

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



31<sup>st</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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There will be a **Rooted meeting on Wednesday 3 February at 4.00pm**. The Zoom link for meeting can be obtained from Kerstin Prill on 07849716265 or email [kerstinprill67@gmail.com](mailto:kerstinprill67@gmail.com). **Please note this is a new zoom link from this Wednesday**. Details are on Pastoral letter 39.

### **Furlough of Staff**

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

**Heriot Watt University Chaplaincy Annual Public Lecture:** Online on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 The lecture will be based on his current unpublished research.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.

**ACE Vote Result:** Thank you for voting on whether we should join the Anglican Convocation in Europe. We have decided to do so. It will provide a home for us as a part of what we hope will be a growing network of churches.

**Light Up Lent:** Following our “Advent Light” window scenes, we thought we’d do something similar during Lent, which begins 17 February. We’ll do the same as last time: choose a day and a passage on the linked file below and create a scene in a prominent window in your home. If you share it with David, we’ll then share it online. We know that many were encouraged during Advent, and it’s a lovely and gentle way to offer an encouraging witness.

Please fill in dates in the document here:

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!AjkSjpC9whwNgd1QBk7uV66eCVfyzA?e=XwmGMO>

You might want to consider adding your contribution to the local “Winter Wanderland” project too! See:

<https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/corstorphine-2021/>

### **Advance Notice – St Thomas’ Church Annual General Meeting**

We must hold an AGM. This has several purposes – to accept the accounts and budget, to appoint an auditor, and to elect members to the vestry. As well as this, we look back at what the Lord has done and look forward to what He will do among us in the coming year. We hope that there might be an opportunity to gather in person, in which case it will also be livestreamed from church. Failing that, we will meet by ‘Zoom’. The likely date set by vestry and trustees is **Sunday 28 March**. Please put it in your diary and plan to be present. More details to follow.

### **Open Mic Night – Friday 5 February 8pm-9pm**

We are hosting this social event on ‘Zoom’ next Friday evening. The idea is to bring a reading, a poem, a joke, a story, a song, or some kind of performance to share with others. You are welcome to take part even if you are not bringing any of these, but obviously it will only work if some of us do share. To help us prepare, if you’d like to contribute, please contact me (see above) with what you are bringing to the party. Please do come and take part – it will be fun! The ‘Zoom’ details are: <https://zoom.us/j/91911853712>  
Meeting ID: 919 1185 3712      Passcode: 568869

### **St Thomas’ Quiz Night – Friday 19 February**

**Quiz Night:** After the success of the last quiz night on ‘Zoom’, Sandy and Angela Benzies will be organising another evening for us to pit our memory and knowledge banks against one another. Details to follow.

**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.

# St Thomas' Church Online

## Week Beginning 31 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 31 January

**Online Worship @ 10.30am.**

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

### Monday 1 February

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

### Tuesday 2 February

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

### Wednesday 3 February

**@ 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 4 February

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

### Sunday 5 February - Online Worship @10.30am

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

**@ 6.30pm – Prayer Base:** Zoom details on Pastoral letter

# for our prayer

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## **Please hold in prayer:**

Bill McGillivray in hospital, Room 8, ward 15, WGH. He writes, "They are keeping me busy with test and things so I am very busy but in general they are improving the situation".

Cathy Murray who is also in hospital, ward 108, ERI.

All those in care homes, Cath Marshall, Sue Urquhart – for good care, protection and encouragement.

For those who mourn – Alison and Miller Bogie, Shirley Sibbald

The family of Jessie Williams who has passed away, aged 96. Jessie was a member of St T's many years ago when she lived in Clermiston. David McCarthy will conduct her funeral service on Friday 5 February

Phil Taylor and Sue Beckwith as they wait for a window of opportunity to get married.

For governments, civil servants, educators, carers, emergency services, delivery drivers, shop workers, and all who are seeking to keep the countries of the United Kingdom running – that all will work together well for the common good.

Give thanks for the new home provided for us by the fledging Anglican Convocation in Europe – that we will glorify the Lord and proclaim Christ faithfully to the nations.

