

About People

Stephen and Ien Chu returned last week from a month's cruise from here via Australia ending in China. Stephen was unwell most of that time.

Moi James is away cruising the Pacific for a month.

Paul Jennings has joined Vestry and fills one of the vacancies open since the AGM.

Alison Shannon, playing the church organ at the TMG's lunchtime concert this week was the organ accompanist at the Saint Georges Choral Group's *Carol* service last December, and at the Choral Evensong last month.

Welcome to **Linda Pryor** who has recently moved from Hamilton to Wesley Court.

Fiona and David Juby are currently holidaying on Stuart Island and the **Matthew Juby's** are off to America for 10 days during the school holidays, taking in Disneyland and Honolulu.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Mothers Union (open to men and women) closed down last November. Whilst that process is coming to completion we're trying to establish a Parish FELLOWSHIP GROUP for all ages, both genders, that contains a little study opportunity and lots of opportunity for the kind of fellowship and hospitality that Saint Georges is well known for.

Trying to make a decision about a 'night' group or a 'day-time' group becomes a bit of a struggle. What we do know is that we're doing more than replacing the Mothers Union and Young Wives era; we're starting something new and hopefully vibrant as a means of connecting and reaching out in this community.

If you'd like to be involved chat to one of the clergy who are making plans initially for a group to start in the next month or so. We've got some ideas, but we don't want to create something that's totally off-beam. *Graham+*

THIS WEEK: 17 - 24 April 2016

Today: 4.30pm Choral Gp Practise in Church

Mon: Vicar's Rest Day

Tue: 10:30am Vicar at supervision

Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall
MT/Hostess - Beth Philip

7pm Vestry Meets in Committee Room

Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon

10am Healing and HC (1662)

Saint Georges Chapel (Catherine)

Bible Study 2pm at 704 Tararu Road.

Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.

Sun: 9:30am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist
Theme - Imagine

Presider & Preacher: Brenda Deed

Readings:

Acts 11 v 1-18 Matt/Anna Juby

John 13 v 31-35 Denise Norris

Revelations 21 v 1-6 Paul Jennings

Intercessor: Margaret MacKay

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth

Server: Margaret MacKay

Music Ministry: John Mounsey

Welcome Team: Steve Darwell,

Rex Geary, Lois Robinson

Morning Tea: Raewyn Struthers

Sanctuary Guild:

Denise Norris, Ray Deed



Saint George's Choral Community Choir Present Mid-year

A Night at the Opera

With opera choruses and arias. Register tonight 4:30pm (\$15 each) in Saint Georges Church.

INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 18th: Peter Philip,

Catherine Mackereth

Tue 19th: Judy Jones, Liz McCracken

Wed 20th: Denise Norris, Lyn Chamley

Thur 21st: Stephanie du Plessis,

Marcia Sowman

Fri 22nd: Raewyn Struthers,

Margaret Smith

Sat 23rd: Margaret MacKay

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Thames Anglican parish seeks an inclusive ministry of serving Christ in prayer, action and worship.

If you are a visitor to the Parish, please let the sidesperson know your name.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CUP OF TEA IN THE CHURCH AFTER THE 9:30am SERVICE.

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Thames Anglican Church

Welcome



*Tikanga Pakeha
partner church
in the three strand
Anglican Church
in Aotearoa/
New Zealand/Pacific*

Sunday 2016 - April 17

Service: 9:30am at Saint Georges - NZ Eucharist

9:30am at Te Puru - NZ Eucharist

Theme: *Life-Giving Acts*

Sentence: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. *Psalm 23 v 1 & 33 v*

Call to worship

By the power of God's Spirit we rise and embrace this day. Spirit will touch our places of brokenness and we will be healed, our eyes will open to new possibilities. We come to worship the one who makes us whole, the one in whose name we serve, the one who gives our work meaning.

Opening Prayer

God, my shepherd!
I don't need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.
True to your word, you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.
Even when the way goes through Death Valley,
I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure

You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.
Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life
I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life. **Amen.**

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Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,
honour our children left in a foreign gave,
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers
honour the crosses marked for ever ours.

Weep for the places ravaged with our blood,
weep for the young bones buried in the mud
weep for the powers of violence and greed,
weep for the deals done in the name of need.

Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,
answered no bugle, went against the wall,
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,
branded as cowards, in our country's name.

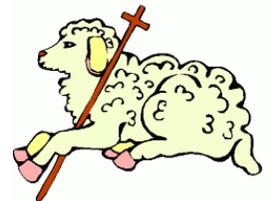
Weep for the waste of all that might have been,
weep for the cost that war has made obscene,
weep for the homes that ache with human pain,
weep that we ever sanction war again.

Honour the dream for which our nation bled,
held now in trust to justify the dead,
honour their vision on this solemn day:
peace known in freedom, peace the only way.

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(based on Psalm 23)

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Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, use ordinary people to bring renewal and healing.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

When we become aware of the great love that surrounds us, the channels of renewal and healing open and the God of compassion turns ordinary means into life-giving acts:

hands extended in friendship, medicines new and ancient, healthy meals prepared and served, warm blankets over fevered bodies, and prayers spoken by hearts and minds.
✠ Know you are loved by God through this generous community and live in this love always.

Sentence

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. *Psalm 23 v 1 & 33 v 5,6.*

Collect

Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away; give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus Christ, who is one with the source of Life. Amen.

AA146 We are an Easter people

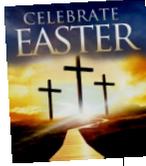
1. We are an Easter people, ours is an Easter faith, the yeast is rising in our hearts, our wine has vintage taste.

Refrain:

**Christ is risen,
Christ is risen
risen in our lives**

2. We are an Easter people, ours is an Easter faith, our tears are freed to flow and heal our shattered hopes and hearts.
3. We are an Easter people, ours is an Easter faith, ours fears have died, we rise to dream, to love, to dance, to live.

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NJ 91 Let us talents and tongues employ

**Refrain: Jesus lives again'
earth can breathe again
pass the word around:
loaves abound!**

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy; bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
2. Christ is able to make us one; at his table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God, Emmanuel, everywhere!

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AM 458 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

James Quinn (b.1919)

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; kingship with him his servants gain; with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth this world of time to consecrate, this world of sin by grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to recreate.
4. Christ's are our lips, his word to speak; prophets are we whose deeds proclaim Christ's truth in love, that we may be Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
5. We are the Church; Christ bids us show that in his Church all nations find their hearth and home, where Christ restores true peace, true love, to all mankind.

Thames Music Group Presents
Organist Alison Shannon
Friday 22 April, 12:15pm at
St Georges Church.



Soup & Rolls \$5
Free entry, donation appreciated

**The Ohinemuri Singers and the
Katikati Maestros and Divas Present ' Autumn Interlude'**

A Concert of heart-warming music and song
at the Paeroa Memorial Hall on
Saturday 30 April at 2:30pm. Door sales \$8

Versicle & Response

Direct our heart, O Lord:
to love you more and more.

Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Acts 9 v 36-43**

Aeneas and Dorcas Reader: Margaret Smith
Gospel: **John 10 v 22-30**

The good shepherd Reader: Max Baggaley

Presider & Preacher:

Saint Georges: David Cooper
Te Puru: Graham Colley

Intercessions: Annette Herbert
then to **page 484** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: David Juby
Server: Kate Sayer

After Communion: **Revelations 7 v 9-17**

The lamb is their shepherd
Reader: Winnie Sheehan

Music Ministry: S. Georges, Lynne Mounsey

Te Puru: Barbara Harry
Welcome Team: Max & Vivienne Baggaley,

(Denise Norris), Bob Cox

Morning Tea: Denise Norris

Sanctuary Guild:

Lois Robinson,
Dianne Hill



Evacuation Procedures - In the event of a fire, listen to the presiding team & Welcomers; leave by nearest, safest exit & assemble on lawn in front of Hospital & wait for "all clear". NOTE THE EXIT NEAREST YOUR SEAT. TOILETS are in the Hall, next door.

Today's Reflection - Disciples of every time and place are called to witness to Christ's saving love through their compassionate words and deeds. Such life-giving acts send ripples through the ever-widening community of those who follow the Good Shepherd. What might you and your church learn from Tabitha and Peter about serving that is life-giving?

Sending Forth

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."
Rise up and go into the world where the Spirit of Christ is already at work, feeding, clothing, caring, tending.
We will go in the name of Jesus to be the Body of Christ in our time and place.
Amen. Let it be so.

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ACTION AGAINST POVERTY

Dear Thames Anglican Parish,
Thank you for your contribution to the CWS Christmas Appeal 2015. You have raised a total of \$545.00 .

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