

The st thomas' story



5th July 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.**

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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.

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to the **Corstorphine Community Centre Emergency Foodbank**. Those running the Centre are very grateful for St Thomas' contribution. If you wish to give, please get in touch with Sandy Benzies. Alternatively, you can take your contribution to the Corstorphine Hub between 10 a.m. and noon on Wednesdays only.

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 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 5 July

Online Worship @ 10.30am, David McCarthy is preaching on Peace & Patience Galatians Chapter 5.

Prayer Base – Please join us tonight from 6.30pm-7.30pm Zoom Prayer Base

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98734852378>

Meeting ID: 987 3485 2378

Monday 6 July

@12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

Tuesday 7 July

@9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

YF – meet 7pm – 8.30pm for online Bible study, please contact Jeremy Southam for details.

Wednesday 8 July

@12pm Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

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

Thursday 9 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. Our website will be changing early next week. You'll still be able to access the same information but it will be within a new template and the layout will be different. We'll send some more information to you by email closer to the switch over.

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 Wilma Finlayson, whose sister passed away a few weeks ago – for the Lord's peace and comfort.

For all those whose jobs have been made redundant – for urgent practical support for them and their dependants.

Pray for every local church – the hope of the world. Why?

1. We Carry the Truth of Christ

The primary purpose of the church is to bring the truth to the whole world. What is that truth? It's no other than the truth of the gospel. 1 Timothy 3:15 says, "If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth." The truth of Jesus and His finished work on the cross is something that the world must hear. As local church communities, we can bring that truth to the people closest to us.

2. We Are Called to Be Extensions of God's Love

In Matthew 5:16, Jesus commands us, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." The most available extension and proof of God's faithfulness is the life and testimony of the saints. Each believer has more than enough life to share to others and more than enough light to shed. God has proven to be faithful to us all, giving us stories of miracles and breakthroughs. All we have to do now is share it to the world.

3. We Stand at the Breach in Intercession

Prayer is undoubtedly one of the most powerful things we can do as the people of God. When we intercede for the things that are happening in our community, we act as God's royal priesthood as we stand between God and the whole world. When Christians stand in prayer for cities, nations and the world, God shows up. Ezekiel 22:30 says, "And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none."
