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In the heart of Douglas

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church and will begin the process of applying for all relevant permissions to install a ramp and automatic opening doors to improve the access for both wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs.

Sustainability

The church has achieved a bronze Eco Church award and is working towards silver and gold awards. We have also been successful in our application to become a Net Zero Demonstrator Church and will receive a grant to help us to transition to a more sustainable carbon neutral heating system. As part of this transition, we are looking to prevent any water ingress to protect the unique and very special Miller Nicholson Murals.

We are looking for corporate sponsors to help us to raise funds for this important work. We are hoping that visitors to our church will share the vision with anyone who can assist in this i.e. their employers, colleagues, families and other organisations and

charitable donors, and consider contributing their own energy and expertise in raising funds.

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Weekly Notices

22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

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. **418** Lord teach us how to pray
aright
2. **190** Forty days and forty nights
3. **OFFERTORY HYMN 374** Just as I am
Tune: Woodworth
4. **379** Lead us heavenly Father
lead us

Next Sunday:

11am Holy Communion

What's on this week:

Monday: 2pm Craft Group

Wednesday: 7.30pm Discipleship group – Liz and Steve's house

Friday 10.30-12 Coffee and Chat
12-1.30pm Lent Lunch

MARS AT THE CATHEDRAL
7TH FEB- 2ND MARCH

*Daily program and opening times
available in church*

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 Castle Hill and Castle Street.

Collect:

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:

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help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' 3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'

2 The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die. "'

4 But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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 4.1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be

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tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

3 The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' 4 But he answered, 'It is written, "'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" "

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, and On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" "

7 Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" "

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; 9 and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

10 Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" "

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

What's happening at St Thomas' Church

Access

The church has been successful in its application for a grant to improve access via the entrance to