

From the April Vestry Meeting

- ♦ Anglicans will be represented on the Thames Interchurch Council by Paul Jennings and Margaret MacKay
- ♦ The new **health and safety** legislation are requiring a more pro-active stance of H&S. To that end groups like TMG & SG Choral will create a liaising link with Vestry and groups using the church will need to be aware of possible hazards. A card noting any hazard will be available for visitors; In Spire personnel will keep hold of those cards as they're 'in charge' when on duty. The presiding minister will assist other leaders and funeral directors at regular/special services. Loose carpets will be removed. We are liable under the new legislation even more than previously.
- ♦ Lawn-mowing roster needs *fresh blood* and individuals donating the cost of a commercial mow.
- ♦ Parish Fellowship to replace Mother's Union almost in place!
- ♦ Interested in selling or assisting at a Garage Sale in the next month or two? Check with wardens or Jenny Colley.



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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.

A safe place for the LGBT Communities

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THIS WEEK: April 24 - 1 May 2016

Today: 4.30pm Choral Group practise
 Mon: ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
 Tue: Vicar's Rest Day
 Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall
 MT/Hostess - Jenny Colley
 7pm AGM of Interchurch Council
 Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon
 10am Holy Communion (1662)
 Saint Georges Chapel (Arthur Mead)
 Bible Study 2pm at 704 Tararu Road.
 Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.
 Sun: 9:30am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist
 and Baptisms
Theme - Disciples Together

Presider & Preacher: Graham Colley

Readings:

Acts 16 v 9-15 Kate Jones
John 14 v 23-29 Margaret MacKay
Revelations 21 v 10, 22-22 v 5 Paul Jennings

Intercessor: Denise Norris
 Liturgist: Fiona Harden
 Server: Raewyn Grey

Music Ministry: Stuart du Preez
Welcome Team: Robin Plummer,
 Alex Juby, Winnie Sheehan
Morning Tea: Ien Chu
Sanctuary Guild: Fiona Harden,
 Sue Gwynne

Selwyn Edwards is poorly and resident in the Booms Hospital currently.

NZ Festival of MindSports - 7/8 May

Located at the Thames Civic Centre.
 \$10 per day (Under 16 yrs free)

INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 25th: Gary Blake, Joe Fawcett
 Tue 26th: Phyl Devcich, Moi James
 Wed 27th: Catherine Mackereth,
 Jo Gregory
 Thur 28th: Denise Norris, David Juby
 Fri 29th: Joe Fawcett, Colley
 Sat 30th: Colley

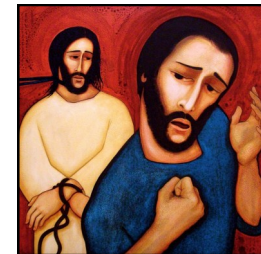


WELCOME

TO THE

Thames Anglican Church

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



April 24 - Sunday 2016 - Easter 5

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

Theme: *Imagine*

Sentence: [O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.] The Lord has made known his victory, and he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. *Psalm 98 [1-2]*



Call to worship

Imagine... a place where all are welcome and everyone hears the sound of their name.

Imagine... everyone having enough food and water and a home free of hatred and fear.

Imagine... a place where creativity is valued and the spirit is nurtured in love.

**Imagine...
 just imagine
 this is that place.**

Opening Prayer

We praise you, O God,
 for the gift of creation
 and the surprise of re-creation.
 Open our eyes to see new things.
 Open our minds to think fresh thoughts.
 Open our communities
 to welcome new partners.
 Open our spirits to follow your Spirit.
Amen.

AM 199 Immortal, Invisible

Walter Chalmers Smith

1. Immortal, Invisible, God only wise,
 In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
 Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
 Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 Thy clouds which are fountains of
 goodness and love.
3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
 In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
 Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
 All laud we would render: O help us to see
 'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.
5. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.



*Yesterday we marked Saint Georges Day
 — Saint George is our name Saint for this church
 (also the Patron Saint of England).
 That's not George Augustus Selwyn,
 but Saint George of dragon fighting history/myth!*

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.

Prayer of Confession

ONE: Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

LEADER: But what about those with challenging personalities or who are not attractive in appearance? What about those with whom we seem to share nothing in common or who do not interest us in any way? What about our own places of unloveliness?
sing verse 1 of "I Am a Child of God"

ONE: Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

LEADER: But what about those who disregard others and abuse creation?

What about those who bring harm to community and destroy that which is good? What about the ways we, too, resist God's new creation?
sing verse 1 of "I Am a Child of God"

ONE: Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

LEADER: But what about those in whom the divine spark is difficult to see, those who diminish the presence of God by their unspeakable actions? What about our own actions that dim your presence?
sing verse 1 of "I Am a Child of God" Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Behold! God is here, in our midst, making all things new. Hopeless despair and lonely pain are no more, silent grief and sorrow disappear in God's presence. We are living in God's new creation.

Thanks be to God.

Sing verse five of "I Am a Child of God"

I AM A CHILD OF GOD

- I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God,
I am a child of God
- I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy,
I am a song of joy



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Collect

**God of glory,
whose Beloved took the shadow road
and found life in the darkness:
may his love be our law,
undimmed by the rear
that condemns what it does not
understand;
slipping through the hands
of those who cling to sacred power;
making us witness
to the power of new birth;
through Jesus Christ, the Firstborn.
Amen.**

V: Lord, you show us:
R: what loving really means.



SHC 49 The angels shine with more than human light

- The angels shine with more than human light, they see God's glorious face beyond our sight - and this same God they serve is our delight.
Alleluia!
- The angels' song is more than mortal praise, they shout for joy to see God's endless grace - we, too, praise God, who loves our human race.
Alleluia!
- The angels know a truth we merely guesst, they sit at Wisdom's feet in holiness - and this same Wisdom is the one we bless.
Alleluia!
- The angels' life is everlasting prayer, they taste the banquet that we long to share - and we pray, too, that God will feed us here.
Alleluia!
- The angels and archangels, now we bring, earth's praises to the God of everything - with Christ, and in the Spirit, let us sing:
Alleluia!

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ourselves in God's presence, new possibilities for life and service become visible. How do glimpses of God's new heaven and new earth inspire you to help bring renewal right here, right now?

AA 132 Tell my people I love them

Leonard Barlotti, Guy Jansen

**Refrain: Tell my people I love them;
tell my people I care.
When they feel far away from
me,
tell my people I am there.**

- Tell my people I came and died to give them liberty; as they abide in me they will be really free!
- Tell my people where-e'er they go to claim my risen power; my peace and joy and love is for them hour by hour.
- Tell my people who grieve and mourn that I allowed the night of darkness to descend, but I am still the Light.
- Tell my people to share their wealth and fight the sin of greed; care for the refugee; the hungry they're to feed.
- Tell my people throughout the world to strive for peace today, show love for enemies, be servants of the Way.

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Sending Forth

Go to love others as Christ loves you and to celebrate God's goodness with all of creation.

We go surrounded by God's Spirit.

The former things have gone away; God is making all things new. God dwells among us even now.

We go to help make God's dream come true. AMEN

Today's Reflection ... Perhaps the past informs the present, but the scripture readings for today invite us to also imagine how the future informs the present. When we place

NJ 148 The steadfast love of the Lord



Refrain:

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end.
They are new ev'ry morning,
new ev'ry morning,
Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord!
Great is thy faithfulness.**

- The Lord is my portion, says my soul. Therefore I will hope in him.
- The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that we should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
- The Lord will not cast off forever, but will have compassion. For he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of the earth.
- So let us examine all our ways, and return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heav'n.

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Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Acts 11 v 1-18**

Peter explains his actions

Reader: Matt/Anna Juby

Gospel: **John 13 v 31-35**

The new commandment

Reader: Denise Norris

Presider & Preacher: Brenda Deed

Intercessions: Margaret MacKay
then to **page 484** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth

Server: Margaret MacKay

After Communion: **Revelations 21 v 1-6**

God will wipe away all tears

Reader: Paul Jennings

Music Ministry: John Mounsey

Welcome Team: Steve Darwell,
Rex Geary, Lois Robinson

Morning Tea: Raewyn Struthers

Sanctuary Guild: Denise Norris, Ray Deed

