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things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion: Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist, to hunger and thirst for what is right; help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad, to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled; help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven, to strive for the cause of right and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 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

8th February 2026

2nd Sunday Before Lent

Racial Justice Sunday

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. **186** For the healing of the nations
MANNHEIM

2. **317** In an age of twisted values
ABBOTS LEIGH

3. **OFFERTORY HYMN 88** Brother
sister, let me serve you

4. **60** Beauty for brokenness

Next Sunday:

11am Holy Communion

What's on this week:

Monday: 2pm Craft Group

Wednesday: 7.30 pm Discipleship Group

at Liz and Steve's House

Friday 10.30-12 Coffee and Chat

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 Drive.

Collect: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Reading from the Old

Testament

Genesis 1.1—2.3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, Let there be light; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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6 And God said, Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters. 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. 9 And God said, Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear. And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it. And it was so.

12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth. And it was so. 16 God made the two great lights-the greater light to rule the

day and the lesser light to rule the night-and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. 20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky. 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

22 God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth. 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind. And it was so.

25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and

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over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. 29 God said, See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food. And it was so.

31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God..

A Reading from the Gospels

Alleluia, alleluia

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6.25-end

Jesus said 25 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin. 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, What will we eat? or What will we drink? or What will we wear? 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these