

# The st thomas' story

12 September 2021

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**We will worship at 10.30am this Sunday, in church and online.** Details in the notice sheet for St Thomas' Online. **For in person, please email the office for Track & Trace purposes.**

**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](#).

**Please see Pastoral letter for zoom meeting ID and passcodes.**

**Please see church calendar on the website for further information.**

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**WHATSAPP PRAYER GROUP:** This is an invitation to all of the St Thomas' family to join a new WhatsApp Prayer Group. This will run alongside the rest of the Prayer Ministry and will be primarily for quick prayer requests for friends and family. It is not the intention that there will be a lot of 'chat' or messaging within the group. Anyone wishing to respond to any prayer request will be encouraged to respond directly to the individual concerned.

The group's administrators will be Linda Henderson and Anne Grant. For more information, please contact either of us. If you would like to be part of this group please let Linda know, on 07891 059233.

If you would prefer to have prayer ministry by Zoom or Skype, or by phone, please contact the ministry team on [sttsprayer@gmail.com](mailto:sttsprayer@gmail.com) you can also contact us on this email if you would simply like the ministry team to pray about something; for instance, if someone in your family is ill.

**St Thomas' World Concern:** If you have a member log-in for the St Thomas' Church website, you will now be able to find monthly prayer updates from our mission partners and other mission and international news for prayer. Click on "updates" on the World Concern menu. If you don't have a log-in and would like one, please contact the office.

If you would like to give to St Thomas's church or would like any financial information regarding the church, please contact **Miller Bogie** via email.

[stthomastreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:stthomastreasurer@yahoo.com) *Thank you.*

**St Thomas' Church Online**  
**Sunday 12 September 2021**  
to  
**Sunday 19 September 2021**

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 12 September**

**@ 10.30am Online Worship – Mark 1:16-39 All Age Service - Phil Taylor is preaching.**

**Post Worship Chat - “Zoom” meeting details in Pastoral letter.**

**@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base**

**Tuesday 14 September**

**@ 10am – 11.30am – Toddler group, please contact the office for details.**

**@ 12pm – Midday prayer on Facebook**

**Wednesday 15 September**

**@ 4pm Rooted Bible Study – details in pastoral letter.**

**Thursday 16 September**

**@ 10am-11am - ‘Zoom’ Coffee Online - meeting details in Pastoral letter.**

**@ 9.30pm – Night Prayer on Facebook**

**Sunday 19 September**

**@ 10.30am Online Worship – Mark 1:40-2:17 David McCarthy is preaching.**

**Post-Worship Chat - “Zoom” meeting details in Pastoral letter.**

**@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer**

# for our prayer

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Pray for those who will be **affected by the removal of the extra £20 per week Universal Credit payment** due on 6 October. Pray that our governments and all of us will have compassion on the most vulnerable in these difficult days.

**F@ST Club** - Pray that numbers attending are consistent and that more young people come! Pray for Phil Taylor and the team as they prepare. Pray for opportunities to witness to the Gospel as friendships are built.

Pray for the **young people and leaders** in our Sunday morning ministry – for fun, friendship, and a deepening relationship with Jesus!

As many of the groups that use our facilities are returning, please pray for **Rosemary Harvey's** increasing workload! For continuing patience, kindness, and clarity. We give thanks for her!

Give thanks for **Westhill Community Church, Aberdeen** and pray that they will soon be able to complete the negotiations with the Scottish Episcopal Church and make plans for future ministry.

Remember those who are **sick in body or mind** – for healing for them and that those who care for them will be sustained.

Pray for our **friends in the Church in Wales** who are seeking to make a stand for Biblical orthodoxy in the face of decisions by, and pressure from, their bishops and Governing Body – for strength to stand firm with grace and truth.

For **Afghanistan** – Open Doors writes: A Christian in the region has managed to share this prayer for Afghanistan, as the Taliban announce its new officials:

*Dear Lord, while surrounded by the sounds and sights and smells of death, we find it hard to see the future. We find it hard to understand why these men of evil intent are the helm of affairs. The Bible says the Government is upon your shoulders. But this government is evil. Lord you change their evil intent. Lord what they mean for evil unto us, you turn it to good. Lord, may an attack like 9/11 never happen again. But may the hearts of believers everywhere pray for miracles and hope in this beloved and beautiful land. Help us Lord to love, to trust and to hope when it feels impossible. Amen.* Please join that worldwide call for prayer, as Afghanistan continues to face an extremely difficult future.