

# The st thomas' story

14<sup>th</sup> March 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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### **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 – First Synod**

Please pray for the gathering of our first synod on Monday 15 March. Our representatives will be: Dave McCarthy, Miller Bogie, Gavin Hamilton, Kerstin Prill, and Margaret Robertson

### **Bill McGillivray**

Please continue to pray for Bill and his loved ones in these difficult days.

If you would like regular updates, please ask to join the Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/759438694712038/>

### **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 – **starting this week: one on Mondays at 4pm and one on Wednesdays at 4pm.** Details are in the Pastoral letter to join the Zoom meeting or contact Kerstin Prill.

### **Pastoral Care Plan**

Kerstin Prill has been working hard on a plan for Pastoral Care at St Ts' which the vestry and trustees have now approved. We will now seek to implement it with your help, encouragement, and prayers. You have received a copy with this letter.

## **St Thomas' Church Annual General Meeting 28 March at 12.30pm**

While it now looks like we can meet for worship on the day of our AGM, we will not be permitted to meet for business! We will therefore meet by 'Zoom'. You will have received information about nominations to vestry with this letter. Details to join the AGM are in the Pastoral letter.

### **NEW LOGO**

The vestry and trustees have also now given approval for the introduction of a new logo for use in our social media, website, communications, and signage. Many thanks to the team who have worked tirelessly on this for many months. It will be rolled out in the coming weeks. The finalised image is below:



**Phil Taylor writes:** For those who might be wondering, Sue and I now have a vague plan for getting married. I say vague because all the Government plans for opening up are dependent on the circumstances , but in theory Sue and I will be getting married on April 17. 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. Assuming it all goes ahead as planned it will be streamed and I will be sure to post a link here ahead of time.

### **Seeking Accommodation**

Tiffany Butler, a prospective PhD student at Edinburgh University, is seeking accommodation. She is resident in Edmonds, Washington State and is a member of the council of the Diocese of Cascadia, Anglican Church in North America. If you can help, please let contact me.

# **St Thomas' Church Online**

## **Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 March**

**Online Worship @ 10.30am.**

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

### **Monday 15 March**

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

**@ 4.00 - 5.15pm - Rooted Bible Study**

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

### **Tuesday 16 March**

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

### **Wednesday 17 March**

**@ 12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook)**

**@ 4.00 - 5.15pm - Rooted Bible Study**

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

### **Thursday 18 March**

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

**@7.30pm – Central Meeting:** Zoom details on Pastoral letter.

**Sunday 19 March - Online Worship @10.30am**

# for our prayer

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## Give thanks for:

**The continued rollout of the vaccine**, the reducing figures for those afflicted by Covid-19, and the possibility of the lockdown being eased.

**The possibility of gathering for in-person worship in church from 26 March.**

**UK & Scottish government efforts** to support workers through the furlough scheme

## Pray for:

**Those who have been made redundant** and who are suffering so much as a result – for resourcing and care.

**For exhausted workers in the NHS, care homes, and education** – for respite and rest in the coming months.

**The local police**, following violent events in the local area in recent weeks – for safety and protection for all.

**For young people** – that their education will continue unhindered in the months to come and that they will be treated and treat others with dignity and respect.

**For those who are in hospital:** Helen Eberstein. Bill McGillivray, and Cathy Murray – for good practical care and spiritual comfort.