

# The st thomas' story

2 May 2021

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

Details at end of notice sheet for St Thomas' Online. **Please book early.**

**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.

Please check dates and times for **Midday and Night Prayers** for next week.

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**St Thomas' office will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning, 9.30am to 12.00pm.** Please book for in-person at services as early as possible. We can only take bookings two weeks ahead.

**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.

**Rooted** Bible Studies this week on Monday and Wednesday. Please see the event programmes below.

**Jane Ross Leaving** – Jane's last day with us will be **Sunday 9 May**, when we will give thanks for her service and pray for the Lord's blessing on her and Gordon as they move to the Wirral.

**New Sermon Series:**

Through May and June, we'll be looking at the letter of James under the title, "Faith that Works". As a way of preparing, why not read through the whole of this short letter this week?

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**You must let the office know if you'd like to be present for any of our in-person services.** This will assist with track and trace should it become necessary. Our service at 10.30am will continue to be streamed online for those who cannot join us in person.

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.

Sunday worship and some other events are available online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1r0Eq3PqBmxioDssYXCbGQ>

<https://www.twitter.com/StThomasEdin>

### **Sunday 2 May**

**@ 10.30am Online Worship**

**Post Worship Chat**

"Zoom" meeting details in Pastoral letter.

**@6.30pm Prayer Base – Focussing on the Holyrood Elections**

### **Monday 3 May**

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

**@4pm – 'Rooted' Bible Study**

“Zoom” meeting details in Pastoral letter or contact Kerstin Prill.

**Tuesday 4 May**

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

**Wednesday 5 May**

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

**@4pm – ‘Rooted’ Bible Study**

“Zoom” meeting details in Pastoral letter or contact Kerstin Prill.

**Thursday 6 May**

**@ 10am-11am - ‘Zoom’ Coffee Online**

“Zoom” meeting details in Pastoral letter.

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

**Sunday 9 May**

**@ 10.30am Online Worship**

**‘Zoom’ Post-Worship Chat**

“Zoom” meeting details in Pastoral letter.

# for our prayer

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Pray for **all the candidates and political parties** seeking to represent us in the Scottish Parliament:

- that they will seek the common good
- that divisiveness will be restrained in this already troubled time
- that they will seek God's ways
- that they will serve with humility and integrity

For **Jane Ross**: her time as our administrator comes to an end this week. She has served the Lord with us so diligently in seen and unseen ways – pray that she will know blessing as she is released from ministry at St Ts' and joy as she and Gordon begin a new life down south.

**For those among us in employment**: teaching, retail, lecturing, caring, medicine, emergency services, administration, those in the legal profession, manufacturing, business, engineering, retail, and local government – that they will find their work fruitful and a ministry through which they can make God's ways and love known.

**For those who are unemployed**: that their needs will be provided for, and that all of us will seek to offer all the support we can.

For those we know who are **sick, lonely, or depressed**: for healing, peace and support.

For the **people of India**: that their government and the governments of the world will do all they can to alleviate the suffering caused by the pandemic.