



### Traidcraft Stall

The Traidcraft stall is still available at the back of church. Please take the opportunity to purchase fairly traded goods, and so help the individuals and communities who produce them. Thank you!

### Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission raise valuable funds by selling used postage stamps. Please save your stamps, trim them with a 1cm border and place them in the box at the back of church. Thank you



We are very pleased to pray for individuals in services, or via the newsletter, but please note that this requires the express consent of the person concerned (or, if incapacitated, of a close relative)

**Great are the doing; of the Lord; all people study them for their delight**

**Psalm 111: 2**



**Welcome to St. Thomas' Church!**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Trinity 11**

11.00am

Holy Communion

Hymns: 627, 487, 278, 500

Reading: 1 Kings 2: 10-12,

1 Kings 3: 3-14 – Ruhamah Daniel

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Today's prayer response is

'and make music in our hearts to you'



The church flowers this week were donated by Joan Aitken



*Please feel welcome to join us for tea/coffee and biscuits in the upper vestry after the service*

### What's On This Week

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Craft Group
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Evening Concert – The Summer Singers, conducted by Geoff Collier
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee and chat
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Trinity 12	11.00am	Holy Communion

## Notices

### **Appointment of Rev. Liz Hull**

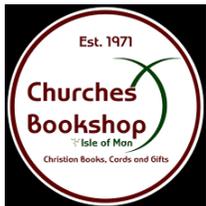


After a long period of uncertainty over the future ministry at St. Thomas', I am pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Liz Hull as our Priest in Charge. Liz is currently serving a curacy in the Rushen Group of parishes, and will be licensed to St. Thomas' by Bishop Peter on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, at 7.30pm, with her first Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

As most of you will know, there are plans afoot to create a Team Ministry comprising of the three Douglas parishes of St. Thomas, St. George, and St. Matthews. As and when this happens, Liz will then be designated Team Vicar, working in conjunction with the Team Rector, who will be both vicar of St. George's and Archdeacon of Mann. With the departure recently of the Ven Andie Brown, this position is currently vacant. Please note this does not mean the parishes are merging; each one retains its own distinct identity, and although Liz will have regular contact with the Team Rector, the Bishop has made it quite clear that her prime responsibility will be for St. Thomas'. Please pray for Liz and her family as she prepares now to come to us and lead the parish into the future.

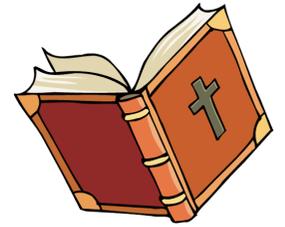


### **Churches Bookshop**



The Churches Bookshop is now well settled in to our downstairs room. They are very pleased with the accommodation, grateful to us for providing it, and hope to remain with us when we complete our proposed re-ordering of the church. Please remember there are two ways in which we can help the bookshop to flourish;

- i. they need extra volunteers to staff the shop, If you feel you could give some time on a regular basis, please see Philip in the first instance. Obviously, full training will be provided;
- ii. Please use the Bookshop for purchases of Bibles, Christian Books etc. Items not in stock can always be ordered, and Mr Bezos of Amazon is quite rich enough already!



### **Standing Orders**



If you would like to transfer to Standing Order for your regular giving to St. Thomas', please take one of the forms at the back of church, fill it in, and return it to Pam, Philip, Michael or Pete. Although IOM Bank have postponed the imposition of charges for cash/cheque handling etc, longer term the threat remains and standing orders are a cost-effective way of processing regular giving to the work of the church.

### **Wednesday Concerts**

If you are able to assist in any way with the arrangements/refreshments for the Wednesday concerts, please sign the list at the back of church. Thank you!



### **Lay Ministry**

Interested in lay ministry? Please take a copy of the booklet 'Resourcing Sunday to Saturday Faith' from the back of church, and have a chat with Philip if you want to take things further.

