

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

Prayer for today: Collect:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post communion prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our
bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to
the body,
and from all evil thoughts which
may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Lent lunches: Friday 12-1.30
Join us for soup and a roll and a
pudding and support our Lent
giving. £7 per person

***Please inform me of any upcoming
events to add to the weekly notices.***

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Churches' Bookshop

11-5pm Mon- Sat

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WELCOME TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Weekly Notices

March 5th 2023

YEAR A

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Service today

11am HOLY COMMUNION

Hymns: Complete Anglican

1. 739 When morning gilds the sky
2. 195 From heaven you came
3. **OFFERTORY HYMN 303** I cannot tell
4. 695 To God be the glory

Next Sunday

11am HOLY COMMUNION

Mothing Sunday

19th March-Brunch@9.30am

Family Service: @ 11am

If you are visiting us for the first
time a very warm welcome to you.
We hope that you enjoy our service
today. Everyone is welcome to
Communion at the Lord's Table. We
use gluten free wafers. 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.

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Prayer:

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

What's on this week:

Monday

2pm Craft Group

Tuesday

7.15pm St Thomas' Fellowship

Wednesday

7.15pm Diocesan Synod Meeting

Friday

10.30am Coffee and Chat

11am Lent Morning Prayer

12-1.30pm Lent lunches

EDIT TO SERVICES AND EVENTS

*On Fridays in Lent we have Morning
Prayer at 11am (not Holy Communion
at 9.30am)*

*On Good Friday there will be no Coffee
and Chat or lunches.*

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A reading from the New Testament

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

4What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

After a reflective silence
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from the Gospels:

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God. O that you today would listen to his voice., Harden not your hearts.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you O Lord!

John 3.1-17

3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the

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Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.

³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.

⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."

⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher

of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Praise to you, O Christ!

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