

# PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, DOUGLAS



**October 2022**

# WELCOME TO THE ST THOMAS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## MINISTERS MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH

Dear friends,

As we enter October we enter a season to be thankful as we celebrate Harvest and reflect back on the year behind us and anticipate the journey through All Saints and Remembrance to the Christmas Season.

And this October as in previous years we are holding an October giving month, where people are invited to reflect on God's generosity to us and how we can return some of the great gifts that we have received and review our giving and if we are able to make a generous gift to St Thomas' Church funds.

For people who are newer to the church we have many ways in which to make a donation to church. Many of us don't have ready cash in our pockets and find it easier to arrange to pay things through our bank accounts. This suits out treasurer too who is grateful for a predictable income, and it also means that we do not incur the costs that the banks are threatening small charities with to handle cheques and cash. So rather than putting money into the offertory each month you can pay a monthly standing order to the PCC account. We have cards at the back of church which indicate that you are doing this, and which can be placed onto the collection plate to avoid the awkwardness of looking like you aren't donating anything.

This is also an opportunity to remind people who have started coming to church more recently that we have electoral roll forms at the back of church for anyone wishing to become a regular member of the church.

‘As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.’

*1 Timothy 6.17-19*

And finally thank you for everyone who already shares so generously of their time and resources with our church without which we could not continue to function. We are always looking to new volunteers to get involved in our midweek activities and on the PCC, Bible reading rota, Choir, sides person or coffee rotas and other hospitality events, or helping with our children’s’ work.

We are a church that takes safeguarding seriously and so follow all the appropriate protocols as required by the Diocese on Safer Recruiting.

God bless.

Liz

Rev Liz Hull

OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES
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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> –**

11:00 am            Harvest Family service

Preaching :        Rev Liz Hull

Reader :            First reading : Philip  
Deuteronomy 26 v 1 - 11

Gospel : Mike  
John 6 v 25 - 35

Prayers :            Rev Liz Hull

Sidesperson :     Volunteers from the congregation

Tea Rota :          Phyllis Christian  
Sandra Peters

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> –

11:00 am            Holy Communion

Preaching :        Rev Liz Hull

Reader :            First reading : Tracy E  
                          2 Kings 5 v 1- 3 & 7 – 15C

                          Gospel : Tracey M  
                          Luke 17 v 11 - 19

Intercessions :    Tracy Erskine

Sidesperson :     Peter M  
                          Tracey M

Tea Rota :         Louise Faragher  
                          Joan Aitken

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> –

11:00 am            Holy Communion

Preaching :        Canon Rev Philip Frear

Reader :            First Reading : Gladys  
                          Genesis 32 v 22 - 31

                          Gospel : Peter C  
                          Luke 18 v 1 - 8

Intercessions :    Canon Rev Philip Frear

Sidesperson :     Jenny Copparelli  
                          Edward Littlewood

Tea Rota :         Lorna Martin  
                          Pat Walmsley

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> –**

11:00 am            Holy Communion

Preaching :        Rev Liz Hull

Reader :            First reading : Peter M  
                          Isaiah 45 v 22 - End

                          Gospel : Steve  
                          Luke 4 v 16 - 24

Intercessions :    Steve Hull

Sidesperson :     Marissa Forrester  
                          Mandy Bailey

Tea Rota :         The Gentlemen



## **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> –**

11:00 am            Holy Communion

Preaching :        Rev Liz Hull

Reader :            First Reading : Ruhamah  
                          Ephesians 1 v 11 - End

                          Gospel : Edwin  
                          Luke 6 v 20 - 31

Intercessions :    Rev Liz Hull

Sidesperson :     Pam Beedan  
                          Peter Clague

Tea Rota :         Lorna Martin  
                          Pat Walmsley

FRIDAY COFFEE & FLOWER ROTA
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jacqy Frear Pat Walmsley	Phyllis Christian
14 <sup>th</sup>	Edwin Creer Michael Farnworth	Sandra Peters
21 <sup>st</sup>	June McDowell Lorna Martin	Lorna Martin
28 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Gibbon Viola Ferris	Dorothy Quayle

Please make sure you bring the milk and biscuits for the coffee morning.

When it is your turn to provide flowers, you can arrange them on the altar when the Church is open on Friday coffee morning. Or if you are unable to be there in person, then please ask someone else to arrange the flowers for you, moving the previous weeks flowers to the side aisles.

## BROUGHTON BOYS CHOIR

It is absolutely fantastic that we welcome back the Broughton Boys choir from 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October. They will be doing their traditional sets of services.

## MANX CONCERT BRASS

Manx concert brass will be performing in concert at St Thomas Church on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 7:30pm. Tickets for the concert are on sale and priced at £15 to include a hot supper, dessert and wine/soft drink.

For further information, please see Edwin or the Church wardens.



## OCTOBER GIFT MONTH

October sees our traditional gift month.

Envelopes will be available in Church throughout the month for anyone who would like to donate any additional monies for the work of the Church.

But it's not always about gifting money. There are many other ways in which we can help out and gift to the Church community.

October sees our harvest service for example, when traditional items such as fruit and vegetables are gifted by our community to be distributed to those in need or to simply say thank you for all you have done during the year.

There is also the possibility to 'gift' your individual God given talents and expertise to help at events or organize an event.

We are also hoping to find some volunteers for the PCC, which is not as daunting or time consuming as people think.

Maybe your gifts could find you as our Secretary or taking over as Treasurer for the Church.

There are many ways in which you can 'gift' during October so please help out where you feel you can in whatever way you can.

## WHAT'S ON AT ST THOMAS' IN OCTOBER 2022

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am Brunch 11:00am Holy communion 2:00pm Heritage open day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm Craft Group
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Coffee and chat 12:00pm Light lunch
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm Harvest quiz and supper
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am Holy communion 2:00pm Heritage open day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Craft Group
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm PCC
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Coffee and chat
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am Holy communion
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Craft Group
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm Manx Concert Brass & Evening supper
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am Coffee and chat Broughton Boys choir arrives for a week
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am Holy communion

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Craft Group
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Coffee and chat
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am Holy communion
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm Craft Group

If anyone has any future events they would like to put “in our diary” please let us know.

EVENTS FOR THE YEAR
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We have pulled together all of the known planned events this year to try and let you plan ahead. Whilst this is our ‘best guess’ at times and dates, please check nearer the time to confirm and as ever, the details will be published in both the monthly newsletter and weekly service sheet.

These events are only the tip of the iceberg for the fellowship, fun and frivolity we have at St Thomas for you to come along and join in with:

- Craft group – Mondays 2:00pm
- Guides / Brownies – Wednesday’s
- Mens Fellowship – First Tuesday of the month evening
- Mothers Union – First Tuesday of the month daytime
- Coffee mornings – Fridays 10:30am

Finally how could we forget our spectacular Sunday services at 11:00am and the all important festive services throughout the year all led by our very own Rev Liz Hull. A chance to unwind and spend some time with God.

### **November**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> (12:00pm – 1:30pm) – Light lunch

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 4:00pm) – Christmas Fayre

### **December**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> (12:00pm – 1:30pm) – Light lunch

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – St Barbara's day Royal Artillery service

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Christingle

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Crib service

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## CHURCH CONTACTS

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Vacant

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