

The **st** thomas' **story**



24th 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.

Please check dates and times for **Midday and Night Prayers**.

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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.**



We are 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. Please see Pastoral Letter for details or 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.

Thank you for all the donations of toiletries for the **Care Van**, please remember the team in prayer as they go out tonight.

Request from **Corstorphine Community Centre** for donations of food, toiletries and cleaning products to help support local families who are struggling at this time. This is an 'emergency food bank' which complements the work of **Edinburgh City Mission Basics Bank** service at the Corstorphine Community Church. If you feel you would like to help with this please contact Sandy Benzies, see pastoral letter for more details. Thank you.

Request from Mark and Elinor Gilmore. We are looking for unwanted Christian Children's books, (age 2-11 years), for offering as a 'free to borrow' in our community. We have a very convenient bench on the path in front of our house and already have some Try Praying and love letters from the Father Booklets and leaflets, which have been taken. Thank you.

Congratulations to Jack Southam as he announced his engagement to Sarah Watson. They met at Dundee University and we wish them all the best with their plans for the future.

St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 24th May 2020

Online Worship & Gathering

All worship events are available online at:

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

<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 24 May

Online Worship @ 10.30am – Is God's Love Steadfast? Lamentations 3

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

Monday 25 May

@12pm – Midday Prayer

@7.30pm – Vestry Meeting

Tuesday 26 May

@9.30pm Night Prayer

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

Wednesday 27 May

@12pm Midday Prayer

@2-3.30pm Rooted Bible Study - Join Zoom Meeting

Thursday 28 May

@ 10am - 'Zoom' Coffee Online - Join Zoom Meeting

@ 9pm 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

For Prayer

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Amen.

Give thanks for the Scottish Government's roadmap to slowly ease the nation out of lockdown – pray for wisdom as to how and when each phase is to be implemented.

Pray for: Thorsten Prill's father and for Thorsten and Kerstin following their return from Germany – pray that he will decide to receive appropriate care.

Pray for those who are unwell, that they will receive healing: Liz Bennett, Bill McGillivray and Cameron Gilmour.

Pray for all whose mental health is suffering: for the understanding of others, appropriate care and for healing.

Pray for those who teach and those who learn: for motivation, encouragement and good organisation.

For those whose work has ended or who are fearful of this happening: for provision and care. Pray that governments will do their utmost to support the many for whom the economic cost of Covid-19 is very great.

Pray for the Church: that all our online communications would be effective in not only encouraging followers of Jesus but also reaching the least, the last and the lost.
