

The st thomas' story



12th 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**.

Please complete and return the church survey in the pastoral letter to David McCarthy by Friday 17th July. Thank you.

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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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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 12th July 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 12 July

Online Worship @ 10.30am, David McCarthy is preaching on Kindness & Goodness - Galatians Chapter 5.

Monday 13 July

@12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

Tuesday 14 July

@9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

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

Wednesday 15 July

@12pm Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

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

Thursday 16 July

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

@ 7.30pm Central Meeting – Join Zoom Meeting.

@ 9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

Friday 17 July – Please complete and return the survey on pastoral letter

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

Lord, when I am feeling tired or strained, help me not to take it out on other people. **Amen.**

Father, make us more like Jesus. Help us to bear difficulty, pain, disappointment and sorrows, knowing that in your perfect working and design you can use such bitter experiences to shape our characters and make us more like our Lord. We look with hope for that day when we shall be wholly like Christ, because we shall see him as he is. Amen. St Ignatius, before his martyrdom in 107

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares for you 1 Peter 5:7

What does the Lord require of you but to do justly to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:2

God of goodness, give me yourself. For you are sufficient for me
If I were to ask for anything less I should always be in want,
for in you alone do I have all. Julian of Norwich (1342 - after 1413)

O God, our true life, to know you is life, to serve you is perfect freedom, to enjoy you is a kingdom, to praise you is the joy and happiness of the soul. I praise and bless and adore you, I worship you, I glorify you. I give thanks to you for your great glory. I humbly beg you to live with me, to reign in me, to make this heart of mine a holy temple, a fit habitation for your divine majesty. St Augustine 354-430

O God our God, grant us grace to desire you with a whole heart, so that desiring you we may seek and find you; and so finding you, may love you; and loving you may hate those sins which separate us from you, for the sake of Jesus Christ. St Anselm 1033-1109
