

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



14th 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 17 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 week.** 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.

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.

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.

Light Up Lent: There are still lots of slots available on our 'Lenten Calendar'!

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.

Corstorphine Community Centre are holding an online Friday afternoon’s “Creating a Drama Out of a Crisis”

All S1 – S6 pupils are invited to try out drama with a Zoom meeting 1:30 – 3:30pm on a Friday. If you are interested please contact Fiona:
youthwork@ccchub.online

CCC Youth Group: All S1 – S6 pupils are invited to join on a Thursday from 4:30 – 6:00pm. If you are interested please contact Fiona:

youthwork@ccchub.online

Miriam and John Hopper joined us last Sunday at our online service and the follow up Post Worship chat. They has some problems connecting but say “Will you please tell everyone it was wonderful to join up with you all and will try again hopefully next Sunday God willing. Blessings to all. John and Miriam.

St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 14 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 14 February

Online Worship @ 10.30am.

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

Monday 15 February

@12pm - Midday Prayer (Facebook)

Tuesday 16 February

@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)

Wednesday 17 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.

@4pm - Anglican Network in Europe Prayer Meeting

Zoom details on Pastoral letter

Thursday 18 February

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

@7.30pm Central Meeting: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

Sunday 21 February - Online Worship @10.30am

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

for our prayer



Please hold in prayer:

Give thanks for the continued roll out of the vaccines and the reducing number of infections and people in hospital.

Pray for those nations around the world which are struggling to access supplies of the vaccine – that richer nations will not adopt an ‘Our Nation First’ policy but will seek to distribute vaccines to all in need.

Keep in prayer those who are sick in hospital:

Helen Eberstein, Bill McGillivray, Cathy Murray, Richard (the son of Gillian Brown’s cousin) – for protection and the Lord’s comfort.

Pray for the NHS, as news of increased waiting times causes further anxiety for so many – that resources can be made available to alleviate suffering.

Pray for those who mourn:

Thorsten & Kerstin Prill following the death of his father this week – for the resources necessary to organise the funeral and other matters from afar and for the peace of the Lord in it all.

Pray for those who are resident care homes, including Cath Marshall, Sheila Robertson, Sue Urquhart – for a caring environment and a sense of the Lord’s closeness.

For those struggling to make ends meet physically and mentally: that they will not be forgotten, for ample provision and support from local communities and governments.

For yourself – that the Lord will keep you looking to Him in the dark days and giving thanks to Him every day.