

The st thomas' story

3 April 2022

We worship at 10.30am for Sunday's service, in church and online.

At 12noon the 1662 Communion service.

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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Recycling needed – please bring recycling items to be used by the Easter Holiday club for modelling. Items are needed by Easter Sunday 17th April, collection boxes are at the entrance and in the corridor of the church.
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 3 April

@ 10.30am Service – Sandy Benzie is preaching.

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

@ 12pm – 1662 Communion service, lead by Bruce Gordon.

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

Monday 4 April

@ 4pm – ‘Rooted’- “Zoom” meeting details in the Pastoral letter.

Tuesday 5 April

@ 7.30pm – Hope Explored, details in the Pastoral letter.

Wednesday 6 April

@ 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 7 April

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

Sunday 10 April

@ 10.30am All Age service, lead by Phil Taylor.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

for our prayer

For opportunities:

- For the **Holiday Club**, scheduled for 19-22 April.
 - That the advertising and invitations will be effective and bring in the twenty young people we hope for.
 - That the team serving the children will work together well and be encouraged and encouragement.
 - That the Good News of the Gospel will be given clearly and received with joy!
 - For **Phil Taylor** as he heads this up.
- 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. Pray for wisdom as we discern how to best fill this role.
- The '**Hope Explored**' course beginning this week on Tuesday 5 April. That those taking part will be encouraged and receive real hope!

Pray for Anchor Church, Fowey in Cornwall — they have been told by their landlord that they must restrict numbers to sixty people and no children. They are now meeting in a local Sailing Club on a temporary basis. Pray for a suitable and more permanent home to be found.

World Concern: 30 Days of Prayer for The Muslim World — Ramadan: 2 April to 2 May

You are invited to join up to 1 million people, all over the world, in more than 40 languages to pray for Muslims during Ramadan. Here is a link to PDF of a Prayer Guide: [30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World \(30daysprayer.com\)](http://30daysprayer.com)

There are 1.8 billion Muslims in the world and a good majority of them remain unreached by the Gospel. The focus this year is on some forgotten groups and returning to previously prayed for groups to celebrate what God has done in response.

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 four 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. Continue to pray 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 **F@ST Club** on Friday afternoons — for good health for everyone and that there is growth.

Pray for:

Fiona & Ian Cumming, for the Lord's comfort in the midst of illness

David Harvey, whose struggle with pain from his damaged shoulder is ongoing.

Pray for **Mandy Lines** (wife of our bishop, **Andy**) – for protection from infection following the stem cell transplant.

Kathleen Demircan - for a full recovery following a small stroke.

David McCarthy – for healing and patience as he recovers from shingles.

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.

Pray too for **David McCarthy** as he prepares to preach at Westhill on Sunday 10 April — that the words offered are those that the Lord wants spoken to His people.