

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

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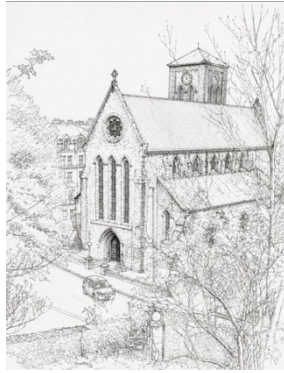
Weekly Notices

20th September 2026

Season of Creation 3

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. **733** When God Almighty came to earth
2. **60** Beauty for brokenness
3. **Offertory Hymn 101** Christ's is the world in which we move
4. **349** Jesus Christ is waiting

Next Sundays:

11am Holy Communion

What's on this week:

Monday:

2pm Craft Group

Tuesday

7pm PCC Meeting

Friday

10.30-12 Coffee Morning

Harvest Service

October 4th at 11am

*Donations of tins for the
Food bank as Harvest gifts
please*

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 Osborne Grove and Osborne Terrace.

Collect:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Romans 8:18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but

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that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 Luke.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18:1-9

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes!

"If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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