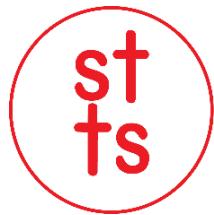


The st thomas' story

21st 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' story, please contact the office by 10 a.m. on Thursday.



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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 Blieck 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 42.

Rooted leaders' training and prayer

On Monday, 1st March at 4pm all those involved or interested in leading a Rooted Bible study are invited to get together for the purpose of reflection, exchanging ideas, learning from one another and praying for Rooted. We will look at some helpful resources to build us up in our ability to lead but also hear from one another where things are going well and where we could improve. If you are interested in this meeting but not sure if you ever want to lead a Rooted study, feel very welcome to join us anyway. Kindly email Kerstin to let her know that you are coming (kerstinprill67@gmail.com). Please use the link in Pastoral letter.

Announcement: Rooted Bible Study

It fills us with joy to announce that with the beginning of the new programme (Acts 8 – 12: The Lord’s Word Dispersed to Judea and Samaria) we will offer two Rooted meetings every week to accommodate the growing number of ladies (day and time still to be confirmed). Why not consider joining us for 1 hour every week?

Rooted

- is for any lady who wants to read and study God’s word
- welcomes ladies from other churches
- is for regular or occasional attendance as well as one-off visitors
- is about growing in our love for God and His word
- is about helping one another to understand, apply, and obey God’s word

- is not a home group (the emphasis is on Bible study with short times of prayer at beginning and end) and cannot and does not want to replace the need for a home group; home groups include other vital elements such as praying and pastorally caring for one another and personal fellowship

This week we will finish the first part of Acts (Acts 1 – 7: The Lord’s Word in Jerusalem) followed by a short break from Acts on 3 March as we study together Psalm 139. We will split into two groups and begin our new programme on 10 March.

The four gospels are all about Jesus’ life and what he has done. Join us for the Rooted Bible Study to discover what Jesus continued to do and is still doing today as we study the book of Acts together. Please note that the starting time has changed to 4pm. There will be 15 minutes of informal chatting, Bible study will be from 4.15 – 5.15pm (see list of online events at the end of this notice sheet). Please let Kerstin Prill know if you would like to join but are not yet on the distribution list (kerstinprill67@gmail.com).

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 began this week. 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 Wonderland” project too! See:

<https://www.windowwonderland.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.

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St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 21 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 21 February

Online Worship @ 10.30am.

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

Monday 22 February

@12pm - Midday Prayer (Facebook)

Tuesday 23 February

@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)

Wednesday 24 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 25 February

@ 10am - ‘Zoom’ Coffee Online: Zoom details on Pastoral let

Sunday 28 February - Online Worship @10.30am

for our prayer

The Prayer for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan:
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations,
and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us,
let each one find you mighty to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Give thanks for the phased return of children to school this week – for safety for pupils and teachers, effective Covid-testing and a good learning environment.

Pray for families whose children are yet to return to school – for provision, patience, kindness, endurance and understanding

Pray especially for those families who find it hard to provide home-schooling – for additional support from schools and government.

Pray for:

Bill McGillivray who is now in St Columba's Hospice – pray for his physical comfort and for spiritual encouragement from the Lord.

Cath Murray & Helen Eberstein who are both in hospital – for the Lord's protection.

Remember all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially Thorsten and Kerstin following his dad's funeral on Thursday – for deep peace in their loss

