

The st thomas' story

13 February 2022

We will worship at 10.30am for Sunday's 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 Coffee Plus is not meeting on Thursday 17th February, but will meet again on Thursday 24th February at 10.30am.

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.*

Clothes needed for the **Care Van**, men's trousers, small sizes. Please leave any donations at the church office. *Thank you.*

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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 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

Monday 14 February

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

Tuesday 15 February

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

Wednesday 16 February

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

@ 8pm – Night Prayer on Facebook

Thursday 17 February

Coffee Plus are NOT meeting this week.

@ 7.30pm – Central Meeting – in person.

Sunday 20 February

@ 10.30am morning service, David McCarthy is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

for our prayer

For possibilities:

- Establishing a part-time chaplain to older people post with the help of a charitable foundation? For favour as the foundation trustees consider our proposal.
- St Ts' being used as a polling station in the May elections?
- Riding Lights Theatre Company and 'Home for Good' using the church as a venue in June?
- The Corstorphine Fair taking place Saturday 4 June?
- A 'Family Fun Day' in June organised by St Ts'?

For **those who are fearful**: especially those who are worried about making ends meet. For provision, compassion, and hope.

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. 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 **recovering from surgery or a hospital stay this week** — for healing and a swift recovery. Pray that they will know the peace of Jesus.

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 **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 to be a strike by staff about pension changes and pay. 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:

- They are very close to getting a final agreement with the diocese over property — pray this will happen soon!
- 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).
- They are praying over this decision during the forty days of Lent.
- 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.