

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

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Weekly Notices

13th September 2026

Season of Creation 2

Services today

11am Holy Communion

Welcome to St Thomas' Church.

We hope that you enjoy our service today and stay for refreshments. after the service. Everyone is welcome to Communion at the Lord's Table. We have gluten free wafers – please ask when you come forward. We are not permitted to dip the wafer into the wine. Please do not partake in the wine if you are unwell. If you have difficulty walking communion can be brought to you in the pew.

Hymns

1. **565** Praise my soul the king of heaven
2. **392** Let us with a gladsome mind
3. **Offertory Hymn 144** Dear Lord and Father of mankind
4. **379** Lead us heavenly Father lead us

Next Sundays:

11am Holy Communion

What's on this week:

Monday:

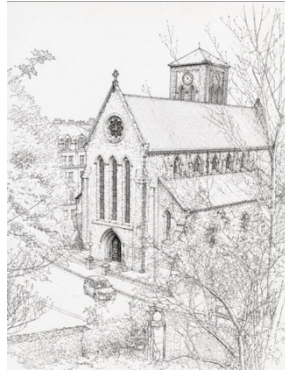
2pm Craft Group

Wednesday

7.45pm Wednesday Concert

Friday

10.30-12 Coffee Morning



there for prayer. We are very pleased to pray for individuals in the service, but this requires the express consent of the person concerned or their relative if they lack capacity to consent.

Today in our parish we pray for all who live or work in or walk through Montreux Court.

Collect:

Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory. **Amen**

Psalms 19

Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.
One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.

Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—
but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.
The sun is like a groom coming out of his
honeymoon suite;
like a warrior,
it thrills at running its course.
It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.

The LORD's Instruction is perfect,
reviving one's very being.
The LORD's laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.
The LORD's regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.
The LORD's commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.

SUMMER CONCERTS WED @ 7.45PM.

This week:

Manx Voices

Conductor: Angela Stewart

Prayer:

We have a prayer corner in church where you may light a candle and there are several resources

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Honouring the LORD is correct, lasting forever.
The LORD's judgments are true.
All of these are righteous!
They are more desirable than gold— than tons of pure gold!
They are sweeter than honey— even dripping off the honeycomb!
No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them;
there is great reward in keeping them.

But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong?
Clear me of any unknown sin and save your servant from wilful sins.
Don't let them rule me. Then I'll be completely blameless; I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to you, LORD,
my rock and my redeemer.

This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Gospels

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 4:26-34

Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and

becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for inviting us to share the hospitality of your table and to enjoy the blessings of a bountiful earth. Call forth in us the same generosity as we find in you. In the power of your Spirit, raise up in us a hunger for justice, a commitment to kindness and a passion for service, that we may be a blessing in the world, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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