

St Thomas' Church  
*In the heart of Douglas*

FAIRTRADE ITEMS CAN BE  
ORDERED AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

Contact Information

*Our next Friday Lunch will be  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 12-1.30pm*

**5<sup>th</sup> Feb - Brunch @9.30am**  
**Family Service: @ 11am**

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 10.30 am

**Lent lunches**  
beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February 12-  
1.30 and every Friday in Lent

BIBLE TIME  
AT ST GEORGE'S WITH  
FR ANDREW COLEMAN  
BEGINNING 12<sup>TH</sup> JAN @7PM AND  
SUBSEQUENT THURSDAYS  
45 MINS OF RELAXED CHAT  
FOLLOWED BY A HOT DRINK AND  
BROWNIES.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE  
CONTACT HIM ON  
ANDREW.COLEMAN@SODORANDMAN.IM  
OR 863424

**Mothers' Union are collecting  
working kettles and toasters for  
Housing Matters. If you can help,  
please bring either to church.**

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WELCOME TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH

**Weekly Notices**  
**JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**YEAR A**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
Our Theme today is the abundant  
provision of God

**Service today**  
**11am HOLY COMMUNION**

**Hymns: Complete Anglican**  
**1.184** For the beauty of the earth  
**2.511** O Lord my God  
**3 OFFERTORY HYMN 962** Lord have  
mercy on us  
**4. 409** Lord for the years

**Next Sunday**  
**9.30am BRUNCH**

**11am FAMILY SERVICE**  
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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There will be refreshments served  
at the end of the service and you  
are welcome to join us.

**Prayer:** We pray for the Eastern  
Mission Partnership which St  
Thomas' Church is part of. 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**  
7.00pm PCC Meeting

**Friday**  
10.30am Coffee and Chat  
12-1.30pm Friday Lunch

**Saturday**  
8.30 -10.30am Working Party

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

**NEW BIBLE READING ROTA  
SENT OUT BY EMAIL.**

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW  
IF YOU NEED A PAPER COPY**

**Parish Website:**  
www.stthomaschurch.im  
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**Churches' Bookshop**  
11-5pm Mon- Sat  
**PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU**

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A reading from the Old Testament

**1 Kings 17.8-16**

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' <sup>12</sup>But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.' <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will

not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

*After a reflective silence*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

A reading from the Gospels:

The Word was made flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

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

**John 2.1-11**

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus

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Prayer for today: Collect:

said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*After a reflective silence*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

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God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out  
of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the  
glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of  
ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your  
people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your  
glory in the face of Jesus Christ  
your Son 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:

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have  
proclaimed the mystery of your  
love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your  
wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**