

The st thomas' story

28 November 2021

We will worship at 10.30am for Sunday's 1st Advent service, in church and online. To attend in person, please email the office to book 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 remember David, Linda and Cameron as they take refreshments and clothing to those using the **Care Van** this evening that God's love would be shown in actions and words to these needy souls.

Many thanks, Mark Gilmour.

The Vive Advent Appeal 2021

The Vive Foundation in Colombia continues to transform the lives of children affected by poverty and violence through their network of Funky Frog Clubs. Our partnership with them is hugely appreciated by the team and the strength of the pound against the Colombian peso means your gifts will go even further this year. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on Colombia and the church's witness to the hope found in Christ is more relevant than ever.

Please make your donation via the World Concern Fund account and make sure you include Vive in the reference so we know what it's for.

World Concern Account details: Bank of Scotland - Sort Code: 80-22-60

Account number: 1894168. *Thank you, Fiona Christie.*

Christmas 2021: this year, we are trying a different pattern for our worship together. We've got some publicity which will be available from next Sunday for you to give to neighbours and friends.

**24 December @ 4-4.45pm – All-Age Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight
followed by refreshments**

@ 6pm – Holy Communion

25 December @ 10.30-11.15am – All- Age Worship

26 December @ 10.30am – Morning Worship

Sunday 28 November 2021

to

Sunday 5 December 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 28 November

@ 10.30am Service – Ian Ferguson is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

Monday 29 November

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

Tuesday 30 November

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

@ 12pm – Midday prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 1 December

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

@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook

Sunday 5 December

@ 10.30am Service, David McCarthy is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

for our prayer

Pray for **David, Linda, and Cameron** as they take refreshments and clothing to those using the Care Van on Sunday evening - that God's love would be shown in actions and words to these needy souls.

Pray for **Bev & Ian** as she faces a serious medical prognosis – for the Lord's comfort, peace, and reassurance.

Pray for all **those seeking to travel across the English Channel as migrants:**

- for those who illegally facilitate this, that they will be prevented from doing so
- for the British & French governments, that they will be compassionate and kind while helping people to face consequences and responsibilities of their choices.
- for ourselves, that we will remain moved by the plights of refugees, whether they are seeking asylum or coming here for economic reasons. That we will have empathy!

Pray for **Vive in Colombia** as we consider how we will support that ministry again this Christmas.

Pray for the **members of the Pastoral Team** as they meet on Saturday 27 November – for encouragement, learning and good practice to be put in place.

Pray for the **Vestry and Trustees** who meet on Monday 29 November – for good relationships, agreement, energy, and vision.

Pray for those considering **planting churches in Wales**, especially for **Josh and Rachel Maynard** as they begin Wellspring Church on the Angle peninsula in Pembrokeshire on 30 January.

Give thanks for **David & Joy James** and pray that our partnership plans will bear fruit for them and for all of us as we learn how to do cross-cultural mission better.

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

Continue to pray for **David Harvey**, whose struggle with pain from his damaged shoulder is ongoing.