

# The st thomas' story



6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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**We will worship at 10.30am this Sunday** at St Thomas' with limited numbers in Congregation. Please book by email or phone to attend. **You can continue to access the service using online resources.** Following the service there will be 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 be available on Facebook Monday to Thursday morning.

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

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## staff and contacts

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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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**We look forward to welcoming you back to our physical Sunday gatherings.**

We need to adhere to the government regulations regarding social distancing and hygiene. There are a number of requirements we need to meet as we resume meeting together. We ask for your patience as we start back again, but please be assured that the reopening team is working hard to enable us to regather in all of our buildings as soon and as safely as possible.

Please telephone or email the church office to tell us you are coming. You must do this **by 9am on the Friday before**. Initially our capacity is limited. Following the latest Scottish Government guidance it is mandatory to wear a face-covering in a place of worship. This means that you should wear a face covering throughout our time together, unless you have a medical condition, disability or other reason which exempts you from this restriction.

Details were emailed to church members on our email list. Contact us 0131 285 8782 if you are not on our email list but would like more information.

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 Benzie 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.

**Phil Taylor and our volunteers** are working hard to keep in contact with all our young people. Contact Phil at [phil@saintthomas.org.uk](mailto:phil@saintthomas.org.uk) if he can be of help.

## **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.

## **Keep the Date**

**St Thomas' will be hosting on Zoom an Edinburgh City Mission 'City Vision Prayer' event on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm.** More details will follow next week.

## **Building**

Scaffolding erection to repair brick work started Thursday and went well. To be completed next week.

## **Hall refurbishment**

Forth Flooring replaced the disabled toilet floor Thursday. They laid screeds in the ladies' and gents' toilets which they will let dry over the weekend. They will not be in on Friday but will return Monday to fit the other floors. They will also re-do two of the welds in the kitchen floor near the cooker in order to make the surface hygienic.

## **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](mailto: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.

# **St Thomas' Church Online**

## **Week Beginning 6 September 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 6 September**

**Online Worship @ 10.30am – A NEW BEGINNING: ACTS 8:26-40**

**Pre- & Post- Worship Chat – Join Zoom Meeting – [Zoom details on Pastoral letter](#)**

**6.30-7.30pm 'Zoom' Prayer Base - To Join Zoom Meeting go to:  
[Zoom details on Pastoral letter](#)**

### **Monday 7 September**

**@12pm – Midday Prayer (Facebook)**

### **Tuesday 8 September**

**@9.30pm Night Prayer (Facebook)**

### **Wednesday 9 September**

**@12pm Midday Prayer (Facebook)**

**@2.00 - 3.30pm Rooted Bible Study**

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

### **Thursday 10 September**

**@ 10am - 'Zoom' Coffee Online**

To Join Zoom – [Zoom details on Pastoral letter](#)

Meeting ID: 914 6541 6252

**@9.30pm – Night Prayer (Facebook)**

# for our prayer

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## Prayers

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

**And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our light appears you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

**Please keep in your prayers** those helping with this Sunday's worship:  
welcomers, technical team, preacher and leaders.

**Pray for those in our communities** who need the support provided by Food  
Banks and also for all those who serve in them.

**Pray for your neighbours:** those who are hurting, lonely or sick. Ask the Lord to  
show you how you can help.

**God of love and grace,** continue to guide us through this time where many  
places are still in confinement.

May the overload of information about restrictions and guidelines not weigh on  
our hope.

In our personal boredom, help us not to forget others, and to remember your  
eternal promise in Jesus, the Christ.



*Rev Jane Stranz*