

The st thomas' story

20 February 2022

We will worship at 10.30am for Sunday's Communion 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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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 27 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 20 February

@ 10.30am Communion Service – David McCarthy is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

Monday 21 February

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

Tuesday 22 February

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

Wednesday 23 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 24 February

@10.30am - Coffee Plus meeting in the main hall.

Sunday 27 February

@ 10.30am morning service, Peter Barber is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

for our prayer

For possibilities:

- Give thanks that the trustees of **TOR Christian Foundation** have been led to support our proposal to appoint a **Chaplain for Older People** role. Pray as we seek the best person to fill this role.
- Give thanks that St Ts' is **being used as a polling station in the May local council elections**. Pray that all those who come to vote will see or hear something of God's love while they are in the building that day.
- 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'?
- **The possibility of further supporting refugees from Afghanistan** (a meeting takes place on Monday evening this week to explore this).

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 on Sunday evening.

For the **World Concern Group** members meeting on Tuesday evening — for clarity and agreement as they consider how best to support our partners.

For **David Meldrum** in **Capetown** as he recovers from surgery and Covid 19 — for healing and the care he needs.

For those **adversely affected by this week's storms**: for restoration of power.

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

Ukraine & Russia: for peace and a lasting solution to security concerns.

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.

Pray for **Mandy Lines** (wife of our bishop, **Andy**) who underwent a stem cell transplant this week and is in isolation. That this treatment will be effective and bring healing. Pray too that the time apart will not be too difficult.

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 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.