

## What We Offer

**Children & Young People** - Opportunities for children and young people to learn together in their groups, during services each Sunday .

**A Prayer Team** is available at Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month to pray with anyone who requests this. A **WHATSAPP Group** prays on request. Contact the **Church Office** email address with requests.

The **World Concern Group** helps focus our thinking, prayers and practical support on the work of the Church beyond St Thomas'. Encouraging prayer for our partners and financial support for our partners.

**Home Groups** meet on different days and areas for Bible study and fellowship. This is the primary way people are able to offer care, support and prayer for one another. Contact the **Church Office** for more details if you would like to join a group.

**Babies & Toddler' Group** for Parents, grandparents/carers,. meet for a chat & refreshments while the children play.  
Tuesday @ 10am—11.30am, meet in the Gyle hall.

### **Bible Study & Fellowship;**

#### **Rooted—Ladies Bible Study**

Wednesday @ 1.30pm-3pm, meet in the Church hall.

#### **Grounded—Men's Bible Study**

Wednesdays @ 1.30pm—3pm, meet in the crèche/crib.

#### **Coffee+ @ 10am—12pm Thursday** in the church hall

A warm welcome in a warm space with crafts, free refreshments, home baking and crafts.

**Weddings, baptisms, funerals & a listening ear** - please contact the interim rector for pastoral care needs.

## Contact Us

*For further information please contact the church office.*

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### **Vestry**

Our elected or nominated charity trustees meet on the first Monday of the month (*except January and July*). They manage all aspects of the church, support and encourage the rector and staff, make decisions on behalf of the congregation, and pray together for our ministries.

**Vestry Chair** Alastair Brown

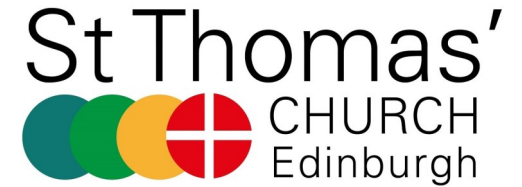
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### **St Thomas' Church Connections**



St Thomas' Church is a founding congregation of the Anglican Convocation in Europe (ACE). See [www.aceanglicans.org](http://www.aceanglicans.org) for more information.

St Thomas' is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance. See [www.eauk.org](http://www.eauk.org) for more Information.



**mid November**  
**2024**  
**to**  
**mid January**  
**2025**

*“Be Joyful in Hope,  
Patient in Affliction,  
Faithful in Prayer.”*

**Romans 12:12**

# When We Meet

## Sundays @ 10.30am

17 Nov	Perseverance Hebrews 11 v 29– 12 v 3 Alastair Brown	NHC
24 Nov	Chariots of Fire 2 Kings 6 v 8-23 Rob Cardew	
1 Dec	Advent 1: Hope Lights Up the Darkness 1 Peter 1 v 1-12 Ian Ferguson, Assistant Bishop	PM HC
8 Dec	Advent 2: Zechariah & Elizabeth Rob Cardew	
15 Dec	Advent 3: Joy for the Humble—Mary, mother of Jesus Luke 1 v 36-45 Bishop Emeritus Gary Nelson	NHC
22 Dec	Advent 4: Joseph, father of Jesus Jim Smith	
22 Dec	@ 4.30pm Carols by Candlelight Advent 4: The Shepherds Alastair Brown	

24 Dec	@ 4.30pm Christmas Eve Watchnight John 1 Bruce Gordon	HC
25 Dec	The Christmas Story Rob Cardew	AAW
29 Dec	The Christmas Story—Simeon & Anna Rob Cardew	HC
5 Jan	Epiphany—The Wise Men Ian Ferguson, Assistant Bishop	PM HC

Please note that up to date information and any changes to the above programme are noted on our church website [www.saintthomas.org.uk](http://www.saintthomas.org.uk)

**Key:**            *AAW All-Age Worship*  
                      *HC Holy Communion*  
                      *PM Prayer Ministry Available*  
                      *NHC 1662 Holy Communion at Noon*

Please note also:

### Thursday 5 December— Christmas Lunch

#### Monday 9—Fri 20 December Christmas Support Project

Supporting local families who would benefit from additional support at Christmas time.

Please bring gifts of non perishable foods (use by/best before dates after New Year 2025), household items, toiletries and Christmas treats and stocking fillers. to be given to the Christmas Support Project **by Friday 13th December. Thank you.**

# Prayer @ 7pm

*Prayer is at the heart of St Thomas' - we encourage everyone to be part of these meetings, especially during this time of our vacancy..*

**Prayerbase on 1st Sunday: 7pm–8pm,  
meet in the main hall.**

**Online Prayer on 2nd—5th Sundays:  
7pm—7.30pm.**

**Please contact the office for Zoom details.**

**Central Meeting on 3rd Thursday:  
7.30pm-8.30pm, meet in the main hall.**

*Both in our times together and when we are praying individually we use the prayer:*

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift:  
Look graciously upon St. Thomas',  
and so guide the minds of those involved  
in choosing our new Rector,  
in accordance with Your will,  
that we may receive**

**A faithful pastor who will preach the gospel,  
care for Your people, equip us for ministry, and  
lead us forth in fulfilment of the Great  
Commission. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.**

# How We Keep In Touch Online & Communications

**Website:** [www.saintthomas.org.uk](http://www.saintthomas.org.uk)  
**Sunday Worship on site at 10.30am and online  
Prayer@ 7.**

<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@stthomasedinburgh>

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