

The **st** thomas' **story**



24th 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' story, please contact the office by 10 a.m. on Thursday.**



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 on 23 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!

Heriot Watt University Chaplaincy Annual Public Lecture: Online on Monday 8th February at 7.30pm. Professor Alister McGrath will lecture on the topic "Science, Faith & the Meaning of Life: Comparing Richard Dawkins and Albert Einstein." The lecture will be based on his current unpublished research. This online lecture is free and open to the public. Please register via Eventbrite to receive access details. Church members will find details on separate email sent Friday morning.

St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 24 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 24 January

Online Worship @ 10.30am.

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

Monday 25 January

@12pm - Midday Prayer (Facebook)

Tuesday 26 January

@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)

Wednesday 27 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 28 January

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

Sunday 31 January - Online Worship @10.30am

Bishop Andy Lines is preaching

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

for our prayer

Please pray:

For those in hospital - Please consider sending a card or message to:

Bill McGillivray – Western General Hospital, Ward 15, Room 8

Cathy Murray – Royal Infirmary, Ward 108

For those who are struggling to make ends meet – for provision and care.

For all grieving the loss of loved ones and who cannot do what normally happens at these times:

Shirley Sibbald whose sister Sylvia passed away this week.

Miller & Alison Bogie – Miller's brother-in-law, Athole, passed away this week.

Pray for Caroline, his wife (Miller's sister) who is unwell with Covid-19.

For those who will go out on the Care Van this Sunday night, offering food, clothing and a listening ear to homeless people – Mark Gilmour, Linda Henderson and Jackie Hayes.

The USA – as a new administration begins: For peace and a desire to work together for the betterment of their nation and the world.

For all who serve us in the NHS, education, the justice system, and retail/delivery – for resourcing, respect and our support.