

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

Prayer for today: Collect:

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

Post communion prayer

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.

Lent lunches:

every Friday in Lent
In Lent there will be a short
service of Morning Prayer and
Reflection at 10am before Coffee
and Chat

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WELCOME TO ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Weekly Notices

February 26th 2023

YEAR A

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Service today

11am HOLY COMMUNION

Hymns: Complete Anglican

1. **190** Forty days and forty nights
2. **590** Seek ye first
3. **OFFERTORY HYMN 374** Just as I
am
4. **144** Dear Lord and Father of
mankind

Next Sunday

11am HOLY COMMUNION

**Our family service is on the 19th
March Mothering Sunday**

If you are visiting us for the first
time a very warm welcome to you.
We hope that you enjoy our service
today. Everyone is welcome to
Communion at the Lord's Table. We
use gluten free wafers. 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.

Prayer:

We pray for all the churches in the
Eastern Mission Partnership of
which St Thomas' Church is a part.
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

7pm PCC Meeting

Friday

10am Lent Morning Prayer

10.30am Coffee and Chat

12-1.30pm Lent lunches

Mothering Sunday
19th March-Brunch@9.30am
Family Service: @ 11am

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

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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. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but 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"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but 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.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

After a reflective silence
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from the Gospels:
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

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Matthew
Glory to you O Lord!

Matthew 4.1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But 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, ⁶saying 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."' ⁷Jesus 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; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

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

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This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ!

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