

# The st thomas' story

27 February & 6 March 2022

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We will worship at 10.30am for Sunday's 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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Ash Wednesday Communion Service Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm.

## **Ash Wednesday Communion Service - Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm.**

This Service will be both in Church and streamed On-Line.

To have Communion at home using the Communion packet, please take what you need from the table at the back of the Church today (Sunday 27th), or ask the Office to send to you in the usual way.

There is also the anointing with ashes at the Service.

## **World Day of Prayer - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm**

At Carrick knowe Church of Scotland

*Theme* is 'I have plans for you', written by Christian Women of UK.

**Everyone is welcome**, for more information please contact Dorothy Martin at [Dotmartin1974@gmail.com](mailto:Dotmartin1974@gmail.com)

## **Coming alongside people who have experienced loss:** it is hard to

know how to best love and support someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one or struggling with other forms of loss. If you would like to be better

equipped, you are warmly invited to come along to a **half-day training session**

**in St Thomas' Church Hall on 5 March 2022 from 10am – 1pm**, followed by lunch (bring and share or bring your own — depending on Covid regulations).

Lynn Millar, Director of Counselling from the Wellness Centre in Balerno, will help us sharpening our listening skills and show compassion and kindness to those who are grieving. If you are interested, please get in touch with Kerstin Prill.

**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.*

**Sunday 27 February 2022**

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**Sunday 13 March 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 27 February**

**@ 10.30am Service – Peter Barber is preaching.**

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

**@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base**

**Monday 28 February**

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

**Tuesday 1 March**

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

**Wednesday 2 March**

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

**@ 7pm – Ash Wednesday Service – in person and online, details in Pastoral letter.**

**Thursday 3 March**

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

**Saturday 5 March**

**@10am – Pastoral Care, training session, contact Kerstin Prill for more details.**

**Sunday 6 March**

**@ 10.30am morning service, David McCarthy is preaching.**

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

**@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base**

**Monday 7 March**

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

**Tuesday 8 March**

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

**Wednesday 9 March**

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

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

**Thursday 10 March**

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

**Sunday 13 March**

**@ 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

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## 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 on Thursday 9 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.

**The Ukraine & Russia**: that Russia will be stopped from further invasion of the Ukraine's territory, a united global response and that the conflict does not escalate beyond the borders of the Ukraine.

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

Pray for healing for:

**David Harvey**, whose struggle with pain from his damaged shoulder is ongoing.  
**Ian Murray**, in hospital awaiting the fitting of a pacemaker.

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.

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

Give thanks for the news that that compulsory **Covid restrictions on church gatherings** will be lifted on 21 March.

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.