

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

40The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

After a reflective silence

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

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Churches Bookshop: Mon-Sat

11am-5pm downstairs @ St Thomas' Church

**SERVICE FOR
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

an ecumenical service at St Thomas' on 4th March @10.30am.

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WELCOME TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Weekly Notices

30th January 2022

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THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

Service today

11.00 am Holy Communion

Hymns:

360 Faithful vigil ended
241 Sing we of the blessed Mother (Tune: 418 Abbot's Leigh)
301 God is here! As we his people
368 All my hope on God is founded

Next Sunday

9.30 am BRUNCH
11.00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Baptisms & Weddings or pastoral

visits: Contact Rev Liz Hull (*details on the back*)

Regular giving: as banks change their rules and start charging the church for paying in cash or cheques we could save these charges by receiving your donation by Standing Order. Please speak to our treasurer if you would like to do this.

If you are visiting us for the first time a very warm welcome to you. We hope that you enjoy our service today. There will be refreshments served at the end of the service and you are most welcome to join us.

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.

Electoral Roll: if you would like to go onto the church electoral roll there are forms at the back of church which you can hand to one of the wardens.

What's on this week:

Monday

2pm Craft Group

Tuesday

7.30pm Men's Group

Friday

10.30am Coffee & Chat

12-1.30 Friday lunch

Saturday

8.30-10 Working Party

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A reading from the Book of

Malachi:

Malachi 3.1-5

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 4Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. 5 Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers,

against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord!

Luke 2.22-40

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25 Now there was a man in

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Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34Then

Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

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