



### Christmas Service Cards

The St. Thomas' Christmas Service cards are now available for distribution. We have 1,000 to deliver – please help by taking a street/s near you and posting the cards through letterboxes as soon as possible.

Thank you!

### Rainbows Christmas Collection

The Rainbows are collecting for the Foodbank and the Gansey Dementia Unit for their Christmas 'good turns' this year. Please leave your donations in the boxes by the pews in the Children's Corner. Thank you.



### CHRISTMAS LIVE!

Postponed from last year due to the atrocious weather on the night 'Christmas Live,' the open air nativity has been rescheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, with two performances in Villiers Square at 6.00pm and 7.30pm. Choir rehearsals are on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm, at the Bohemian Café, Victoria Street, Douglas (next to Starbucks) with a final dress rehearsal in Villiers Square on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. No need to read music – just an opportunity to join a community choir to 'make a joyful noise' with traditional carols in this act of witness to the town!



We are very pleased to pray for individuals in services, or via the newsletter, but please note that this requires the express consent of the person concerned (or, if incapacitated, of a close relative)

**'Comfort, comfort my people, says your God'**  
**Isaiah 40: 11**



# Welcome to St. Thomas!

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

*Advent 2*

11.00am

St. Barbara's Day Parade service for the Royal Artillery Association



The church flowers this week were donated by Tracy Martin

*Please feel welcome to join us for tea or coffee in the upstairs vestry after the service*



### What's On This Week

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Craft Group
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Funeral of David Cain Mothers' Union Christmas Meal
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 7.30pm	Coffee Morning Choir Rehearsal for 'Carols by Candlelight'
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Advent 3	11.00am	Holy Communion & Sunday School <i>After the service the Sunday School will be holding a Cake Sale. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase some delicious cakes!</i>

# Forthcoming Events

## Christmas Services

Please note the times of our services over the Christmas period:

20<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am Holy Communion  
Advent 4 6.30pm Carols by  
Candlelight

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Coffee/tea  
& mince pies  
5.00pm Crib Service



Christmas Day 10.30am Holy  
Communion  
for Christmas Day



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion  
First Sunday of  
Christmas

## Friends of St. Thomas' School

A big 'thank you' from the Friends of St. Thomas' School to all who supported their Christmas Fair, which raised the excellent total of just over £1,000.00 after expenses. Thank you also to those who purchased tickets for the Advent Raffle which has raised a profit in excess of £200.00!



## Sunday School Cake Sale

The next Sunday School Cake Sale will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, after the morning service.



Bake Sale

## Christingle Service



Our Christingle service this year will be combined with the St. Thomas' school end of term service on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. All are welcome!

## Christmas Tree

By popular request we have ordered a Christmas Tree for outside the church. If you would like to make a donation towards its cost, please place your gift on the plate on the font. Thank you!



## Christmas Flowers

There are envelopes in the pews for the Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in the envelope and put it on the collection plate or pass it to a Church Warden.



## Decorating the Church for Christmas

We will be preparing the decorations on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Please come along and help; no expertise required – just a sense of humour!



## URGENTLY REQUIRED!

We urgently require greenery, holly and evergreen for the Christmas decorations. Please bring any donations to church on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> between 10.00-12.00pm.

