

# The st thomas' story

6 February 2022

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We will worship at 10.30am for Sunday's morning service, in church and online. Communion will be served after the service. 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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We are thankful that as of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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**Sunday 13 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 6 February**

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

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

**@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base**

**Monday 7 February**

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

**Tuesday 8 February**

**@ 10am – Toddler group meet in the Gyle hall, contact Hilary Robinson for details.**

**Wednesday 9 February**

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

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

**@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook**

**Thursday 10 February**

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

**Sunday 13 February**

**@ 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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**Ukraine & Russia:** for peace.

**Boris Johnson & his cabinet ministers:** in these even more difficult days, may they seek the Lord's mercy & help. Pray that the Lord will be merciful on this nation. Pray too for the **Scottish Government** — for wisdom and a willingness to focus on the many practical needs of people in this nation.

Pray for all **those facing surgery or a hospital stay this week** — for the skill of the medics who care for them, healing and a swift recovery. Pray that they will know the peace of Jesus.

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

Give thanks for **Wellspring Anglican Church** which launched last Sunday. Pray especially for the **Reverend Josh Maynard** and his wife **Rachel**.

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 as they meet again on Sunday evening.

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 **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.

Pray for those serving in **Higher Education**: there is soon to be strike by staff about pension changes. Pray for integrity for all staff and that students who have suffered so much over the last two years will not be adversely affected.

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.