

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

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Weekly Notices

1st February 2026

Epiphany 4

Service 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. **6** All creatures of our God and King *verses 1,2,3,7*
2. **428** Love divine all loves excelling BLAENWERN
3. **OFFERTORY HYMN 369** Jesu thou joy of loving hearts EISENACH LM
4. **649** The King of Love my Shepherd is ST COLUMBA

Next Sunday:

11am Holy Communion

What's on this week:

Monday: 2pm Craft Group- Jacqy's
Tuesday: 7.30pm Fellowship Group
Friday 10.30-12 Coffee and Chat
12-1.30pm Friday Lunch

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 Cambridge Terrace.

Collect

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends
of the earth
and your messengers to every
nation:
send your Holy Spirit to
transform us

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by the good news of everlasting
life

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**A Reading from the Old
Testament**

1 Kings 17.8–16

8 Then the word of the Lord
came to him, saying,

9 'Go now to Zarephath, which
belongs to Sidon, and live there;
for I have commanded a widow
there to feed you.'

10 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.'

11 As she was going to bring it,
he called to her and said, Bring me
a morsel of bread in your hand.

12 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.

13 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.

14 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.

15 She went and did as Elijah said,
so that she as well as he and her
household ate for many days.

16 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Gospels

Alleluia, alleluia

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of*

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God.

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.*

All: **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.

2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, They have no wine.

4 And Jesus said to her, Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.

5 His mother said to the servants, Do whatever he tells you.

6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to them, Fill the jars with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 He said to them, Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward. So they took it.

9 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 10 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.

11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion

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.

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What's happening at St Thomas' Church

Access

The church has been successful in its application for a grant to improve access via the entrance to church and will begin the process of applying for all relevant permissions to install a ramp and automatic opening doors to improve the access for both wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs.

Sustainability

The church has achieved a bronze Eco Church award and is working towards silver and gold awards.

We have also been successful in our application to become a Net Zero Demonstrator Church and will receive a grant to help us to transition to a more sustainable carbon neutral heating system. As part of this transition, we are looking to prevent any water ingress to protect the unique and very special Miller Nicholson Murals. We are looking for

corporate sponsors to help us to raise funds for this important work. We are hoping that visitors to our church will share the vision with anyone who can assist in this i.e. their employers, colleagues, families and other organisations and charitable donors, and consider contributing their own energy and expertise in raising funds.

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