

The st thomas' story

30 January 2022

We will worship at 10.30am for Sunday's morning 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.

www.saintthomas.org.uk

staff and contacts

Rector: Rev. David McCarthy

W: 0131 374 3694 M: 0741 123 6433

e: david@stt.church

Day off: Friday

Young Persons' Pastoral Worker:

Phil Taylor

T: 0131 285 8782

e: phil@stt.church

Day off: Monday

Worship Coordinator: David Harvey

T: 0131 285 8782 (*Church Office*)

e: churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk

Church Coordinator:


Rosemary Harvey

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
9.30am – 12.00pm.

T: 0131 285 8782 (*Church Office*)

e: churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk

 @StThomasEdin

 St Thomas' Church, Edinburgh

<https://saintthomas.org.uk>

Treasurer: Miller Bogie

ssthomastreasurer@yahoo.com

Vestry Secretary: Kathleen Demircan

e: churchoffice@saintthomas.org.uk

Please note the office will be closed on Friday 4th February.

We are thankful that as of Wednesday 26th January, **Rooted** will be able to meet again in person. We will need to wear face masks unless we are eating or drinking, and we are being advised to take a lateral flow test. Please bring along your own drinks and nibbles as well as your Bibles. I look forward to seeing you either on Zoom on Monday 4-5.30pm or in person on Wednesday at 2-3.30pm in the church hall. *With love and blessings, Kerstin Prill.*

"Good news! - **Coffee Plus** restarts on Thursday 27th January, meeting 10.30 am - 12 noon, in the main hall. We look forward to welcoming you back - enjoy a 'catch-up' and refreshments together, possibly whilst also crafting (bring your crocheting, knitting, whittling, art project..... with you).

Note that, although restrictions have been eased, attendees are still subject to the mandatory wearing of face coverings (unless exempt) except while eating or drinking. We are also all still required to maintain appropriate distance between ourselves and those of different households, to practise good hand hygiene, and to consider taking a lateral flow test before attending. Additionally, contact details of attendees will be kept for track and trace purposes. (These will be destroyed after 21 days)". *Many thanks, Sheila Nicol.*

Mission to Seafarers Scotland have sent a letter to say a large **THANK YOU** to all the Beanie Hat Knitters. The letter is displayed in the church corridor. The Seafarers were so appreciative of this gift of love before Christmas. Many of them could not be in touch with their families at that time.

Please continue to knit these gifts of love – they are always needed by the Revd. Tim Tunley. Patterns (if needed) are available from the church office, where completed hats can be left for Sue Gordon. *Thank you.*

Sunday 30 January 2022

to

Sunday 6 February 2022

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 30 January

@ 10.30am Service – Thorsten Prill is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

Monday 31 January

@ 4pm – ‘Rooted’ Bible Study “Zoom” meeting, details in Pastoral letter

Wednesday 2 February

@ 2pm – ‘Rooted’ Bible Study - in person meeting, details in Pastoral letter

@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook

Thursday 3 February

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

Sunday 6 February

@ 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

Ukraine & Russia: for peace.

Boris Johnson & his cabinet ministers: in these difficult days, may they seek the Lord's mercy & help. Pray that the Lord will be merciful on this nation.

David Meldrum who is recovering from Covid: for God's healing and provision.

We gave thanks to God for the life of **Bev Cooke** at a glorious Gospel-centred service on Tuesday afternoon. Pray that the many who gathered heard something of God's welcome to them and that it will be used by Him to draw some to Himself. Continue to pray for Bev's husband, **Ian** – that he will know God's power to redeem and save.

For **Kerstin & Thorsten Prill** as they move home this weekend.

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 Sunday 30 January.

Give thanks for the **group exploring how to develop our mission** (Michael Brown, Anne Grant, David McCarthy, Thorsten Prill, Margaret Robertson & Phil Taylor): for God's vision & fruitfulness.

Pray for the **F@ST Club** on Friday afternoons— for good health for everyone and that there is growth.

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

Please pray for all those **serving in education, health, and care**. There continues to be large numbers of people off with Covid or in self-isolation. The pressure continues – pray for resourcing, patience, and that the numbers affected will diminish rapidly.

Give thanks for **new people joining us** – pray for our ongoing welcome and that we help them integrate well into our church family.

Pray that compulsory **Covid restrictions on church gatherings** are lifted soon.

Pray for **Westhill Community Church** in Aberdeenshire:

(1) They are very close to getting a final agreement with the diocese over property – pray this will happen soon!

(2) The church is voting on 3 May on a proposal from the new SCIO (*Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation*) Vestry to affiliate with the Anglican Convocation in Europe (ACE)

(3) They are praying over this decision during the forty days of Lent

(4) the Vestry and the Elders are united on this, but there is some discontent amongst some church members

Please pray that there will a wonderful majority in favour of joining us in ACE.

