

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### Services today

**11am Holy Communion – Visit of 'Alabama pilgrims'**

### **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 **Orange Hymn Book**

1. **97** Christ is made the sure foundation *Tune WESTMINSTER ABBEY*
2. **297** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
3. **OFFERTORY HYMN 123** Come, my way, my Truth, my Life *Tune NOTTINGHAM*
4. **503** O Jesus I have promised *Tune HATHEROP CASTLE*

### Next Sunday:

**11am Holy Communion**

### What's on this week:

#### Monday:

*Bank Holiday- No Craft Group*

#### Friday

*10.30 Coffee Morning*

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**Sponsor a window – see leaflets.**

### 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 Empire Terrace.

### Collect/ Prayer for today:

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

### Response to prayers:

*Lord lead us in the ways of peace*

**All: *guide us in the path of life***

### Acts 7.55-end

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

56 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'

57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

*Two years ago with Gaia*



*The Flower Tower in 2023*



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58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'

60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

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

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **John 14.1-14**

Jesus said

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

9 Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?'

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to

you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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