

The st thomas' story



10th May 2020

st.ts'worship Join us on  **LIVE**,  **YouTube** or  **Periscope** @10.30am

The St Thomas' Church family continue to meet using online resources and conference calls.

Today we begin a new sermon series on the book of Lamentations. Today's reading can be found in **Lamentations 1** and our topic is '**The Broke World and the Holy God**'.

We have live worship services online at 10.30am every Sunday and also meet for **Midday Prayer** and **Evening Prayer** a number of times through the week. (Please read on for details).

Our Rector has also been posting a short video '**Thought for the Day**' on the church's Facebook Page. (These are recorded most days during David's early morning exercise).

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For items to be in next Sunday's The st thomas' story, please contact the office by 10 a.m. on Thursday.



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st.ts' online presence

We would be glad if you were able to join us online at our online events at various points throughout the week.



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 the arranged times. See pastoral letter for details.**



Our Sunday Worship and prayer times are also available live and on demand on our YouTube Channel (please subscribe!) at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1r0Eq3PqBmxioDssYXCbGQ>



Similarly, our Sunday Worship and prayer times are also available live and on demand on our **NEW** Periscope TV Channel (please follow us!) at: <https://www.pscp.tv/StThomasEdin>



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.



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



Much of our webcast material can also be viewed on the Rector's blog page <https://www.gadgetvicar.org.uk/> .

If you are interested in taking part in Online Worship on Sundays by either doing the reading or leading us in our prayers, please let David McCarthy know. You will need to be able to make an audio recording of your reading or intercessions in advance and then send the file to David electronically.

st.ts' notices

The Vestry has appointed Kathleen Demircan as its Secretary. Our thanks go to Morag Bryce who, whilst remaining on Vestry, has demitted the office of Vestry Secretary and also to those who have completed their terms of vestry service.

The **church office is open on Monday and Friday morning (9.30am – 12.30pm)** this week **BUT contact in person is not available**. If you wish to contact the office, please email or telephone and leave a message and we will get back to you when we can. We have a team of volunteers who can help out if needed.

The **Care Van Team** need donations of toiletry basics e.g. 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 The 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>

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.

We will offer regular prayer and worship online. Details of this week's programme are above.

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 THE PASTORAL LETTER SENT OUT ON FRIDAYS FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S MEETINGS OR BY CONTACTING DAVID BY EMAIL.**

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Some serious work has been going on to enhance our website. Thanks to Angela Benzies and the team, please contact her if you wish to help build a bank of photographs to be used online. Please visit <https://www.saintthomas.org.uk>

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.

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.

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.



events calendar

Week beginning 10th May 2020

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> .

Today: Online Worship @ 10.30am

10.05.2020 YF - meet online 6pm – 8pm, please contact Phil Taylor for details.

Monday: @9.30pm Night Prayer

11.05.2020

Tuesday: @12pm – Midday Prayer

12.05.2020 YF – meet 7pm – 8.30pm for online Bible study, please contact Phil Taylor for details.

Wednesday: @2-3.30pm Rooted Bible Study

13.05.2020 Join Zoom Meeting – see pastoral letter for meeting ID code
@9.30pm Night Prayer

Thursday: @ 10am - 'Zoom' Coffee Online

14.05.2020 Join Zoom Meeting – see pastoral letter for meeting ID code
@12pm – Midday Prayer

Next Sunday: Please join us online next Sunday at 10:30am for our Morning Worship when we will be continuing our series of studys in the book of Lamentations. Next week's reading can be found in Lamentations 2 and our topic is **When It Feels Like God Is Against Us.**



for our prayers



Please remember Thorsten & Kerstin Prill following the funeral of his mother last Monday. Pray that his father will be willing to accept the care available to him. Pray that Thorsten & Kerstin will be able to rest and know God's peace in this difficult time.

Pray for David Brown whose sister Joanne's funeral was on Monday – for support and God's comfort.

For Bill McGillivray as he recovers from new treatment – for healing and renewed strength.

For the many thousands of families and friends in this crisis whose ability to enter a process of grieving is curtailed by the social-distancing regulations – for care and support to be available. Pray too for funeral directors who are trying their best to provide a helpful service in the face of great difficulties.

Give thanks for all health and social carers. For those working in retail and deliveries. For those in the emergency services. For those picking up our bins. But let us also remember all those whose jobs have need or who are struggling with being on furlough – for practical provision and support.

Pray for those who are homeless – for shelter, food and dignity.

For those in government – for wisdom and patience as they make difficult decisions.

Please continue to pray for David and Ali.

