

The st thomas' story

17 & 24 April 2022

Happy Easter

At 6am, Morning Sunrise Communion Service, on the lawn outside the front of the church

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

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 the office will be closed Mon 18th – Fri 22nd April (inclusive).

Coffee Plus – will not meet on Thursday 21st April. Restarts on Thursday 28th April. We will not meet on Thursday 5th May, due to the election.

Sunday 17 April 2022

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Sunday 1 May 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>

Easter Sunday 17 April

@ 6am Morning Communion Service, outside the church.

@ 10.30am All Age Communion Service – David McCarthy is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

Monday 18 April

No – ‘Rooted’ – meet again on ‘Zoom’ - 25th April.

Wednesday 20 April

No – ‘Rooted’ - meet again on 27th April.

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

Thursday 21 April

No - Coffee Plus – meet again on 28th April.

@ 7.30pm – Central Meeting, details in the Pastoral letter.

Sunday 24 April

@ 10.30am service, David McCarthy is preaching.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

Monday 25 April

@ 4pm – 5.30pm ‘Rooted’ meet on ‘Zoom’, details in the Pastoral letter.

Wednesday 27 April

@ 1.30pm – 3pm ‘Rooted’, meet in person.

@ 1.30pm – 3pm ‘Grounded’, meet in person, details in the Pastoral letter.

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

Thursday 28 April

@ 10.30am – 12pm - Coffee Plus – meet in person.

Sunday 1 May

@ 10.30am service, David McCarthy is preaching.

@ 12pm – 1662 Communion Service.

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

@ 6.30pm – 7pm “Zoom” Prayer Base

for our prayer

For our **worship services this weekend**, including at Manor Grange Care Home on Friday 15 April @ 2.15pm

For the **Holiday Club**, scheduled for 19-22 April, pray:

- that all those signed up, will be well and will attend!
- 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.

Pray for **our Vestry and Trustees** as they meet on Monday 25 April — for discernment & wisdom as they consider matters both practical and spiritual!

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.

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 \(30daysprayer.com\)](https://www.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

Pray for:

All those struggling with illness, especially those who have Covid. Remember those serving in the NHS as they face continued pressure.

Stephen Carter – admitted to hospital on Thursday with breathing difficulties caused by Covid.

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 — give thanks for healing and patience as he continues to recover from shingles.

For Recovery from Sickness

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God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 4 May on a proposal from the new SCIO (*Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation*) Vestry to affiliate with the Anglican Convocation in Europe (ACE).
- 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.