

The st thomas' story



23rd August 2020

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

We will worship at 10.30am every Sunday followed by a Zoom meeting chat.
Please click on the links below (in blue writing) to access the services.

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

A short video '**Thought for the Day**' (recorded by David McCarthy) will not be available this week

The church is open for Prayer and Reflection on Monday & Wednesday, 10am – 12noon.

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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.



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David McCarthy is on holiday until Monday 31 August. Phil Taylor will lead worship this Sunday. Sandy Benzies will lead and Bishop Andy Lines will preach on 30 August. Emergency pastoral care will be available from the Reverends Thorsten Prill, Bruce Gordon and Douglas Kornahrens. Contact Thorsten in the first instance on prill.nets@gmail.com or 07421 132310

Can you help out with our Online Worship on Sundays with reading or most importantly prayers? Please contact the office if you can as a rota has been set up from Sunday 6 September. David will discuss what is needed and arrange to do them live during the service or pre – record them during the week.

The **Corstorphine Community Centre Emergency Foodbank** are in need of cereal, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, soup mix, stock cubes, rice, tinned fruit, packets/tinned deserts. Sandy Benzies is collecting donations (0131 339 4838) or you can take them in person, to Corstorphine Community Hub, St. John's Road on Wednesday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon, please do not leave donations outside as they cannot be used. Thank you.

If you have been knitting **Beanie hats for Mission to Seafarers**, please can you let Sue Gordon know (01506 418 466) or they can be left at the church office during opening hours. If you would like to knit some, patterns are available from the office.

We have a closed (private) Facebook group (*Embrace*) for St Thomas' people to share needs, resources and prayers. This is a members group and you need to be invited to join the group so please contact David McCarthy for an invitation to be sent to you. If you have urgent prayer concerns or needs, please contact the office by email or leave a message and we will ring back. Contact details are on front page.

NEW CHURCH PHONE NUMBER: 0131 285 8782

Please note this important change which comes as a result of installing a new fibre phone line for our improved internet service. We have been unable to port the old number to the new system.

Our new church website is live, please do visit

<https://www.saintthomas.org.uk>. For more details, please see the 'Introduction to new St Thomas' website' document and an image of the 'My Area' section which have been sent with the pastoral letter. Within 'My Area', you can adjust your details, contact preferences and access your rota reminders.

Top tip: to link easily to our Facebook page, YouTube channel and our Twitter account, just click on the social media icons at the top right of the website main page. Thank you to those who have given feedback on the new website. Please do explore and let the Communication Team know what you think by emailing us stts.comms@gmail.com or contacting Angela Benzies.

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.

Phil Taylor and our volunteers are working hard to keep in contact with all our young people and looking for ways they may be able to meet outside. Details will follow. Contact Phil at phil@saintthomas.org.uk if he can be of help.

St Thomas' Church Online

Week Beginning 23 August 2020

Online Worship & Gathering

All worship events are available online at:

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

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

<https://www.pscp.tv/StThomasEdin>

Sunday 23 August

Online Worship @ 10.30am – I LOVE MY CHURCH:

Post Worship Chat – Join Zoom Meeting

Monday 24 August

@12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook)

Tuesday 25 August

@9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook)

Wednesday 26 August

@12pm Midday Prayer (Facebook)

@2-3.30pm Rooted Bible Study

Contact Kerstin Prill (kerstinprill67@gmail.com) for how to join this 'Zoom' meeting.

Thursday 27 August

@ 10am - 'Zoom' Coffee Online

Join Zoom Meeting

@9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)

Vestry meets on Monday 31st August using 'Zoom'

for our prayer

We pray for all in church leadership: for bishops, local leaders both lay and ordained and for Bishop Andy Lines in his role of leading churches in the UK and Europe as we seek to make Jesus known: for endurance and wisdom.

For the Church around the world...

For the Church in Scotland...

we pray for our friends in Westhill Community Church, St Silas', Glasgow and on the Isle of Harris – that they will remain faithful, see the Lord's provision and His kingdom growing. We pray too for all those church communities around the country which are working to find ways to serve their local communities in these difficult times.

We pray for our own government and all governments that have tried to find ways of dealing with this crisis, thanking God for the blessings of wise decision makers and advisers ...

We pray for the nations of the world:

We pray for the people of Beirut and Lebanon ...

We pray for the local community:

We give thanks for frontline workers,
essential services that have kept working ...
for our schools ... the police ...
for community volunteers who keep in touch with the housebound ...
for those who return to work ... those who wait to return to work ...
those who have no work to return to ...
for business owners who try to keep going ...
for those who still live with fear ...
for the people of Corstorphine, Edinburgh and Scotland...

In this time, known in the Church as Ordinary Time,
we give thanks for all the ordinary things we have taken for granted.

We pray for those in need:

In our hearts, we name individuals, families, neighbours,
care homes, hospitals, voluntary groups ...

We pray for those who are sick or isolated, at home or in hospital ...

We pray for those we have offered to pray for ...

We pray for all who grieve and mourn at this time ...

We remember, and give thanks for, the faithful departed ...

may their families find comfort and support in the prayers of friends ...

May their memories be a blessing to us ...

We pray for David and Ali as they relax and spend time together over the next week. Bless their time and give them rest and peace.

Pandemic Prayer

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children as schools reopen remember those children who have no school provision. May we who have to cancel our trips remember those with no place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbour. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, whose arms of love embrace us all.

Amen
