

**About People: -**  
**Finlay Clements** (People's Churchwarden) left Friday for a family wedding in Ireland and will be back the second week in September.



**IN SPIRE**

This is the second in a series of reflections on the way we reach out into the Thames community. For more than fifteen years Saint Georges has been open and 'hosted' each week day by a team of more than fifty volunteers (most of whom have a connection with the Parish) who provide a *welcome* presence in the church. Without those people we couldn't have the building open and the 'shut and locked' churches in the town are an indication of an age controlled by insurance companies and a general lack of *respect* for such places. 30 years ago the church was open 24/7. Then closed only at night for a time. Now, only open when someone's hosting. That 'Sanctuary and place of prayer' is for everyone. Especially right next to the Hospital where there's no place for patients, family or staff to reflect, pray or even be quiet. We're deeply grateful for this local ministry that reaches well beyond the formal and liturgical presence of the Anglican Church in this community.

**THIS WEEK: 28 Oct—4 Sept 2016**

Mon: 5.30pm Trust Waikato Annual information gathering at Paeroa.  
 Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall MT/Hostess - Jenny Colley  
 Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon 10am Holy Communion (1662) Saint Georges Chapel (Vicar) 2pm Bible Study at 314 Richmond St. 6.30pm Synod assemblies at Parnell  
 Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon. Synod from 8.30am today and tomorrow at the Cathedral, Parnell.  
 Sat: Saint Georges Choral Winter Workshop 9.30am till 4pm in the Church. Pre-register ph (07) 8686557  
 Sun: 9:30am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist *Theme - A New Identity*

Presider is the Vicar and he and Brenda present a Synod Report in place of the sermon!



**Readings:**

**Jeremiah 18 v 1-11** Brenda Deed  
**Luke 14 v 25-33** Raewyn Grey  
**Philemon 1 v 21** Jenny Colley

Intercessor: Denise Norris  
 Liturgist: Fiona Harden, Server: Kate Sayer

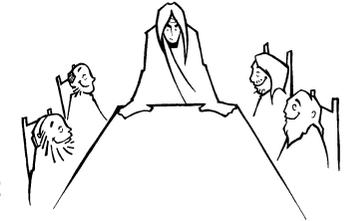
**Music Ministry:** John Mounsey  
**Welcome Team:** Max & Vivienne Baggaley (Denise Norris), Bob Cox, Alex Juby.  
**Morning Tea:** Ien Chu **Sanctuary Guild:** Lois Robinson, Vivian Bathurst

**Welcome**

TO THE

**Thames Anglican Church**

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



**Sunday 28 August 2016**

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

**Theme: Open Table**

**Sentence:** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day long. You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. *Psalm 86 v 3, 5*

**Call to worship**

We who have risen to embrace this day, we who are weary in body and spirit, **all are welcome in this sacred place.**

We who know the abundance of life, we who are left impoverished by harsh realities, **all receive a sustaining measure of God's love.**

We who are strong in mind and soul, we who are challenged by illnesses of many kinds, **all are whole in the Spirit of God.**

We who have a voice and the strength to use it, we who whisper prayers in our hearts, **all are invited to worship the God we love.**

Come, for you have a place of honour in the heart of God.

**Opening Prayer**

God of Extravagant Welcome, like flickering candles on a table, the soul of each person illumines the heart of our gathered community, and in the radiance of the whole, we recognize your presence. Filled with your Spirit of Love, may we reflect your gracious welcome to all. **Amen.**

**AA 132 Tell my people I love them**

**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.**

1. Tell my people I came and died to give them liberty; as they abide in me they will be really free!
2. 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.
3. Tell my people who grieve and mourn that I allowed the night of darkness to descend, but I am still the Light.
4. Tell my people to share their wealth and fight the sin of greed; care for the refugee; the hungry they're to feed.
5. Tell my people throughout the world to strive for peace today, show love for enemies, be servants of the Way.

**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.

**COMING UP - Coffee, Dessert & Baking Auction.** Friday 14 October 6:30pm at the Wesley Hall, Saint James Church. Tickets \$5 Adults, \$2 Teens. Enquiries ph Daphne 868 6532 or Arthur 868 3913.

**INSPIRE ROSTER**

Mon 29th: Del Patten, Judy Bronlund  
 Tue 30th: Judy Jones, David Cooper  
 Wed 31st Claire Twentyman, Colley  
 Thur 1st: V & M Baggaley, Marcia Sowman  
 Fri 2nd: Mavis Fruin, Malcolm Thomas  
 Sat 3rd: Raewyn Grey

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**Parish Office** Thur & Friday mornings 9-12midday Ph 07 868 6266

*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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## Prayer of Confession

Sacred Spirit who moves within and between, through you we are assured of a Holy Love that gathers us in and renews us with worship. We are quick to receive your boundless welcome, and with eager hands, we accept the sacramental gift of your grace. But we are aware, O Spirit, of the times we become satisfied with our own inclusion and we do not enact the divine hospitality planted deep within our very nature. When we do not look beyond our institutional walls, **forgive us, O God.**

When we withhold and restrict the grace of the sacraments, **forgive us, O God.**

When we imagine ourselves to be more valuable than others, **forgive us, O God.**

When we think only of self-maintenance, **forgive us, O God.**

When we do not live as your people, **forgive us, O God. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

In the soul of God, we each have a place of honour where we are nourished by the Spirit. Then filled with the abundant love of God, we can extend ourselves in new and life-giving ways.  $\dagger$  Receive forgiveness and live the love of God. **Amen.**

## Collect

V: The Lord is our helper:  
R: we shall not be afraid.

**Inviting God, laying open your table to the deviant and deranged, setting a place for the foreign and unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands; through Jesus Christ, the One given for all. Amen.**



## NJ 38 Fear not, rejoice and be glad

### Refrain:

***Fear not, rejoice and be glad, the Lord hath done a great thing; hath poured out his spirit on all the world on those who confess his name***

1. The fig tree is budding, the vine beareth fruit, the wheat field are golden with grain; thrust in the sickle, the harvest is ripe, the Lord has given us rain.
2. Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, the mountains will drip with sweet wine; my children shall drink of the fountain of life, my children will know they are mine.
3. My people shall know that I am the Lord, their shame I have taken away; my Spirit will lead them together again, my Spirit will show them the way.
4. My children shall dwell in a body of love, a light to the world they will be; life shall come forth from the Father above, my body will set the world free.

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## AM 343 Be thou my vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my hear O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; great Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Sending Forth

Let mutual love continue, show unbounded hospitality to strangers, know you are entertaining angels unaware. Trust that Jesus the Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever, and by living the generous love of Spirit, we become the Body of Christ in our day. Go where the Spirit of God leads you. **Amen.**

**Today's Reflection** *Jesus paints a picture of the reign of God as an open table where all are invited and where there is enough for all, forever. We are called to join Christ in setting such an open table - to invite all people to experience life shaped by God's inclusive and compassionate love. What does it mean to be invited to live in God's reign not because of what we have or what we do for a living, but simply because we are God's children? In what ways do our lives demonstrate our response to this invitation?*

## AA 68 If I take the wings of morning

*Nigel Eastgate*

1. If I take the wings of the morning to fly with them over the sea, no matter how far or how fast I've flown, I'll not be alone, my God is forever with me.
2. I may reach the gateway of heaven, descend to the portals of hell, though spirits of evil or death appear, I'll show them no fear, for God will be with me as well.
3. If I should conceal me in darkness and dress in the clothing of night, yet there in the deepest of gloom confined, I'll never be blind, for God is the giver of light.
4. Now I need no wings of the morning, from paths of despair I'll be free, and though I encounter the darkest shade, I'll not be afraid, for God will be ever with me.

## Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Jeremiah 2 v 4-13**

Reader: Natalie Geary

Gospel: **Luke 14 v 1, 7-14**

*Hospitality and Humility*

Reader: George Haffenden

Presider & Preacher: Graham Colley

Intercessions: Brenda Deed  
then to **page 465** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: David Juby, Server: Jessica Juby

After Communion: **Hebrews 13 v 1-8, 15-16**

*Concluding Exhortations*

Reader: Linda Pryor

**Music Ministry:** Lynne Mounsey

**Welcome Team:** Steve Darwell, Rex Geary, Lois Robinson

**Morning Tea:** Denise Norris

**Sanctuary Guild:** Pam Kenny, Jenny Colley

## Saint Georges Choral Group Presents a

## Winter Singing Workshop

**Jono Dunlop**  
Singer/musician/trainer

**Saturday 3 Sept**  
in Saint Georges 9am-4pm

Register 07 8686557 or 07 8686278  
\$15 each on the day!

