



Gift Bags!

Jacqy is again collecting used gift bags for stalls at the fairs. Please save yours and any from family and friends – she needs 300!

Rainbows Christmas Collection

The Rainbows are collecting for the Foodbank and the Gansey Dementia Unit for their Christmas 'good turns' this year. Please leave your donations in the boxes by the pews in the Children's Corner. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS LIVE!

Christmas live

Postponed from last year due to the atrocious weather on the night 'Christmas Live,' the open air nativity has been rescheduled for Thursday 17th December, with two performances in Villiers Square at 6.00pm and 7.30pm. Choir rehearsals are on Thursday 10th December at 6.00pm, at the Bohemian Café, Victoria Street, Douglas (next to Starbucks) with a final dress rehearsal in Villiers Square on Tuesday 15th December at 6.00pm. No need to read music – just an opportunity to join a community choir to 'make a joyful noise' with traditional carols in this act of witness to the town!



We are very pleased to pray for individuals in services, or via the newsletter, but please note that this requires the express consent of the person concerned (or, if incapacitated, of a close relative)

'Comfort, comfort my people, says your God'
Isaiah 40: 11



Welcome to St. Thomas!

Sunday 13th December 2020

Advent 3

11.00am

Holy Communion and Sunday School
Hymns: 34, 608, 286, 26
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end, Edwin Creer
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Today's prayer response is 'Hear us'



The church flowers this week were donated by Irene Shimmin

*Please feel welcome to join us in the upper vestry for tea and coffee after the service. **The Sunday School will be holding a cake sale after the service – don't miss this opportunity to purchase some delicious cakes!***



What's On This Week

Monday 14 th	2.00pm	Craft Group
Tuesday 15 th	10.00am - 12.00pm	Preparation of Christmas Decorations please bring donations of greenery (holly and evergreen) to church today
Wednesday 16 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Preparation of Christmas Decorations

Thursday 17 th	2.00pm	St. Thomas' School end of term and Christingle service, in church – All are welcome!
Friday 18 th	10.00am - 12.00pm	Preparation of Christmas Decorations
	10.30am	Coffee Morning
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal for 'Carols by Candlelight'
Sunday 20 th Advent 4	11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Carols by Candlelight

Forthcoming Events

Christmas Services



Please note the times of our services over the Christmas period:

20 th December Advent 4	11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Carols by Candlelight
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Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Coffee/tea & mince pies
	5.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Day	10.30am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day
Sunday 27 th First Sunday of Christmas	11.00am	Holy Communion

Christmas Tree



By popular request we have purchased a Christmas Tree for outside the church. If you would like to make a donation towards its cost, please place your gift on the plate on the font. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers

There are envelopes in the pews for the Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in the envelope and put it on the collection plate or pass it to a Church Warden.



Christmas Service Cards

The St. Thomas' Christmas Service cards are now available for distribution. We have 1,000 to deliver – please help by taking a street/s near you and posting the cards through letterboxes as soon as possible.
Thank you!



Friends of St. Thomas' School

A big 'thank you' from the Friends of St. Thomas' School to all who supported their Christmas Fair, which raised the excellent total of just over £1,000.00 after expenses. Thank you also to those who purchased tickets for the Advent Raffle which has raised a profit in excess of £200.00!



Leprosy Mission



The Leprosy Mission raise valuable funds by selling used postage stamps. Please save your stamps, trim them with a 1cm border and place them in the box at the back of church. Thank you