

St Thomas' Church
In the heart of Douglas

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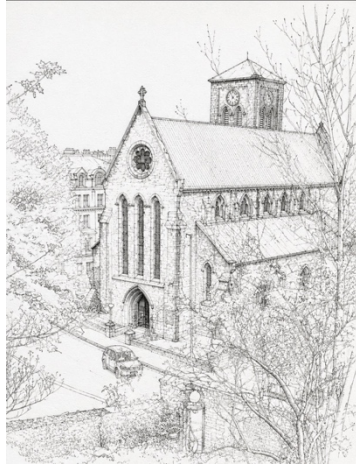
Weekly Notices

23rd August 2026

**Twelfth Sunday after
Trinity**

Services today

**10.30am 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. 494** O God our help in ages past
- 2. 136** For the healing of the nations
- 3. OFFERTORY HYMN 552** O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness
- 4. 408** Lord for the years

Next Sundays:

11am Holy Communion

What's on this week:

Monday:

2pm Craft Group

Wednesday

7.45pm Wednesday Concert

Friday

10.30-12 Coffee Morning

**Annual Pet Service beginning
CreationTide on Sunday
September 6th at 11am. Everyone
including furry friends, welcome.**

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 Market Street.

SUMMER CONCERTS WED @ 7.45PM.

This week:

***Shenanigans Folk Group
Leader: Andrew Holmes***

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Romans 12.1–8

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

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5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another.

6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace
given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in
teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the
giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the
compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.*

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16.13–20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do
people say that the Son of Man is?'

14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but
others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.'

15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I
am?'

16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.'

17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you,
Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this
rock, I will build my church, and the gates of
Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you
the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven.'

20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to
tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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