

The **st** thomas' **st**ory



7th June 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.

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

David McCarthy is on annual leave from 8th June – 21st June.

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



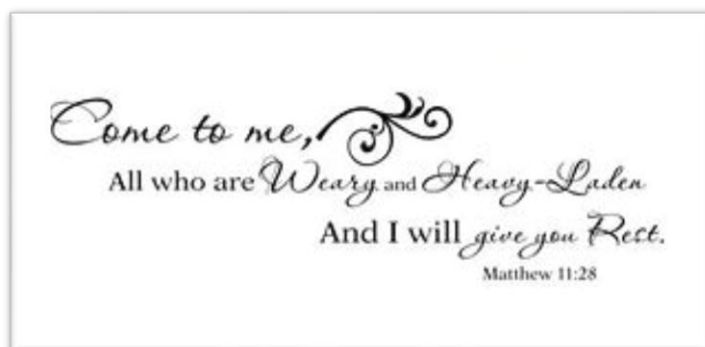
We are using an application called 'Zoom' to pray and meet together. If you need advice about this or anything about our online presence, we can help. Please see Pastoral Letter for details or contact David McCarthy.

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.

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. Please contact Mark or Elinor, books can be left at the church on Monday or Friday mornings. Thank you.



St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 7th June 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 7 June

Online Worship @ 10.30am – Restore & Renew Us? Lamentations 5

Central Meeting @ 6.30pm – Join Zoom Meeting, see Pastoral letter for details.

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

Monday 8 June

@12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

Tuesday 9 June

@9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

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

Wednesday 10 June

@12pm Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

@2-3.30pm Rooted Bible Study - Join Zoom Meeting, please contact Kerstin Prill for details.

Thursday 11 June

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

@ 9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

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

Prayers

We bind to ourselves this day,
the strong name of the Trinity,
the three in one and one in three,
wrapping ourselves in God's presence.

We pray for all who are exhausted,
for young people caring for people older than themselves,
for those caring for younger siblings.

For children who have had to grow up too quickly.

We remember the words of Isaiah:

even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

Be with us, Lord, as we wait for you.

Amen.

Let us pray:

For justice and equity and that people of every race will know freedom and peace.

For the governments of the UK as they make decisions in regards to the Covid-19 virus and its economic consequences – for wisdom, consultation and humility.

For our families, colleagues and friends in their need – that we will help practically and point them to Jesus.

For those whose mental health has suffered over the last three months – for understanding, care and support.

For churches as we begin to consider the possibility of opening buildings once again – for patience, careful planning and creativity.

For David and Ali, that they will be able to rest.
