

The st thomas' story

17 & 24 October 2021

We will worship at 10.30am for Communion this Sunday, in church and online. For in person, please email the office for Track & Trace purposes.

Sunday 24th we welcome Bishop Andy Lines.

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).

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2021 – Return by 4th November.

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. Empty shoe boxes are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions please contact Alison Bogie. thebogies@talk21.com

The Mission to Seafarers: Sue Gordon writes:

The Mission has sent a letter to say a grateful thank you for the knitted hats, fingerless gloves, balaclavas and mufflers. "Seafarers often acknowledge such kindness shown to them when they are able to meet with our Chaplains and volunteers ... one seafarer told how on a past visit to our shores he had received a warm woolly hat, a kindness he had not forgotten and was grateful for. Seafarers have found not being able to get home to their families during the pandemic particularly hard to bear".

PLEASE CONTINUE to keep the knitting needles clicking as the nights draw in and it becomes even colder for them now. Patterns can be obtained from the Church Office and finished articles left there for collection.

Sunday 17 October 2021

to

Sunday 31 October 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 17 October

**@ 10.30am Communion Service - Mark 4:35-41 David McCarthy is preaching.
Post Worship Chat - "Zoom" meeting details in Pastoral letter.**

@ 6.30pm – 7pm "Zoom" Prayer Base

Monday 18 October

**@ 4pm Rooted Bible Study – Zoom meeting details in Pastoral letter.
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Tuesday 19 October

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

@ 12pm – Midday prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 20 October

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

@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook

Thursday 21 October

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

Sunday 24 October

**@ 10.30am Online Worship – Mark 5:1-20, Bishop Andy Lines is preaching.
Post-Worship Chat - "Zoom" meeting details in Pastoral letter.**

Monday 25 October

@ 4pm Rooted Bible Study – Zoom

Tuesday 26 October

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

@ 12pm – Midday prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 27 October

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

@2pm Grounded Bible Study – in person, meet in the Sanctuary.

No Night Prayer this evening!

Thursday 28 October

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

Sunday 31 October

@ 10.30am Online Worship – Genesis 1:26-28: 2:15, Thorsten Prill is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm "Zoom" Prayer Base

for our prayer

Pray for the **Synod of the Anglican Network in Europe** which meets online on Monday evening at 7.30pm. For unity and wisdom. Our representatives are **Miller Bogie, Gavin Hamilton, Kerstin Prill, Margaret Robertson, and David McCarthy.**

Give thanks for **the welcome for refugees from Afghanistan** on the morning of Friday 15 October in your prayers. Pray for the women and children who attended – that new homes will be found for them and that they will have seen and heard something of God's love for them in the welcome they received.

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.

Give thanks for **new people coming** – pray that they will receive a warm welcome from all of us and that they will make St Thomas' their spiritual home. Pray that more people of all ages will come!

Alison Carter had cataract surgery on 12 October – pray for a full recovery.

Liz Bennett and her son **Nicholas** are traveling to France this weekend – pray for safety as they drive and joy as they arrive at a home they have not seen for almost two years!

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 **residents in Care Homes** – for those who look after and visit them.

Pray for the **World Concern Group (Miller Bogie, Morag Bryce, Liz Fairley, Fiona Christie & David McCarthy)** as they prepare to meet on 1 November – for wisdom on how best to support our World Concern Partners, how to keep us all well informed of the partners' ministries, and as they consider potential new partnerships. You might also consider joining the group if you have an interest in World Mission!

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 have resigned and 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 **Westhill Community Church** as they draw nearer to completing their realignment out of the Scottish Episcopal Church and discern where their future home will be (*hopefully with us!*)

'And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.' Hebrews 12:1b-2a