

The st thomas' story

3 October 2021

We will worship at 10.30am this Sunday, in church and online. At 12pm for Communion with traditional liturgy . 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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Clothes needed for the Care Van; Ladies tee-shirts/blouses and men's trousers sizes 32-34". Items can be left in church or dropped off during office hours.

Thank you.

Sunday 10 October – Harvest

We'll be giving thanks to the Lord for his goodness. As in previous years, we are all invited to give donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries that can be distributed through the foodbank at Corstorphine Community Church. Please leave your donations in front of the pulpit before our worship together begins.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2021

The time has come once again to think about filling a shoebox with small Christmas gifts for a child or adult. These boxes are distributed by Blythwood Care to those in great need in countries like Kosovo, Moldova, Albania and Hungary.

James Campbell, CEO of Blythwood Care writes, "Simple gifts of toys, hats, gloves, and essential everyday items are really precious to people in need. Time after time we have seen people receive the exact gifts needed, in ways we could not have planned. This is a great blessing and demonstration how the Lord goes before us in even the simple and practical details of our lives. Please will you consider filling a shoebox. Leaflets will be available to help with gift ideas."

Filled shoeboxes should be brought to church by Thursday Nov 4th. If you have any questions please contact Alison Bogie. thebogies@talk21.com

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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 3 October

@ 10.30am Service – Mark 4:1-25 David McCarthy is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

Monday 4 October

@ 4pm Rooted Bible Study – Zoom meeting details in Pastoral letter.

Tuesday 5 October

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

@ 12pm – Midday prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 6 October

@ 2pm Rooted Bible Study – in Person, meet in the Main Hall.

@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook

Thursday 7 October

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

Sunday 10 October

@ 10.30am Online Worship –All Age Harvest Service – Mark 4:26-4:34 Phil Taylor is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer

for our prayer

Pray for our **vestry and trustees** as they spend much of Saturday 2 October together in North Berwick.

- For safe travel
- For good fellowship
- For practical answers to some of the difficulties we face
- For agreement and shared vision
- That we will seek the Lord in all that we do

Keep the **Carers and Toddlers Group** on Tuesday mornings in prayer. Pray for **Hilary Robinson** as she coordinates this important ministry. Pray that many parents and carers will return.

Alison Carter is having cataract surgery on 12th October – pray for calmness for her and for a successful outcome.

Pray for **Mandy & Andy Lines** as her treatment for myeloma commences – that it will have mild side effects and bring healing. **Bishop Andy** will be joining us online to take part in our worship on **24 October**.

Please keep **the possibility of offering a venue and volunteers to support refugees from Afghanistan** in your prayers – for discernment as decisions are made and that the love of Jesus is known.

Give thanks for **Nick Harding's** return home from hospital.

Angela Benzies writes: Thank you very much for your faithful prayer for my mum, who has been severely disabled by a stroke she had in May. There has been some recent improvement in her condition and the care arrangements so we are encouraged by that. Family support needs remain challenging. Your support is much appreciated.

Pray for **David Harvey**, who continues to struggle with pain from his damaged shoulder – give thanks for a forthcoming appointment with a consultant. Pray that this will be fruitful and pray for healing

Pray for our work with young people – **F@ST Club** on Friday afternoons and our **Sunday morning ministry** – for spiritual and numerical growth, fun, and safety for young people and leaders.

Pray for our **friends in the Church in Wales** who are struggling with their Governing Body's decision to change the doctrine of marriage. Some are considering their future. Pray for hope and reassurance that they are not alone and that our network of churches is able to support them well.

Pray for **those struggling with increasing issues in the UK economy** – cuts in benefit, increasing energy costs, shortage of workers in key industries, problems in supply chains. Pray for wisdom and practical responses to these difficulties by those in government and for concerted efforts to overcome them.

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' John 1:5