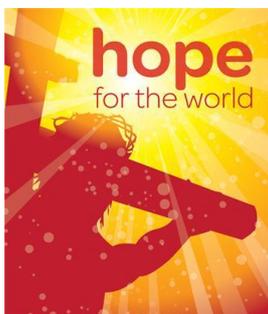


The st thomas' story



12th April 2020 - Easter Sunday

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us



Matthew 28:6
He is not here; FOR HE HAS RISEN; just as He said

We **continue to meet** using online resources and conference calls.

We will continue to offer worship at 10.30am every Sunday. This will be online, using Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/sthomasedin>

This can also be viewed on the blog page <https://www.gadgetvicar.org.uk>

The office is open on Tuesday and Friday morning this week **BUT** contact in person is not available. Please phone or email and leave a message and we will contact you. We have a team of volunteers who can help out if needed.

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We continue to use Facebook Live for much of our online presence. A reminder that you do not need a Facebook account to participate in our live worship times. You simply need to go to <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin> and look for a red symbol which says 'Live'.

We are also using an application called 'Zoom' to pray and meet together. If you need advice about this or anything about our online presence, we can help. Simply contact David McCarthy.

St Thomas' Church Online: Week Beginning 12 April 2020

Online Worship & Gathering

Sunday 12 April

10.30am – 'The Lord is Risen': <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin>

Wednesday 15 April

2.00 - 3.30pm Rooted Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting. Joining details are in the office email of Friday 10th April

Thursday 9 April

@ 10am - 'Zoom' Coffee Morning

Join Zoom Meeting. Joining details are in the office email of Friday 10th April

@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer: <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin>

Friday 17 April

12pm Midday Prayer: <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin>

Our plans of what we will do to be of service in the coming weeks.

1. The church staff will try to make weekly contact with those who we know are not using the internet or social media for communication. Please let us know of needs you are aware of. If you would like a paper copy of notice sheet sent to you please leave a message at office on 0131 316 4292.
2. Our online worship times will be more limited this coming week after the busyness of Easter. David will take a few days post-Easter to be a bit quieter and rest more fully. This means that we will not do online events until Thursday. In the meantime, if you have joined the St Thomas'

Facebook Group, you are encouraged to share scripture, prayer concerns and encouragements there.

If you have urgent prayer concerns or needs, please let David know by email, text or message.

3. We will offer regular prayer and worship online. Details of this week's programme are above.
4. Some groups will meet using the 'Zoom' conference calling app. If you need help setting this up, let us know and we can assist. We'll also have informal gatherings online for conversation, care and prayer. Details are on pastoral letter sent out by email.
5. Our website is being refreshed and will be renewed in order to improve our communications. Thanks to the team working on this.
6. Our Facebook page is now an important resource for communication. We encourage as many as possible to use it.
<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin/>
See message on previous page stating you do not need a Facebook account to access this.
7. We also have a closed (private) Facebook group (Embrace) for St Thomas' people to share needs, resources and prayers. You need to be invited to be part of this group – please contact David if you want to join the group.
8. Phil Taylor and our volunteers are working hard to keep good communications with, and gathering of young people going. Contact Phil at phil@saintthomas.org.uk if he can be of help.
9. We will go on praying for all of you, those on the front line of helping those afflicted by Covid-19, our leaders and those who need Jesus Christ now more than ever.

for our prayer

Give thanks for:

The death and resurrection of Jesus which brings us new life.

The ability to communicate with one another using technology.

The commitment of NHS staff, supermarket workers, pharmacy staff, postmen and women, food shop workers and delivery staff.

Retirees returning to serve in the NHS.

Pray for:

The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson – that he will recover quickly and fully.

For the governments of the UK and Scotland – that they will make good decisions which will protect people physically and economically.

Mark Gilmour as he returns to serve in the NHS - for safety and a good use of his compassion and care.

Those who are isolated with little outside family or carer support – that no-one will be missed out or forgotten in this crisis.

For families which are vulnerable or which have children with special needs – for appropriate care and provision.

For our children and young people – that they will continue to adjust to the change of circumstances and that they will not lose hope for the future.

Those whose jobs have ended or have been furloughed – for financial and practical provision.

For those whose mental health is badly affected by current events – that they will have people ready to listen and that care will be available.

For the Church as we learn how to navigate this new reality – that we will share God’s love and speak clearly of the redemption and hope offered in Christ.

