

The st thomas' story

20 March 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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Reminder – Sunday 27th March – The clocks go Forward!

Message from Attila Fejszes;

"Dear St Thomas's Church Family. It was a privilege to work at St Thomas's and get to know many of you. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for me and my family. Attila and Blessing Fejszes are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Amily Bianka Fejszes. Born on Saturday 15 January 2022 at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh. The family is well just the usual challenges that every new parent goes through. Love from Attila and Blessing"

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 20 March

@ 10.30am Communion Service – David McCarthy is preaching.

Post Worship Chat - "Zoom" meeting details in the Pastoral letter.

@ 6.30pm – 7pm "Zoom" Prayer Base

Monday 21 March

@4pm – 'Rooted'- "Zoom" meeting details in the Pastoral letter.

Tuesday 22 March

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

Wednesday 23 March

@ 1.30pm – ‘Rooted’ Bible Study - in person meeting, details in Pastoral letter.

@ 1.30pm – ‘Grounded’ Bible Study - in person meeting, details in Pastoral letter.

@ 8pm – Night Prayers – online, details in the Pastoral letter

Thursday 24 March

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

Sunday 27 March

@ 10.30am service, Thorsten Prill is preaching.

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

@ 12pm – AGM, details in the Pastoral letter.

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

for our prayer

For opportunities:

- 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.
- The '**Hope Explored**' course beginning on 5 April. That those taking part will be encouraged and receive real hope!

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

For **those who are disappointed** — wearing masks for a few more weeks will be annoying, but that minor inconvenience is nothing in comparison to what people are suffering in the Ukraine or the Yemen. Pray for healing and that we will offer the hope of Jesus to the disappointed.

The Ukraine & Russia: for peace!

For governments in Ukraine, Russia, Belorussia, Europe, and USA — for decisions to end indiscriminate attacks, to seek peace, and support those in need.

Give thanks for the response to the more than three million refugees arriving in countries bordering the Ukraine. Pray that this welcome and care continues.

Pray for our response in the UK — that we will be generous and welcoming at a government and personal level. Pray that the vagueness of the plans will solidify into something simple and clear. Pray especially this week for **Frank Henderson**, who works for Edinburgh City Council — he has responsibility to help plan the welcome for Ukrainians arriving in here.

Pray for plans to offer welcome to refugees fleeing the war — that we as individuals will consider what we can do to help.

Pray for **the Annual General Meeting** on Sunday 27 March — give thanks for the Lord's care and provision for us and pray for those offering themselves for election to vestry. Give thanks and pray for our trustees, **Sheila, Sandy & Miller** for all their efforts on our behalf.

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.

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.

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.