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

29th November 2026

1st Sunday of 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. **405** Lo He comes with clouds ascending
2. **57** Awake, awake: fling off the night
3. **Offertory Hymn 67** Be still for the Presence of the Lord
4. **259** Hail to the Lord's anointed

Service Next Sunday

11am St Barbara's Day Service

What's on this week:

Monday:

2pm Craft Group at Jacqy's House

Tuesday

7.30pm Fellowship Group

Wednesday

7pm Bible study meeting at Liz and Steve's House

Friday

10.30-12 Coffee Morning

12-1.30pm Friday Lunch

Saturday

8.30am Working Party

10am Rehearsal for St Barbara's Day

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 Summer Hill & Mount William, Summerhill Grove and Summerhill Place.

Christmas at St Thomas' Church

Carols by Candlelight

With the Isle of Man Arts Council Community Choir conducted by Mandy Griffin

Sunday Dec 20th At 6.30pm

Crib Service

Come dressed as a character from the Nativity

Christmas Eve at 5pm

Christmas Day

Family Holy Communion At 10.30am

Collect:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Isaiah 64.1–9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence-
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil- to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.
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 Mark.
All: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Mark 13.24–end
Jesus said 24 "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven."
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates."
30 "Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."
33 "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake-for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake. "
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Post Communion
O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Church Giving
To donate by card, use the SUM Up machine or QR code here
If you would like to donate your collection by monthly standing order there are forms at the back of church.
In 2025 the average monthly expenses were £5477