

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

release to the captives,
and freedom to the
oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our
Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and
sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his
glory,
that he may be known,
worshipped, and obeyed to
the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

*If anyone wishes to receive a pastoral
phone call or visit, please contact Rev
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or ring 677711.*

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WELCOME TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Weekly Notices

23rd January 2022

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Service today

11.00 am Holy Communion

Hymns:

27 Hark the glad sound! The
Saviour comes

591 The Kingdom of God is justice
and joy

622 Will you come and follow me

514 Lord, thy church on earth is
seeking

Next Sunday 30th January-

11.00 am Holy Communion as we
celebrate the fourth Sunday after
Epiphany.

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.

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If you are visiting us for the first
time a very warm welcome to you.
We hope that you enjoy our service
today.

Whatever your church tradition you
are most welcome to share in Holy
Communion. If you would prefer
just to receive a blessing, please
bring your service sheet with you.

Unfortunately, whilst we are seeing
increased cases of Covid in the
community we are not able to share
refreshments at this time.

*We respectfully ask that
everyone who is able wears a
mask during the service and
spreads out around the church
to minimise risk*

What's on this week:

*Tuesday 25th Jan
7pm PCC Meeting*

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A reading from the Book of Nehemiah:

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and

when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom

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nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

After a reflective silence

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you O Lord!

Luke 4.14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16 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, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to

him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18 '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, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' 20 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. 21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

After a reflective silence

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ!

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,

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