

**PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. THOMAS, DOUGLAS**



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WELCOME TO THE ST THOMAS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MINISTERS MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH

As we begin June we celebrate with the church throughout the world Pentecost when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to all believers –

“Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.” Joel 2:28-29

And we also conclude our time of prayer for Thy Kingdom Come when we have spent the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost praying to see the Kingdom of God in our midst.

So let's imagine what it means to see the Kingdom of God here in the Isle of Man. A spirit of generosity and kindness, of welcome and hope. Of hospitality and love. Let us commit ourselves to making that visible to those around us in St Thomas' and in Douglas, letting our actions reach out across the island and the world.

God bless.

Liz

Rev Liz Hull

MAY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th – Pentecost

9:30 am Holy Communion

Preaching : Rev Liz Hull

Reader : First reading : Sandra
 Acts 2 v 1 - 21

 Gospel : Edwin
 John 14 v 8 – 17 & 25 - 27

Prayers : Rev Liz Hull

Sidesperson : Volunteers from the congregation

Tea Rota : No tea/coffee this week

Sunday 12th – Trinity

11:00 am Holy Communion

Preaching : Steve Hull

Reader : First reading : Michael
 Proverbs 8 v 1 – 4 & 22 - 31

Gospel : Philip
John 16 v 12 - 15

Intercessions : Canon Rev Philip Frear

Sidesperson : Pat Walmsley
 John Walmsley

Tea Rota : Louise Faragher
 Joan Aitken

Sunday 19th – 1st Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am Holy Communion

Preaching : Rev Liz Hull

Reader : First reading : Gladys
 Isaiah 65 v 1 - 9

 Gospel : Steve
 Luke 8 v 26 - 39

Intercessions : Steve Hull

Sidesperson : Jenny Copparelli
 Edward Littlewood

Tea Rota : Lorna Martin
 Pat Walmsley

Sunday 26th – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

11:00 am Holy Communion

Preaching : Rev Liz Hull

Reader : First Reading : Sandra
 1 Kings 19 v 15 – 16 & 19 - End

 Gospel : Tracy E
 Luke 9 : 15 v 51 - End

Intercessions : Tracey E

Sidesperson : Peter Clague
 Pam Beedan

Tea Rota : The Gentlemen

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING ROTA

Jacqy Frear Pat Walmsley	3 rd June
Edwin Creer Michael Farnworth	10 th June
June McDowell Lorna Martin	17 th June
Barbara Gibbon Viola Ferris	24 th June

Please make sure you bring the milk and biscuits for the coffee morning.

FRIDAY FLOWER ROTA

When it is your turn to provide flowers, you can arrange them on the altar when the Church is open on Friday coffee morning. Or if you are unable to be there in person, then please ask someone else to arrange the flowers for you, moving the previous weeks flowers to the side aisles.

Lorna Martin	3 rd June
Tracey Martin	10 th June
Louise Faragher	17 th June
Vacant	24 th June

MENS FELLOWSHIP

After a successful and enjoyable season with lots of interesting speakers and plenty of food for thought, we will be having our AGM and outing in either June or July. Please watch out for notices in the usual places such as Church, social media, website or monthly newsletter.

150 YEAR CELEBRATION OF ST THOMAS BEING OPEN

In July, we will be celebrating 150 years of St Thomas Church being opened with a week of festivities.

To make sure this is a success, we will need to put a small group of dedicated volunteers together for a couple of months to co-ordinate our plans.

If you would like to help with this, please let us know.

A BIKER'S PRAYER

A Biker's Prayer

Lord, Almighty Father-

Thank you for giving us motorcycles.

Lord,

Thank you for loving those who ride.

Thank you for the protection,

The special love you've saved for us-

And the pride you take in the creation

Of every single one.

Lord,

Thank you for showing us

That even in the darkest times,

When one of us has lost our life-

Thank you for being so amazing,

And for keeping the rest of us alive.

Lord,

We do not understand why some must go,

So painful to remember them-

So painful to know,

That it could have been me.

Lord,

I thank you each and every day

For keeping my family safe.

I thank you for bringing me home,

To say "I love you" to everyone-

That means something.

Lord,

Thank you for bringing me such amazing friends,

When we ride together-
When we feel the wind,
We know we are all safe
Because we know you love us to the very end.
Lord,
For those families who have lost
Thank you for helping them grieve,
Cope-
Lord thank you for showing us
The beauty in your love.
Lord,
A few final words-
I pray you always protect us
When we ride alone-
I pray when we ride in groups,
That you remind people in cars
That we really go first.
Lord remind those who don't ride
That in the end,
That big SUV will keep them safe.
Remind them, Lord, that when we're hit-
It's head to the ground,
And we're lucky if we make it.
Lord,
Thank you so much for keeping us safe.
We love you Lord,
Each and every one of us.

Taken from "allpoetry.com" website

We began by welcoming new members to the PCC and thanking those who have put their names down to be sidespersons. We are always pleased for anyone to step forward and help out at Church in any capacity.

So if you feel you are being called to help the Church thrive and grow, please talk to Rev Liz, Mike or Peter. There's lots of ways in which you can help us to help.

Pam noted that we had raised £500 for the Douglas Coal Fund during Lent lunches and that we have raised £173.21 towards Christian Aid which will be matched by IOM Government contributions.

On the fabric side of things, there are several faculties under way. The cast iron external vent replacements is nearing approval and hopefully this work can be carried out as soon as we possibly can. We are looking at putting a notice board on the walls outside the vestry door on Church walk. This will be used by the Church and the Bookshop. There's also another faculty for moving the Communion table to its position at the foot of the nave. We are also in discussion about re-rendering the external pebble dashed wall and whether this would need a faculty.

We have placed an order for a new dishwasher. This will be placed under the counter next to the sink. It

will mean the removal of the cupboard that is there in order to fit it in situ.

We are very pleased that Pam has stepped into Mandy's safeguarding shoes and placed on record our thanks to both for ensuring that there has been a smooth transition and keeping our gold standard approach to safeguarding. Pam will be in touch with anyone who needs to attend a safeguarding course in due course. Some of these are available on-line so can be done in the comfort of your own home at your own speed.

The summer concerts are now fully booked and we look forward to getting these up and running again. The longest day and longest ride is going ahead this year and Pat has placed sheets for volunteers to sign up to help out at the back of Church.

The 150th anniversary of continual worship at St Thomas is progressing. We expect to be able to put press releases out on what's happening toward the end of TT fortnight.

The most pressing vacancy on the PCC is for Treasurer as Pam has indicated that she will step down at the end of the year. The new person does not need to be a member of the PCC and between now and the end of the year can shadow Pam to help bed in.

Steve Hull was approved as a trainee reader at St Thomas and we wish him all the success in his mission.

If anyone would like further information on any of the matters raised or indeed would like to raise something themselves, then please don't hesitate to ask.

WHAT'S ON AT ST THOMAS' IN JUNE 2022

Sunday 5 th	9:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	11.00am Holy Communion
Monday 13 th	2.00pm Craft Group
Tuesday 14 th	6:00pm Re-ordering meeting
Wednesday 15 th	7:30pm Summer concert Manx Voices
Friday 17 th	10:30am Coffee morning
Sunday 19 th	11:00am Holy communion
Monday 20 th	2.00pm Craft Group
Wednesday 22 nd	7:30pm Summer concert Musicale
Friday 24 th	10.30am Coffee and chat
Saturday 25 th & Sunday 26 th	Longest day longest ride
Sunday 26 th	11.00am Holy Communion
Monday 27 th	2.00pm Craft Group
Tuesday 28 th	6:00pm Fabric committee meeting
Wednesday 29 th	7:30pm Summer concert Laxey Bell Ringers

If anyone has any future events they would like to put “in our diary” please let us know

EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

We have pulled together all of the known planned events this year to try and let you plan ahead. Whilst this is our 'best guess' at times and dates, please check nearer the time to confirm and as ever, the details will be published in both the monthly newsletter and weekly service sheet.

These events are only the tip of the iceberg for the fellowship, fun and frivolity we have at St Thomas for you to come along and join in with:

Craft group – Mondays 2:00pm

Guides / Brownies – Wednesday's

Mens Fellowship – First Tuesday of the month evening

Mothers Union – First Tuesday of the month daytime

Coffee mornings – Fridays 10:30am

Finally how could we forget our spectacular Sunday services at 11:00am and the all important festive services throughout the year all led by our very own Rev Liz Hull. A chance to unwind and spend some time with God.

July

Friday 1st (12:00pm – 1:30pm) – Light lunch

Sunday 3rd – 11am St Thomas Day family service

Sunday 3rd - Sunday 10th – 150th anniversary of continuous Worship at St Thomas'

Wednesday 6th (7:30pm) – Summer concert Summer singers

Wednesday 13th (7:30pm) – Summer concert Government Choir

Wednesday 20th (7:30pm) – Summer concert Lon Vane Ladies Choir

Wednesday 27th (7:30pm) – Summer concert Cordaylis

August

Wednesday 3rd (7:30pm) – Summer concert

Friday 5th (12:00pm – 1:30pm) – Light lunch

Wednesday 10th (7:30pm) – Summer concert

Wednesday 17th (7:30pm) – Summer concert

Wednesday 24th (7:30pm) – Summer concert

Wednesday 31st (7:30pm) – Summer concert

September

Friday 2nd (12:00pm – 1:30pm) – Light lunch

Saturday 3rd – Organ recital and buffet lunch

Wednesday 7th (7:30pm) – Summer concert

Wednesday 14th (7:30pm) – Summer concert

October

Sunday 2nd – Heritage open day

Friday 7th (12:00pm – 1:30pm) – Light lunch

Saturday 8th – Harvest quiz & supper

Sunday 9th – Heritage open day

? – Manx concert brass & evening supper

November

Friday 4th (12:00pm – 1:30pm) – Light lunch

Sunday 13th – Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 19th (2:00pm – 4:00pm) – Christmas Fayre

December

Friday 2nd (12:00pm – 1:30pm) – Light lunch

Sunday 4th – St Barbara's day Royal Artillery service

Friday 16th – Christingle

Sunday 18th – Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th – Crib service

? - STAR service

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