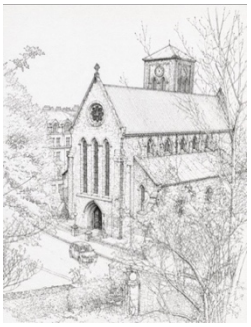
St Thomas' Church

***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**



**15th November 2026**
Second Sunday Before Advent

**Service 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. **101** Christ's is the World
2. **349** Jesus Christ is waiting
3. **Offertory Hymn 736** When I needed a neighbour
4. **186** For the healing of the nations (Tune: Mannheim)

**Service Next Sunday**
**11am Holy Communion**

**What's on this week:**
***Monday***:
*2pm Craft Group*
***Friday***
*10.30-12 Coffee Morning*

**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. If you wish to leave a prayer request for the Vicar, please complete a prayer request form and add it to the collection plate during the collection hymn.
Today in our parish we pray for all who live or work in or walk through Stanley Place, Stanley Terrace and Stanley View.

**Collect**
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**1 Thessalonians 5.1–11**

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons,
brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well that the day
of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

3 When they say, 'There is peace and security,
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as
labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and
there will be no escape!'

4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that
day to surprise you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of
the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but
let us keep awake and be sober;
7 for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those
who are drunk get drunk at night.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober,
and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and
for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build
up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*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 Matthew.*

*All:* ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

**Matthew 25.14–30**

Jesus said

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property
to them;
15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away.
16 The one who had received the five talents
went off at once and traded with them, and made
five more talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two
talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent
went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves
came and settled accounts with them.
20 Then the one who had received the five
talents came forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, "Master, you handed over to me five
talents; see, I have made five more talents."
21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a
few things, I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master."
22 And the one with the two talents also came
forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me
two talents; see, I have made two more talents."
23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a
few things, I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master."
24 Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew
that you were a harsh man, reaping where you
did not sow, and gathering where you did not
scatter seed;
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
in the ground. Here you have what is yours."
26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did
not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money
with the bankers, and on my return I would have
received what was my own with interest.
28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the
one with the ten talents.
29 For to all those who have, more will be given,
and they will have an abundance; but from those
who have nothing, even what they have will be
taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into
the outer darkness, where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth." '

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

*All:* ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Post Communion**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

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