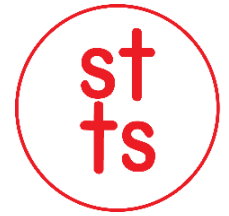


The st thomas' story



26th 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**.

The church will be open this week on Monday 27th & Wednesday 29th July from 10am – 12pm for prayer and reflection.

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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.

The **Corstorphine Community Centre Emergency Foodbank** continues to be grateful for the contributions from members of St Thomas'. Please note that due to holidays Sandy Benzies can't take in any donations until the 29th July – you can still take them in person any Wednesday morning between 10 a.m. and noon.

The **Care Van Team** have requested donations of ladies clothes, jumpers and tee-shirts etc. Items donated can be left at the church during the week, please see opening times below. Please remember the team, in prayer as they go out tonight.

Any **Beanie hats** for Mission to Seafarers, please can you let Sue Gordon know or they can be left at the church office during opening hours.

Next week would have been the start of the Keswick Convention. This is being run as a virtual event, please visit the **Virtual Keswick Convention**, 27th – 31st July, vkc.keswickministries.org.

Message from Paul Turner

It is with sadness we inform you that Dr. Mary Thompson passed away a week ago, 13th July, we suspect of a heart attack after several weeks of illness, being in and out of hospital a few times this year, including 2 spells of Covid-19, dehydration and a fractured hip due to a fall. She was a member of St. Thomas's back in the 1960's while she was training as a medical student in Edinburgh and served for many years as missionary in Nepal.

God Bless you all

Paul Turner, Philp, Joy and Rachel (children of Gerald and Lola Turner - also missionaries in Nepal)

Emerging from lockdown

St Thomas' Church building will be open for personal prayer and reflection as follows, (please note changes):

Monday **10am – 12pm**

Wednesday **10am – 12pm**

We will be following strict guidelines to ensure the safety both of those who visit and our staff, hand sanitiser, gloves and face masks available. Please come to pray and take time to reflect, everyone is welcome.

The Church office and building will be closed from Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August. There will be no notice sheet or pastoral letter on Friday 7th August.

St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 26th 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 26 July

Online Worship @ 10.30am, David McCarthy is preaching on Gentleness & Self Control - Galatians Chapter 5.

Monday 27 July

@12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

Tuesday 28 July

@9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

YF – meeting, please contact Phil Taylor for details.

Wednesday 29 July

@12pm Midday Prayer (Facebook only)

@2.30pm Rooted - Join Zoom Meeting, please contact Kerstin Prill for details.

Thursday 30 July

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

@ 9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook only)

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.**

Our new church website is live, please do visit <https://www.saintthomas.org.uk>. For more details, please see the 'Introduction to new St Thomas' website' document and an image of the 'My Area' section which have been sent with the pastoral letter. Within 'My Area', you can adjust your details, contact preferences and access your rota reminders.

Top tip: to link easily to our Facebook page, YouTube channel and our Twitter account, just click on the social media icons at the top right of the website main page. Thank you to those who have given feedback on the new website. Please do explore and let the Communication Team know what you think by emailing us stts.comms@gmail.com or contacting Angela Benzies.

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

Prayers

Next Sunday we will have an update during our Online Worship on the ministry of the Vive Foundation in Colombia. Please pray for this work this week in anticipation. Pray too because as Covid-19 has had serious health and economic consequences in South and Latin America, especially for the poor for the poor who are unable to make a living during lockdown.

Pray for the Vive Foundation and the Funky Frog Clubs in Colombia
Praise God for their creativity and commitment in finding new ways to reach out to children in the lockdown. (Maybe I can elaborate on this in the interview?)
Pray for for consolation as the Clubs reel from the loss of one of the leading facilitators to cancer, aged 29.
Pray for Vive's long-term sustainability as so much seems uncertain at the moment.

Pray as we make plans to gather for public worship again – that the Lord will direct our steps, all will be kept safe and that we will glorify Him.
