

# The st thomas' Story

St Thomas'  
 CHURCH

## 5 December 2021

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We will worship at 10.30am for Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent service, in church and online. There will be a Communion service at 12pm. 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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**St Ts' Christmas Card:** we have a large Christmas card available in church for everyone to sign and send greetings to one another. Please sanitise your hands before and after signing it!

### **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: 1894 1369. *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 5 December 2021

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## Sunday 12 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 5 December

**@ 10.30am Service – David McCarthy is preaching.**

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

**@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base**

### Monday 6 December

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

### Tuesday 7 December

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

**@ 12pm – Midday prayer on Facebook**

### Wednesday 8 December

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

**@ 2pm Grounded Bible Study – in person, meet at 16 Belgrave Road.**

**@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook**

### Sunday 12 December

**@ 10.30am All Age Service, Phil Taylor is preaching.**

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

**@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base**

# for our prayer

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

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

Give thanks for **Mike and Helen Parker**: for their long ministry with their partners in the Middle East and our sharing in that work.

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.

Pray for **governments around the world** as they continue to work out how to respond to Coronavirus – for approaches which protect their people and economies, but which are also just.

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.

Pray that the **F@ST Club** will see a growing attendance, good fun, and the love of Jesus seen and known. Several young people have been affected by Covid positive tests in recent weeks – pray for protection for them.

Pray also for **schools** where there is some disruption for pupils and teachers because of the number of positive Covid tests.

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.