

The **st** thomas' **story**



31st May 2020

St Thomas' will continue to meet using online resources and conference calls.

We will worship at 10.30am every Sunday.

Please click on the links below (in blue writing) to access the services.

A short video '**Thought for the Day**' (recorded most days during David's early morning exercise) are available on the St Thomas' Facebook Page.

Please check dates and times for **Midday and Night Prayers**.

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For items to be in next Sunday's the **st thomas' **story**, please contact the office by 10 a.m. on Thursday.**



We are using an application called 'Zoom' to pray and meet together. If you need advice about this or anything about our online presence, we can help. Please see Pastoral Letter for details or contact David McCarthy.

If you are interested in taking part in Online Worship on Sundays either with reading or praying, please let David know. You'll have to be able to make an audio recording of your reading or intercessions in advance and then send the file to him electronically.

The church office is open on Monday and Friday morning (9.30am – 12.30pm) this week BUT contact in person is not available. Please phone or email and leave a message and we will contact you. We have a team of volunteers who can help out if needed.

Request from **Corstorphine Community Centre** for donations of food, toiletries and cleaning products to help support local families who are struggling at this time. This is an 'emergency food bank' which complements the work of **Edinburgh City Mission Basics Bank** service at the Corstorphine Community Church. If you feel you would like to help with this please contact Sandy Benzies, see pastoral letter for more details. Thank you.

Request from Mark and Elinor Gilmore. We are looking for unwanted Christian Children's books, (age 2-11 years), for offering as a 'free to borrow' in our community. We have a very convenient bench on the path in front of our house and already have some Try Praying and love letters from the Father Booklets and leaflets, which have been taken. Thank you.

Congratulations to Jack Southam as he announced his engagement to Sarah Watson. They met at Dundee University and we wish them all the best with their plans for the future.

St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 31st May 2020

Online Worship & Gathering

All worship events are available online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1r0Eq3PqBmxioDssYXCbGQ>

<https://www.pscp.tv/StThomasEdin> and can also be viewed on the blog page

<https://www.gadgetvicar.org.uk>

Our Twitter account has also been reactivated. Search for @StThomasEdin.

Sunday 31 May

Online Worship @ 10.30am – Helplessness & Hope Lamentations 4

YF - meet online 6pm – 8pm, please contact Phil Taylor for details.

Monday 1 June

@12pm – Midday Prayer

Tuesday 2 June

@9.30pm Night Prayer

YF – meet 7pm – 8.30pm for online Bible study, please contact Phil Taylor for details.

Wednesday 3 June

@12pm Midday Prayer

@2-3.30pm Rooted Bible Study - Join Zoom Meeting, please contact Kerstin Prill for details.

Thursday 4 June

@ 10am - 'Zoom' Coffee Online - Join Zoom Meeting

@ 9.30pm Night Prayer

Our plans of what we will do to be of service in the coming weeks.

- 1. We have a closed (private) Facebook group (*Embrace*) for St Thomas' people** to share needs, resources and prayers. You need to be invited to be part of this group – please contact David if you want to join the group. If you have urgent prayer concerns or needs, please let David know by email, text or message.
- 2. We will offer regular prayer and worship online.** Details of this week's programme are above.
- 3. Some groups will meet using the 'Zoom' conference calling app.** If you need help setting this up, let us know and we can assist. We'll also have informal gatherings online for conversation, care and prayer. **CODES AND LINKS FOR ZOOM MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND IN PASTORAL LETTER SENT OUT ON FRIDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS MEETINGS OR CONTACT DAVID BY EMAIL.**
- 4. Some serious work has been going on to enhance our website.** This is ongoing but please do visit <https://www.saintthomas.org.uk>
- 5. Our Facebook page is now an important resource for communication.** We encourage as many as possible to use it.
<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasedin/>
See message on previous page stating you do not need a Facebook account to access this.
- 6. Phil Taylor and our volunteers** are working hard to keep good communications with, and gathering of young people going. Contact Phil at phil@saintthomas.org.uk if he can be of help.
- 7. We will go on praying for all of you,** those on the front line helping people afflicted by Covid-19, our leaders and those who need Jesus Christ now more than ever.

for our prayer

TWO PRAYERS OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

Watch O Lord, with those who cannot sleep or weep tonight.

Tend your sick ones.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones. Amen.

Give thanks for the beginning of the first phase of the easing of lockdown: pray that we will stay alert and that there will be no upsurge in cases of Covid-19.

Pray for:

Those whose mental health has suffered over the period of the lockdown.

Those whose jobs have ended or are worried about employment for the future.

Those on furlough.

Workers in the NHS, carers, education, emergency services, public transport and retail – for safety and rest.

For care homes, especially Manor Grange – for sufficient resources both materially and emotionally.

For those supporting the grieving: ministers and funeral directors. That appropriate care and understanding can be offered.

For the Turner family as they prepare to move home, work and schooling to Baton Rouge, Louisiana: for the Lord's provision and protection.
