

# The st thomas' story



28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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Please remember that clocks go forward one hour on Saturday evening/Sunday morning.

We will worship at 10.30am this Sunday in church and online.

Details at end of notice sheet for St Thomas' Online.

Following the service there will be a Zoom meeting AGM. 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'.

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**St Thomas' Church Annual General Meeting TODAY at 12.30pm. Zoom link is on Pastoral letter.**

### **Furlough of Staff**

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

**Thank you – to Phil & Triona Busby** who have been re-varnishing and sealing the Sanctuary floor in preparation for our in – person return to the building!

**Holy Communion:** We would like to invite all those who are followers of Christ to participate in Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. With this in mind, if you plan on watching online, we will deliver pre-prepared bread and wine to your home the week before if you let the office know. Please do so by 12pm on Monday 29 March.

Holy Week will look like this:

Sunday 28 March      10.30am Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday 1 April      7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Joint Online Service with Corstorphine Churches Together (details to be confirmed but probably at 7pm)

Sunday 4 April    8am Full service indoors with Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship followed by Holy Communion

**Easter Invitations:** We have ordered 1000 invitation cards for our Easter Day worship in person and online. If you would like a few to give to your neighbours or friends, we should have enough, so please ask!

### **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.

### **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.

**Bill McGillivray** passed away on Friday 12 March. Because of the travel difficulties caused by Covid-19, services to give thanks for his life will not be held until July. Please continue to keep Bill's family in prayer.

### **Maundy Thursday Prayer & Fasting for the Nation**

You are invited to come and pray for the nation for ONE HOUR (4.00-5.00pm) on Maundy Thursday (1st April).

Here are the Zoom ID and Passcode:

<https://zoom.us/j/98829348792?pwd=UHJqZlFjWTZvWUw3MWhWeHVPSTdEZz09>

Meeting ID: 988 2934 8792 Passcode: 167994

Please come in an attitude of fasting, whether from food or some other normal home comfort, as an aid to appreciating the seriousness of our concern for the state of this nation and all its people.

Although Mark Gilmour will be coordinating this hour of intercession, it would be good to have 8 volunteers from the congregation, each of whom would be given the information and items to cover in prayer. Altogether we hope to pray for 9 areas of our national and church life which invite earnest and repentant prayer. Please let Mark know if you would be willing to lead one of the 8 sections ([markelinor@btinternet.com](mailto:markelinor@btinternet.com)), thereby assisting us to come to God and to CRY for MERCY in these troubled and morally confused times.

*'Faithful intercessors have prayed for years for a fresh move of God in Scotland and the UK. Although the light does shine in places, and the Gospel is preached boldly by some and people come to faith, there is growing expectation that there is a harvest coming, but generally the darkness has become darker with ungodly laws passed in Parliament, compromise with ungodly ways in the church, the*

*uncovering of hidden abuses and dishonesty, and a flood of evil and iniquity pouring out through the internet affecting us all.'* (Pray for Scotland) "

## **The Corstorphine Easter Pilgrimage**

A pilgrimage, traditionally, is a journey to somewhere special, somewhere holy. The destination is important, but so is the journey to get there. For people of faith, we expect to encounter God along the way, to experience God journeying with us.

Members of Corstorphine Old Parish Church have put together this guide to help you take a short pilgrimage around Corstorphine during Holy Week. There are 11 Stations, or stopping points for reflection. Feel free to do all of the pilgrimage or just a part. If you would like to go with someone else, but don't have anyone to hand we are at hand to pair people up on Wednesday 31 March in a covid secure way. Meet outside Corstorphine Parish Church either at 11.30 or 1.30.

The guide can be found either by clicking on this link [Easter Pilgrimage Booklet](#) or by scanning this QR code



Hustings #Holyrood2021



# **Holyrood 2021 Hustings**

**Edinburgh Western Constituency  
Wednesday 21 April @ 7.30pm**

Hosted online by  
**Corstorphine Churches Together**  
search for [@sttthomasedinburgh](#)  
on YouTube & Facebook

**Please send your questions for the  
candidates in this crucial election to  
[david@stt.church](mailto:david@stt.church) or text 07411236433**

On behalf of Corstorphine Churches Together, we are hosting an online hustings with the candidates for the Scottish Parliament election. This will be on our YouTube and Facebook channels. Ali Cathcart will be chairing the evening.

We have constituency candidates from the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Scottish National Party as well as list candidates from the Scottish Green and Scottish Family Party taking part. I strongly suggest that you don't send in your postal vote until you have heard all the candidates!

**St Thomas' Church Online**  
**Week Beginning 28<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 28 March**

**Palm Sunday Online Worship @ 10.30am.** Booking essential for attendance at service.

**AGM meeting @ 12.30pm on Zoom. Details on Pastoral letter.**

**Monday 29 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 30 March**

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

## **Wednesday 31 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 1 April**

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

**@7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in Sanctuary.** Booking essential.

**Sunday 4 April – Easter Day Worship @ 8.00am and @10.30am in Sanctuary.**

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# for our prayer

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**Please pray for:**

**For all churches offering in person worship from 26 March** – that there will be safety, encouragement and faithful witness.

**For the team going out tonight on the Care Van** – for safety and opportunities to show your love during the evening.

**For those working in the NHS** – as their workload eases a little, that there will be opportunity for rest.

**For those offering themselves for election to the Scottish Parliament** – that their desire would be to serve people and that they will be people of integrity. May they be open to the Lord and may they be made mindful of His ways.

**For our world concern partners-** the Meldrums in South Africa, the James-Griffiths and the Prills in Edinburgh, Vive in Colombia, the Bennetts in Rwanda, the Parkers in Edinburgh and the Middle East - for patience in this time of Covid and for the Lord's continued provision.

**For St T's as we re- enter the building for worship** – that some of those we invite at Easter will come and for the safety of all.

**For our AGM** – for thanksgiving for the Lord’s care over this last year and for those who have served so generously on vestry – pray also for continued unity in purpose and new servant-hearted vestry members.

**For those who are grieving**, especially the family and friends of dear Bill McGillivray – for care and patience as we look to gather to give thanks for his life.

**For all that in hospital and care homes** – that they will know peace and that their carers will continue to be attentive to their needs.

