

## Manx Concert Brass

A concert by Manx Concert Brass has been arranged for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 7.30pm in Church. Tickets for the concert are £15 to include a hot supper, dessert and wine/soft drinks. For tickets and further information, please see Edwin or the church website.



## Welcome to St. Thomas' Church!

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Trinity 15**

## Churches Bookshop



The Churches Bookshop is now well settled in to our downstairs room. They are very pleased with the accommodation, grateful to us for providing it, and hope to remain with us when we complete our proposed re-ordering of the church. Please remember there are two ways in which we can help the bookshop to flourish;

- i. they need extra volunteers to staff the shop, If you feel you could give some time on a regular basis, please see Philip in the first instance. Obviously, full training will be provided;
- ii. Please use the Bookshop for purchases of Bibles, Christian Books etc. Items not in stock can always be ordered, and Mr Bezos of Amazon is quite rich enough already!

## 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



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)

**'The heavens declare the glory of God.'**  
**Psalm 19: 1**

11.00am Holy Communion  
Hymns: 435, 385, 467, 400  
Epistle: James 3: 1-12 – Marissa Forrester  
Gospel: Mark 78: 27-end

*We welcome Canon Dr. Hinton Bird to our service this morning*



The church flowers this week were donated by Mrs Julia Beatson

*Please feel welcome to join us for tea/coffee and biscuits in the upper vestry after the service*

## What's On This Week

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Craft Group
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee and chat
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 6.00pm	Stride & Ride (see below)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 16	11.00am	Holy Communion



## Notices



### Summer Concerts

A big 'thank you' to all who were involved in any way with what has been an extremely successful series of summer concerts.

### Soup for Sale!

We have a selection of tasty soups available for sale. Please see Jacqy to make your purchases. Prices 50p or £1, depending on size of containers; all proceeds to church funds.



### Working Parties



Please remember that, on the first Saturday of each month, we hold a working party from 8.00am – approx. 10.00am to deal with minor maintenance, general cleaning and tidying etc. Refreshments provided! Please come along and give us as much/little time as you are able. Thank you!

### Appointment of Rev. Liz Hull

Please and pray for Liz and her family as she prepares to join us. Her licensing is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm



### Harvest Offering 2021

For our harvest offering this year we shall be supporting the Bishop's appeal to help provide COVID19 vaccinations in some of the world's poorest countries. Please give generously at harvest time, when collection plates will be available. Thank you



## Standing Orders



If you would like to transfer to Standing Order for your regular giving to St. Thomas', please take one of the forms at the back of church, fill it in, and return it to Pam, Philip, Michael or Pete. Although IOM Bank have postponed the imposition of charges for cash/cheque handling etc, longer term the threat remains and standing orders are a cost-effective way of processing regular giving to the work of the church. Our weekly offering, whether by cash, envelopes, standing order, or other electronic wizardry, is a sign of our commitment to St. Thomas.' So that this can be recognised in the offertory prayer, please take one of the small tokens on the table where the books are given out, and place it in the collecting plate when it comes round.

### Ride and Stride



How many of the Island's historic churches can you visit in a day? 'Ride and Stride' for churches is coming to the Isle of Man. Why not get some sponsorship and see how many you can manage – **all** the money you raise will go to the church of your choice (which we hope, of course, will be St. Thomas!)

*When?* Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- How?*
- On foot
  - By bike
  - By bus

- but **no** cars, motorbikes etc!

Sponsor forms are available at the back, and more details on the poster in the vestry. Lists of churches which will be open will be available nearer the time. Bon voyage!



### Traidcraft Stall

The Traidcraft stall is still available at the back of church. Please take the opportunity to purchase fairly traded goods, and so help the individuals and communities who produce them. Thank you!