

St Thomas' Church  
*In the heart of Douglas*

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**Churches' Bookshop**

11-5pm Mon- Sat  
**PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU**

**Mothers' Union**  
**19<sup>th</sup> March-Brunch@9.30am**  
**Family Service: @ 11am**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30 am

**Lent lunches**

beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February 12-  
1.30 and every Friday in Lent  
**There will be a short service of  
Morning Prayer and Reflection at  
10am before Coffee and Chat**

**BIBLE TIME**

AT ST GEORGE'S WITH  
FR ANDREW COLEMAN  
BEGINNING 12<sup>TH</sup> JAN @7PM AND  
SUBSEQUENT THURSDAYS  
45 MINS OF RELAXED CHAT  
FOLLOWED BY A HOT DRINK AND  
BROWNIES.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE  
CONTACT HIM ON  
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**Mothers' Union are collecting  
working kettles and toasters for  
Housing Matters. If you can help,  
please bring either to church.**

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**WELCOME TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

**Weekly Notices**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**YEAR A**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Our Theme today is about letting  
God's light shine

**Service today**

**9.30am BRUNCH**

**11am FAMILY SERVICE**

**Hymns: Complete Anglican**

1.419 Lord the light of your love is  
shining

2.901 This little light of mine

3 **OFFERTORY HYMN 666** The Spirit  
lives to set us free

4. **709** We are marching in the light  
of God

**Next Sunday**

**11am HOLY COMMUNION**

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

There will be refreshments served  
at the end of the service and you  
are welcome to join us.

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**Prayer:** We pray for the Eastern  
Mission Partnership which St  
Thomas' Church is part of.

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.

**What's on this week:**

**Monday**

2pm Craft Group

**Tuesday**

7.15pm St Thomas' Fellowship

**Friday**

10.30am Coffee and Chat

***Please inform me of any upcoming  
events to add to the weekly notices.***

**NEW BIBLE READING ROTA**

**SENT OUT BY EMAIL.  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW  
IF YOU NEED A PAPER COPY**

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A reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-12

The Lord says, "Shout out loud. Don't hold back. Shout out loud like a trumpet. Tell the people about the things they have done against God. Tell the family of Jacob about their sins. Then they will come every day looking for me. And they will want to learn my ways. They will become a nation that does what is right. They will obey the commands of their God. They will ask me to judge them fairly. They will want God to be near them. They say, 'To honor you we had special days when we gave up eating. But you didn't see. We humbled ourselves to honor you. But you didn't notice.'" But the Lord says, "You do what pleases yourselves on these special days. And you are unfair to your workers. On these special days when you do not eat, you argue and fight. You hit each other with your fists. You cannot do these things as you do now and believe I will listen to your prayers. This kind of special day is not what I want. This is not the way I want

people to be sorry for what they have done. I don't want people just to bow their heads like a plant. I don't want them to wear rough cloth and lie in ashes to show their sadness. This is what you do on your special days when you do not eat. But do you think this is what the Lord wants?" "I will tell you the kind of special day I want. I want you to free the people you have put in prison unfairly. Undo their chains. Free those to whom you are unfair. Free them from their hard labor. I want you to share your food with hungry people. I want you to bring poor, homeless people into your own homes. When you see someone who has no clothes, give him yours. Don't refuse to help your own relatives. If you do these things, your light will shine like the dawn. Then your wounds will quickly heal. Your God will walk before you, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind. Then you will call to the Lord, and the Lord will answer you. You will cry out to the Lord, and he will say, 'Here I am.' "You should stop making trouble for others. You should stop using

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cruel words and pointing your finger at others. You should feed those who are hungry. You should take care of the needs of those who are troubled. Then your light will shine in the darkness. And you will be bright like sunshine at noon. The Lord will always lead you. He will satisfy your needs in dry lands. He will give strength to your bones. You will be like a garden that has much water. You will be like a spring that never runs dry. Your people will rebuild the old cities that are now in ruins. You will rebuild the foundations of these ancient cities. You will be known for repairing the broken places. You will be known for rebuilding the roads and houses."

**The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing. It must be thrown out for people to walk on. "You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl.

They put the light on a lampstand. Then the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven. "Don't think that I have come to destroy the law of Moses or the teaching of the prophets. I have not come to destroy their teachings but to do what they said. I tell you the truth. Nothing will disappear from the law until heaven and earth are gone. The law will not lose even the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter until all has happened. Whoever refuses to obey any command and teaches other people not to obey that command will be the least important in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys the law and teaches other people to obey the law will be great in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you that you must do better than the teachers of the law and the Pharisees. If you are not better than they are, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

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