

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



28th 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.**



Furlough of Staff

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

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). **This is a Zoom event and you should use the details from the Pastoral letter to access the meeting.**

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 – **one on Mondays at 4pm and one on Wednesdays at 4pm**. 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 meet for one last time as a whole group. Sheila Divine will lead us in a study on Psalm 139. We will split into two groups and continue with studying Acts on 8 and 10 March.

On Friday 5th March at 2.00pm hosted by Augustine United Church with participants from across Scotland the WDP service will be on Zoom. The details are meeting ID: 895 9398 3883 and the password: 901656. The service can be listened to by calling 0131 460 1196 and use the same details given for the Zoom meeting.

The service will be available on the website of Augustine United Church website and Facebook after the service. If you would like to donate to WDP there is a donate button on their website or by cheque to the treasurer. This money would support "Feed the Mind" and the Scottish Bible Society.

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 will be a loosening of current restrictions on in-person meetings by then. If that happens, we'll also livestream from church for those who need that. Failing that, we will meet together by 'Zoom'.

The date set by the vestry and the trustees is **Sunday 28 March**. Please put it in your diary and plan to be present. More details to follow.

Phil Taylor writes:

For those who might be wondering, given Boris' big reveal on Monday, I now have a vague plan for getting married. I say vague because all of the government plans for opening up are dependent on the circumstances, but in theory Sue and I will be getting married on April 17th. To those of you holding us in your prayers, many thanks and please do continue to do so as we work towards this hopeful date.

P.S. Assuming it all goes ahead as planned it will be streamed and I will be sure to post a link here ahead of time.

St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 28 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 28 February

Online Worship @ 10.30am.

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter

Monday 1 March

@12pm - Midday Prayer (Facebook)

Tuesday 2 March

@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)

Wednesday 3 March

@ 12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook)

“Rooted” Bible Study @ 4.00 - 5.15pm - Rooted Bible Study

Contact Kerstin Prill (kerstinprill67@gmail.com) to join this 'Zoom' meeting.

Thursday 4 March

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

Sunday 7 March - Online Worship @10.30am

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

for our prayer

Please pray for the following things this week:

Please pray for the team serving on the Bethany Care Van Team on Sunday evening: David Fairhurst, Rob Elswood and Michelle Grant – for safety, encouragement and opportunities to share the hope of the Gospel.

Remember in regular prayer this week those who are sick: Bill McGillivray, Helen Eberstein, Amanda Hamilton, Rachel Hawkins, Cathy Murray – for appropriate treatment and spiritual comfort.

Pray that we will soon be able to meet together for in-person worship.

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. - Deuteronomy 31

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Amen

