

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

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Weekly Notices

18th October 2026

20th Sunday after Trinity

Services today

11am Holy Communion

12.15pm Christmas Fair planning meeting

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. **19** All my hope of God is founded
2. **625** Take my life and let it be (*Tune Nottingham*)
3. **Offertory Hymn 374** Just as I am, without one plea (*Tune Woodworth*)
4. **186** For the healing of the nations (*Tune Mannheim*)

Next Sunday: 25th October

11am Holy Communion

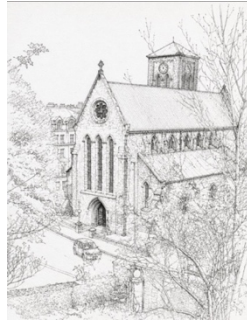
What's on this week:

Monday:

2pm Craft Group

Friday

10.30-12 Coffee Morning



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. Today in our parish we pray for all who live or work in or walk through Princes Road.

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 14th November at 2pm

Admission £1

Refreshments and stalls



Collect

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 45.1–7

45 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-

and the gates shall not be closed:

2 I will go before you
and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

3 I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

Bible Study Group

November 4th, 11th, 25th, Dec 2nd

7pm @ 2 Second Ave, Douglas

Creation: a 4 week reflection

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4 For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
5 I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
6 so that they may know, from the rising of the
sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides
me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

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
Matthew.*

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 22.15–22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to
entrap Jesus in what he said.
16 So they sent their disciples to Jesus, along
with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know
that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in
accordance with truth, and show deference to no
one; for you do not regard people with partiality.
17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to
pay taxes to the emperor, or not?'
18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why
are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
19 Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they
brought him a denarius.
20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this,
and whose title?'
21 They answered, 'The emperors.' Then he said
to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the
things that are the emperors, and to God the
things that are God's.'
22 When they heard this, they were amazed;
and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world from
the darkness of ignorance: let these holy
mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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