

# The st thomas' story

12 December 2021

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We will worship at 10.30am for Sunday's 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent All Age 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 note the office will be closed from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January (inclusive). Reopens on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

**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 'St Thomas 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 12 December 2021**

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**Sunday 19 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 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**

**Monday 13 December**

**No Rooted Bible Study – Zoom meeting details in Pastoral letter.**

**Tuesday 14 December**

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

**No Midday prayer on Facebook**

**Wednesday 15 December**

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

**@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook**

**Thursday 16 December**

**@ 7.30pm – Central Meeting – Zoom meeting details in Pastoral letter.**

**Sunday 19 December**

**@ 10.30am Communion Service, David McCarthy 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 **Sheila & Ian Divine**: their Auntie Moy passed away this week – for peace and the comfort of the Lord.

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

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

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 **UK Government** following the difficulties of this week. For **Prime Minister Boris Johnson** and the **Cabinet**: that they will conduct themselves with humility, honesty, and clarity. Pray too as governments around the world consider measures such as mandating vaccinations and passports – that the right balance is found between freedom to make choices and care for people in our communities.

Pray for **scientists and medical staff** as they investigate the Omicron variant – let's pray that it does not cause a serious growth in the number of hospitalisations and deaths.

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 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.