

The st thomas' story

31 October 2021

We will worship at 10.30am this Sunday, 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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Last Week for Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2021 – Return by Thursday 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

Coffee Plus is restarting on Thursday 4th November. We are so pleased that we can now meet once again in the Church hall to have coffee, scones and lots of chat. For the next few weeks we will meet from 10:30am till 12 noon. Masks will need to be worn while moving about in the hall but can be removed while sitting at a table and drinking coffee and eating. We look forward to having fellowship with each other once again on Thursday mornings.

Request for a music keyboard!

Would anyone have a keyboard at home that they would not need back until January? Our friend, Naike, who has become a regular at St. Ts until she returns to Germany in January, has expressed an interest in learning the piano and a keyboard would enable her to have some online lessons with Linda until then! We would both be very grateful for the loan of such an instrument and would give it much love and attention for the next three months!! Please email linda.aslet@yahoo.com if you can help. Many thanks Linda.

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Sunday 7 November 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 31 October

@ 10.30am Service – 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

Monday 1 November

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

Tuesday 2 November

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

@ 12pm – Midday prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 3 November

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

@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook

Thursday 4 November

@ 10.30am-12pm – Coffee Plus – in person, meet in the main hall.

Sunday 7 November

@ 10.30am Online Worship – David McCarthy is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

for our prayer

Pray for an **outpouring of the Holy Spirit** on all of us – that we will be consumed by a willingness to repent of our sin and a renewed love for Jesus. Pray for that outpouring to extend to many in our communities. *(John 16:8-10)*

Pray for **leaders and influencers** as they gather for COP26 in Glasgow - that the cost to God's creation of doing nothing is paramount in the deliberations and that any agreements made are kept and that they help those who are in immediate need of climate justice.

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.

Pray that the **F@ST Club** will see a growing attendance, good fun, and the love of Jesus seen and known.

Pray for plans for **Coffee Plus** to begin again – that people will return and that it will be an encouraging time of friendship and care. Pray for **Alison Bogie** as she organises this and that there are others who willing to help.

Pray for **Jane, Gordon & Shona Ross** who have all tested positive for Covid, Jane has symptoms, so please pray for a full recovery.

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

Pray for **Mandy & Andy Lines** as her treatment for myeloma continues – that it will have mild side effects and bring healing.

Pray for **David Harvey**, who continues to struggle with pain from his damaged shoulder.

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!

'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