

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



7th February 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.**



There will be a **Rooted meeting on Wednesday 10 February at 4.00pm**. The Zoom link for meeting can be obtained from Kerstin Prill on 07849716265 or email kerstinprill67@gmail.com. **Please note this is using the same Zoom link as last Wednesday**. Details are on Pastoral letter under WEDNESDAY.

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 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 The lecture will be based on his current unpublished research.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’ Quiz Night – Friday 19 February @ 7.30pm

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. Please contact Sandy Benzies if you’d like to participate – sandy.benzies@btinternet.com. Details are in the Pastoral letter for meeting codes for Zoom.

Anglican Convocation in Europe – Commissioning “Passing the Baton”-

Monday 22 February @ 7.30pm

After our long journey to create a network of churches, we will be launching on this evening. Bishop Charlie Masters of the Anglican Network in Canada will preach and Bishop Andy Lines will lead. Music will be by Greg & Sarah De Blicke of St Silas’, Glasgow and New Scottish Hymns. Please come and be part of this historic event. It’s a ‘Zoom’ gathering, so please use the link in the Pastoral letter 40.

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.

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 7 February 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 7 February

Online Worship @ 10.30am.

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

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

Monday 8 February

@12pm - Midday Prayer (Facebook)

Tuesday 9 February

@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)

Wednesday 10 February

@ 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 11 February

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

Sunday 12 February - Online Worship @10.30am

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

for our prayer

Please hold in prayer:

Give thanks for the continuing rollout of vaccines – pray that this will be effective.

Pray for wisdom as governments consider timelines for reducing the restrictions we are all living under.

Remember all those who are struggling – for money, for food, for mental health, for loneliness.

Pray fervently for those who are serving in education, the NHS, social work, essential shops, deliveries and emergency services – for resourcing, appreciation and rest.

Pray for healing for those who are sick – Bill McGillivray, Cathy Murray, Anna McLaggan.

Pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones – Alison and Miller Bogie, Shirley Sibbald, and the family of Jessie Williams (who passed away from Covid-19 aged 96)

Pray for the many governments around the world struggling to access vaccines – that better off nations will be generous in resourcing those who have less.

