



Manx Concert Brass

A concert by Manx Concert Brass has been arranged for Thursday 14th October commencing at 7.30pm in Church. Tickets for the concert are £15 to include a hot supper, dessert and wine/soft drinks. For tickets and further information, please see Edwin or the church website.

Traidcraft Stall

The Traidcraft stall is still available at the back of church. Please take the opportunity to purchase fairly traded goods, and so help the individuals and communities who produce them. Thank you!



Leprosy Mission



The Leprosy Mission raise valuable funds by selling used postage stamps. Please save your stamps, trim them with a 1cm border and place them in the box at the back of church. Thank you

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)



The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous.

Psalm 34: 15



Welcome to St. Thomas' Church!

Sunday 22nd August 2021

Trinity 12

11.00am

Holy Communion
Hymns: 496, 600, 494, 490
Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-20
Edwin Creer
Gospel: John 6: 56-69

Today's prayer response is
'Our strength is in you'



The church flowers this week were donated by Marissa Forrester

Please feel welcome to join us for tea/coffee and biscuits in the upper vestry after the service



What's On This Week

Monday 23 rd	2.00pm	Craft Group
Wednesday 25 th	7.45pm	Evening Concert by the Summer Singers
Friday 27 th	10.30am	Coffee and chat
Sunday 29 th Trinity 13	11.00am	Holy Communion

Notices

Appointment of Rev. Liz Hull



After a long period of uncertainty over the future ministry at St. Thomas', I am pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Liz Hull as our Priest in Charge. Liz is currently serving a curacy in the Rushen Group of parishes, and will be licensed to St. Thomas' by Bishop Peter on Tuesday 5th October, at 7.30pm, with her first Sunday on 10th October.

Please note the dates, and pray for Liz and her family as she prepares to join us.

Standing Orders

If you would like to transfer to Standing Order for your regular giving to St. Thomas', please take one of the forms at the back of church, fill it in, and return it to Pam, Philip, Michael or Pete. Although IOM Bank have postponed the imposition of charges for cash/cheque handling etc, longer term the threat remains and standing orders are a cost-effective way of processing regular giving to the work of the church. Our weekly offering, whether by cash, envelopes, standing order, or other electronic wizardry, is a sign of our commitment to St. Thomas.' So that this can be recognised in the offertory prayer, please take one of the small tokens on the table where the books are given out, and place it in the collecting plate when it comes round.



Wednesday Concerts

If you are able to assist in any way with the arrangements/refreshments for the Wednesday concerts, please sign the list at the back of church. Thank you!

Ride and Stride



How many of the Island's historic churches can you visit in a day? 'Ride and Stride' for churches is coming to the Isle of Man. Why not get some sponsorship and see how many you can manage – **all** the money you raise will go to the church of your choice (which we hope, of course, will be St. Thomas'!)

When? Saturday 18th September

How? i. On foot

ii. By bike

iii. By bus

- but **no** cars, motorbikes etc!

Sponsor forms are available at the back, and more details on the poster in the vestry. Lists of churches which will be open will be available nearer the time. Bon voyage!



Churches Bookshop

The Churches Bookshop is now well settled in to our downstairs room.



They are very pleased with the accommodation, grateful to us for providing it, and hope to remain with us when we complete our proposed re-ordering of the church. Please remember there are two ways in which we can help the bookshop to flourish;

i. they need extra volunteers to staff the shop, If you feel you could give some time on a regular basis, please see Philip in the first instance. Obviously, full training will be provided;

ii. Please use the Bookshop for purchases of Bibles, Christian Books etc. Items not in stock can always be ordered, and Mr Bezos of Amazon is quite rich enough already!

