

The st thomas' story



28th June 2020

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

We will worship at 10.30am every Sunday.

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

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

Welcome **David McCarthy** back from annual leave.

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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.



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.

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.

Please remember the **Care Van** Team as they go out tonight.

Farewell to the **Turners**, we wish Mike, Diedra, Masen & Malek all the best as they move to Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Welcome **Jane Ross** as she returns to work on a part-time basis, we have missed you!



St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 28th 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 28 June

Online Worship @ 10.30am, David McCarthy is preaching on Love & Joy – Galatians Chapter 5.

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

Monday 29 June

@12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

7.30pm – Vestry Meeting – (zoom)

Tuesday 30 June

@9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

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

Wednesday 1 July

@12pm Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

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

Thursday 2 July

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

@ 9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

Emerging from lockdown.

From Wednesday 1 July St Thomas' Church building will be open for personal prayer and reflection as follows:

Monday	10am – 12pm
Wednesday	10am – 12pm
Friday	10am – 12pm

We will be following strict guidelines to ensure the safety both of those who visit and our staff. Please see Pastoral letter for more details.

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.

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.**

Website enhancement. We hope to change over our new church website format within the next week or two. More information will follow soon.

This is ongoing but please do 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.

for our prayer

Pray for:

Diedra, Mike, Masen & Malek Turner as they move home to Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Friday 3 July – for safe travel & good health.

Pray that people will use new freedoms wisely and that the Covid-19 virus will not resurge in our communities. Pray for the police as they seek to advise and direct people as they gather – for patience and winsomeness.

Pray of young people and families now that the school holidays are here – give thanks that teaching at home can be stopped (!) and pray that those who can get away for a break are able to do so safely. Pray for school staff as they get some rest over the summer, but pray especially for those who are concerned about the return to school in August – for peace and reassurance of adequate protective measures.

Pray for all those who have been made unemployed or who are worried about that possibility – pray for the government as they try to support people.

Give thanks to the Lord that we will open our building for personal prayer this week – pray that some will use this space to reflect and pray. Pray too that our online worship and prayer times will be effective.

Pray for healing for all those who are sick and for the resourcing of those who care for them.

Continue to pray for Dave & Ali.
