St Thomas' Church

In the heart of Douglas

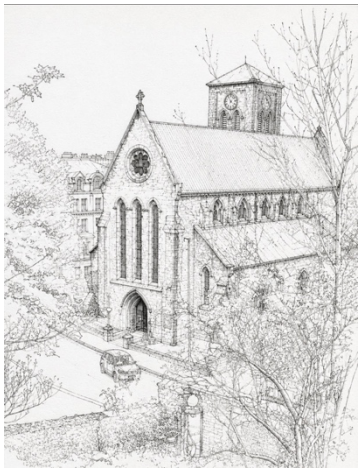
We are here to witness to the presence of Christ in the parish we serve,
to offer faithful worship and to extend in His name a warm welcome to all.

Weekly Notices

30th August 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services 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. **642** The God of Abraham praise
2. **626** Take up thy cross, the saviour said
3. **Offertory Hymn 718** We love the place O Lord
4. **644** The head that once was crowned with thorns

Next Sundays:
11am Annual Pet Service

What's on this week:

Monday:
Bank Holiday – No Craft Group

Wednesday
7.45pm Wednesday Concert

Friday
10.30-12 Coffee Morning
12-1.30pm Friday Lunch

Annual Pet Service beginning CreationTide on Sunday September 6th at 11am. *Everyone including furry friends, welcome.*

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 Melbourne Street.

SUMMER CONCERTS WED @ 7.45PM.
This week:
Mine's A Shanty
Leader: David Cowell

Collect
Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Romans 12.9–end

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.
11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave
room for the wrath of God; for it is written,
Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.
20 No, if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if
they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for
by doing this you will heap burning coals on their
heads. 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16.21–end

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his
disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and
undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders
and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on
the third day be raised.
22 And Peter took him aside and began to
rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This
must never happen to you.'
23 But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind
me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for
you are setting your mind not on divine things but
on human things.'

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to
become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For
those who want to save their life will lose it, and
those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
26 For what will it profit them if they gain the
whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will
they give in return for their life?'

27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels
in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay
everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell
you, there are some standing here who will not
taste death before they see the Son of Man
coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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