

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



10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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**We will worship at 10.30am this Sunday using online resources only.** .  
Details at end of notice sheet for St Thomas' Online.

Following the service there will be a Zoom meeting chat. Details to join Zoom meetings can be found in Pastoral letter. Click on the link in [blue writing](#).

A short video '**Thought for the Day**' (recorded by David McCarthy) will be available on Facebook Monday to Thursday morning from the 'Rector Cave'.

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

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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.**

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**Contact us 0131 285 8782** if you are not on our email list but would like more information or a copy of the weekly Pastoral letter.

There will be a **Rooted meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00pm.** The Zoom link for meeting can be obtained from Kerstin Prill on 07849716265 or email kerstinprill67@gmail.com

**Knitting is still needed for the Mission to Seafarers.** The Church office has patterns for hats, balaclavas, fingerless mittens, and mufflers - so helpful for cold blustery sea conditions. For further information please contact Sue Gordon.

### **Furlough of Staff**

Because the workload during the current lockdown has been reduced, Jane, Phil, and Rosemary have agreed to be furloughed. Please keep them in prayer as they adjust to this.

They will now be working 50% of their usual hours. They will continue to be receive 100% of their salary, but the church will receive the cost of 80% of the furloughed hours under the government's scheme.

This gives us flexibility for what we need done and will give some support to our finances during the lockdown.

Please note that as a result, the church office will be staffed on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings only** until further notice.

### **Phil Taylor's Wedding**

Phil was due to marry Sue at the end of January, but with the national lockdown and travel ban, this has had to be postponed. Please pray for them both in the frustrations of this and pray that a window of opportunity opens up for them to get married!

### **Advent Appeal for Vive Foundation in Colombia.**

Thank you to all who gave to the appeal. It will be well used. The final total given is **£3,812.50.**

# **St Thomas' Church Online**

## **Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Please note that all 'Zoom' meetings now require participants to enter a passcode. This feature has been added to boost the security and safety of those taking part.

### **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>

### **Sunday 10 January**

**Online Worship @ 10.30am. 1 John 1:5-2:2 - Can I Ever Be Forgiven?**

**Post- Worship Chat:** Zoom details on Pastoral letter

### **Monday 11 January**

**@12pm - Midday Prayer (Facebook)**

### **Tuesday 12 January**

**@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)**

### **Wednesday 13 January**

**@ 12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook)**

**“Rooted” Bible Study @ 4.15 - 5.15pm - Rooted Bible Study**

Contact Kerstin Prill ( [kerstinprill67@gmail.com](mailto:kerstinprill67@gmail.com) ) to join this 'Zoom' meeting.

### **Thursday 14 January**

**@ 10am - 'Zoom' Coffee Online:** Zoom details on Pastoral letter

**@9.30pm - Night Prayer (Facebook)**

### **Sunday 17 January**

**Online Worship @ 10.30am. 1 John 2:3-14 - How Then Must I live?**

**Post - Worship Chat:** Zoom details on Pastoral letter

# for our prayer

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**Give thanks for:**

**continued health improvement** for Bill McGillivray and Ann McLaggan.

Pray for complete healing.

**The 'Advent Light' project** which gave encouragement to some.

**Pray for:**

**all the heroes who are providing help to us** - carers, NHS workers, teachers, the police service, people in retail and who deliver, parents who have become teachers as well as working from home and so many others

**The Church in this season of lockdown** - O that we will continue to find ways to witness to God's love.

**The leaders and people of the divided United States** – for restraint, repentance and healing.

*For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11*

Dear Lord, we look forward to the good plans you have for our lives this year. No matter what each day holds, we know all will be well because you are always with us.

**Amen**