

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

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to offer faithful worship and to extend in His name a warm welcome to all.*

Weekly Notices

27th September 2026

Season of Creation 4

Services today

11am Holy Communion

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. 642 The God of Abraham praise
2. 646 The kingdom of God *Tune Hanover*
3. **Offertory Hymn** 332 I the Lord of sea and sky
4. 303 I cannot tell

Next Sundays:

11am Family Harvest Service

2-4pm MNH Heritage open day tour

What's on this week:

Monday:

2pm Craft Group

Wednesday and Thursday

*There will be window repairs taking place in church
and the lane will be closed for parking*

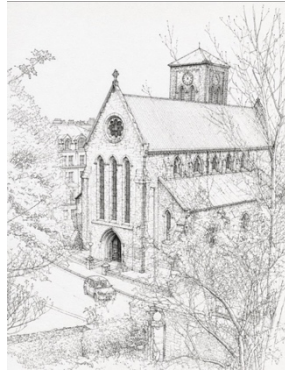
Friday

10.30-12 Coffee Morning

12-1.30pm Friday Lunch

Saturday

8.30am Working Party



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 Oxford Street.

Mariner's Choir Service

October 11th at 6.30pm

Please let me know if you can help with refreshments. This will be similar to our usual hospitality for concerts.

Collect Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with
the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 40:12-15, 18-31

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

An idol? —A workman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold, and casts for it silver chains. As a gift one chooses mulberry wood —wood that will not rot— then seeks out a skilled artisan to set up an image that will not topple.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them,

Harvest Service

October 4th at 11am

*Donations of tins for the Food bank
as Harvest gifts please*

Prayer:

We have a prayer corner in church where you may light a candle and there are several resources

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and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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 Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 4:1, 14-30

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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