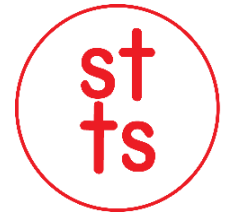


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17th January 2021

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.**



Central Meeting

Please give of your time to pray together on Thursday evening this week via 'Zoom' at 7.30pm. Zoom details on Pastoral letter.

There will be a **Rooted meeting on Wednesday 13th 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 17th 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 17 January

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

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

Monday 18 January

@12pm - Midday Prayer (Facebook)

Tuesday 19 January

@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)

Wednesday 20 January

@ 12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook)

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

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

Thursday 21 January

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

@ 7.30pm Central Meeting (Zoom)

To join the meeting: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

Sunday 24 January - Online Worship @10.30am followed by 'Zoom' chat

for our prayer

Please pray for

Those known to us who are unwell – Cathy Murray, Bill McGillvray, and Anna McLaggan

The United States of America as a new president is inaugurated on Wednesday – for a peaceful transition.

Uganda following the elections this week – for a fair outcome and unity.

For those who serve in education – for protection, endurance, resourcing, and encouragement.

For the governments of the United Kingdom as they lead through the trials of the pandemic, the consequences of Brexit, and the economic difficulties we all face.

For those who are struggling with the restrictions we are all living under – for peace, patience and understanding.

Dear Lord, prepare us for the coming week,

Take away our worries and regrets.

Recharge our souls, and renew our hope.

Go before us, protect us and clear the way.

Guide us with your love.

Amen