

The st thomas' story

4th April 2021

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 chat. Details to join Zoom meetings can be found in Pastoral letter. Click on the link in [blue writing](#).

There will be no **'Thought for the Day'** this week and next while David takes some time off.

There will be no **Midday and Night Prayers** done for the next two weeks while the team take a break. This will return on Monday 19th April.

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St Thomas' office will be closed on Easter Monday 5th April but will be open on Wednesday and Friday morning next week.

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 once a month. 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.

Holy Week will look like this:

Sunday 4th April Communion services

The service at 8am on Easter Sunday is fully booked. There are some spaces available at 10.30am service. If you have booked to come to the Communion service at 8am or you intend to stay after the service at 10.30am to celebrate communion and you need Gluten Free wafers, please pick one up in the little holders which are on the table at back of church on the left

David is personally very grateful to Angela Benzies, Sandy Benzies, Kerstin Prill, & Phil Taylor who, for most of the last year, have prepared and led our midweek online prayers Monday-Thursday. Thank you too to all those who regularly participate.

We intend on keeping these times going after a few weeks pause following Easter. We all need some rest from screen-time, so there will be **no Midday or Night Prayer online from Monday 5-19 April.**

I'll also not be doing morning thoughts online this week. I hope you will understand.

There will be a **Central Meeting on Thursday 15 April at 7.30pm.**

Midday and Night Prayer will begin again on Monday 19 April.

Rooted Bible Study

Please note that there are no 'Rooted' meetings this week. They will resume on Monday 12 April and Wednesday 14 April.

Pastoral Care Plan

You should have received information from Kerstin Prill this week about our plan for pastoral care. Please consider it carefully and return your response as to how you might be willing to serve.

Vestry

Thanks to Mike Carrington, Ally Duffy & David Harvey who have completed their service as vestry members. Well done, good and faithful servants!

We are also thankful for Michael Brown and Margaret Robertson who were elected at our AGM and for Anne Grant who was appointed at last week's vestry meeting. Please pray for them all.

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.

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 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 4th April 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 4 April

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

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter.

Thursday 7 April

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

Sunday 11 April

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

Post- Worship Chat: Zoom details on Pastoral letter.

for our prayer

A Prayer For Easter Day

When our faith
stands at the grave,
grieving
for a stone that's rolled away,
forgive us.

When our faith
is short of
understanding
though the truth is there to see,
forgive us.

When our faith,
beset by doubt, sees
no further
than an empty tomb today,
forgive us.

Bring to mind
the cry of Mary,
'I have seen the Lord!'
and grant us faith to believe!