

The st thomas' story

10 October 2021

We will worship at 10.30am this Sunday, for an All Age Harvest Service in church and 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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Please note the office is closed Mon 18th – Fri 22nd October (inclusive). Please book for Sunday's service on the 17th & 24th October by Thursday 14th October, for track and trace purposes. Thank you.

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 Blythswood Care to those in great need in countries like Kosovo, Moldova, Albania and Hungary.

James Campbell, CEO of Blythswood 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 10 October

**@ 10.30am 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 Base

Monday 11 October

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

Tuesday 12 October

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

@ 12pm – Midday prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 13 October

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

@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook

Thursday 14 October

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

Sunday 17 October

@ 10.30am Online Worship – Communion service – Mark 4:35-41, David McCarthy is preaching.

Post-Worship Chat - "Zoom" meeting details in Pastoral letter.

@ 6.30pm – 7pm "Zoom" Prayer

for our prayer

Give thanks for the **vestry and trustees** and their day together in North Berwick. It was a positive and unified time, which Alastair Brown chaired beautifully. It was so good to be together in discussion, planning, and prayer and we will share some of the fruit from the day in the coming weeks.

Please keep **the welcome for refugees from Afghanistan** on the morning of Friday 15 October in your prayers – that the love of Jesus is shown and known.

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 this week on 12th October – pray for calmness for her and for a successful outcome.

Pray for **Mandy & Andy Lines** as her treatment for myeloma continues – 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**.

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 **GPs and their staff** - one wrote to me this week: *Having lain awake for many nights debating what feels like how to rearrange the deck chairs on the Titanic this simple reminder brings a sense of release into God's hands. Facing an exhausted work force, two unexpected early GP retirements, sick colleagues, and the threat that we can't sustain our practice. Working 14-hour days and needing clarity of thought. God's wisdom.*

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 **governments** in the face of increasing economic difficulties and for **those who are struggling** – cuts in benefit, increasing energy costs, shortage of workers in key industries, and problems in supply chains are all causes of deep pain concern.

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