St Thomas' Church

In the heart of Douglas

We are here to witness to the presence of Christ in the parish we serve,
to offer faithful worship and to extend in His name a warm welcome to all.

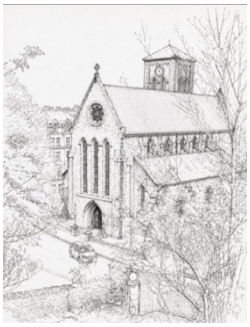
Weekly Notices

22nd November 2026

Christ the King

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. **105** Christ whose glory fills the skies
2. **137** Crown him with many crowns
3. **Offertory Hymn 352** Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it
4. **54** at the name of Jesus (Tune Camberwell)

Service Next Sunday

11am Holy Communion

What's on this week:

Monday:

2pm Craft Group

Tuesday

7pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday

NO bible study meeting

Thursday

7.15pm Diocesan Synod Meeting

Friday

10.30-12 Coffee Morning

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. If you wish to leave a prayer request for the Vicar, please complete a prayer request form and add it to the collection plate during the collection hymn.

Today in our parish we pray for all who live or work in or walk through Strand Shopping Centre and Strand Street.

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

11 For thus says the Lord God: 'I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.
14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.
16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide,
22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.'

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 Matthew.

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

Matthew 25.31–end

Jesus said 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;
42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'
45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'
46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. "

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SUMT Carols and Chips
SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER
5:30-7PM @ St Ninian'
O Come! Grab your cheesiest Christmas jumper and let' s celebrate Jesus together!
Kids £5, Adults £10, Family £25

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Church Giving

To donate by card, use the SUM Up machine or QR code here

If you would like to donate your collection by monthly standing order there are forms at the back of church.

In 2025 the average monthly expenses were £5477