

The st thomas' story



3rd May 2020

St Thomas' will continue to meet using online resources and conference calls.

We will worship at 10.30am every Sunday.

Please click on the links below (in blue writing) to access the services.

A short video '**Thought for the Day**' (recorded most days during David's early morning exercise) are available on the St Thomas' Facebook Page.

staff and contacts

Rector: Rev. David McCarthy

T: 0131 467 0660 M: 0741 123 6433

E: david@saintthomas.org.uk

Day off: Friday

Young Persons' Pastoral

Worker:

Phil Taylor

T: 0131 316 4292

E: phil@saintthomas.org.uk

Day off: Monday

Church Coordinator:

Monday & Friday:

Rosemary Harvey

Office Hours: Mon 9.30 –
12.30

T: 0131 316 4292 (*Church
Office*)

Worship Coordinator:

David Harvey c/o

T: 0131 316 4292 (*Church Office*)

E: churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk

**Vestry Secretary: Kathleen
Demircan**

T: 0131 316 4292 (*Church Office*)

E:

churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk

**For items to be in
next Sunday's st
thomas' story,
please contact
the office by 10
am Thursday.**



St Thomas' Church is a registered Scottish Charitable
Incorporated Organisation SC049045

| 75 – 79 Glasgow Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8LJ | 0131 316 4292

| www.saintthomas.org.uk |

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'. **This is only available when the site is running live at arranged times. See pastoral letter for details.**

Also available live on our YouTube Channel (please subscribe!) at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1r0Eq3PqBmxioDssYXCbGQ>

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.

If you are interested in taking part in Online Worship on Sundays either with reading or praying, please let David know. You'll have to be able to make an audio recording of your reading or intercessions in advance and then send the file to him electronically.

The church office is open on Monday and Friday morning (9.30am – 12.30pm) 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.

The **Care Van** need donations of toiletries, basics soap, toothbrush, toothpaste etc. Donations can be left outside the church on Monday or Friday from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Job Vacancies

If anyone you know is looking for work due to circumstances surrounding Covid-19, or due to other reasons, please send CV's to info@christianjobs.co.uk

Both Redwoods Caring Foundation and Crossreach are urgently recruiting for Support Workers, in part due to the current situation regarding Covid-19.

<https://www.christianjobs.co.uk/jobs/crossreach/1466>

<https://www.christianjobs.co.uk/jobs/redwoods-caring-foundation/1137>

St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 3rd May 2020

Online Worship & Gathering

All worship events are available online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/sthomasedin>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1r0Eq3PqBmxioDssYXCbGQ>

<https://www.pscp.tv/StThomasEdin>

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

Our Twitter account has also been reactivated. Search for @StThomasEdin.

Sunday 3 May

Online Worship @ 10.30am

YF - meet online 6pm – 8pm, please contact Phil Taylor for details.

Monday 4 May

@12pm – Midday Prayer

Tuesday 5 May

YF – meet 7pm – 8.30pm for online Bible study, please contact Phil Taylor for details.

@9.30pm Night Prayer

Wednesday 6 May

@12pm Midday Prayer

@2-3.30pm Rooted Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting

Thursday 7 May

@ 10am - 'Zoom' Coffee Online

Join Zoom Meeting

@ 9.30pm Night Prayer

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

- 1. We 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. If you have urgent prayer concerns or needs, please let David know by email, text or message.
- 2. We will offer regular prayer and worship online.** Details of this week's programme are above.
- 3. 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. **CODES AND LINKS FOR ZOOM MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND IN PASTORAL LETTER SENT OUT ON FRIDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS MEETINGS OR CONTACT DAVID BY EMAIL.**
- 4. Some serious work has been going on to enhance our website.** This is ongoing but please do visit <https://www.saintthomas.org.uk>
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. We will go on praying for all of you,** those on the front line helping people afflicted by Covid-19, our leaders and those who need Jesus Christ now more than ever.

for our prayer

Please pray for:

Please pray for the residents and their families as well as the staff at Manor Grange Care Home – we heard this week that having been free of Covid-19, there are now cases there. Pray that it will not spread further and that all will be cared for well.

Please pray for David Brown whose sister Joanne has passed away. David McCarthy will be conducting the funeral service at Warriston Crematorium on Monday 4 May at 2pm.

Pray for those known to us who are still recovering from the effects of Covid-19 – for patience and renewed strength.

Pray that the lockdown restrictions will begin to be lifted over the next few weeks and that many will be able to return to work – pray that the governments in the UK will make wise decisions in this and that people will understand and respond well to the reasoning.

Give thanks for NHS workers and all those who offer social care – but let's pray and work for them to be provided with all the resources they need to face danger every day.

Pray for all of those working from home or on furlough, especially those doing so in homes with children – it is not always easy to focus!

Pray that learning at home will be fruitful and that vulnerable children will be helped to do so well.

Pray for those looking in on our online worship and meetings – that many will know the love of God and respond to Him.

Pray for yourself – that you will have the confidence to tell others of Jesus and His love.
