

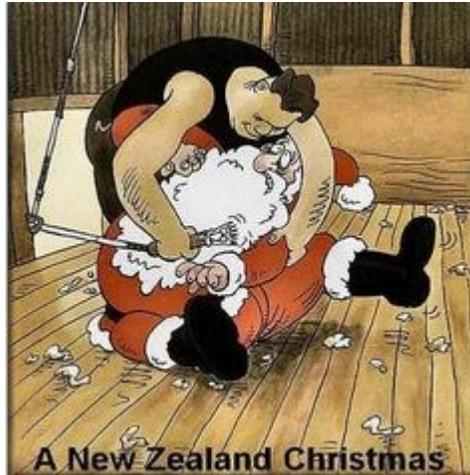
NJ 58 I am the light of the world

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun.

Refrain:

**“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love
you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

2. To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children
with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below the sky above!
3. To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations
with strength and good will,
to see God’s children everywhere!
4. To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby’s new birth,
to make music in
an old person’s heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth!



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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 9:00am SERVICE.

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Christmas 2016 to Epiphany 2017

The Christmas Season continues as a time for gathering with people. The Selwyn Centre on Wednesday mornings and the Thursday Service at 10am continue for people to meet. Please let us know of any who are sick and would value a visit.

A Christmas thought - All creation bears witness to the melodies of hope which spring forth from the humble place of birth. The star of grace hangs over Bethlehem and all the world.

AA 23 Come now, Lord Jesus

1. Come now, Lord Jesus,
enter our Christmas,
be to us no stranger
in this new-made manger.
2. Come, small and human,
born of a woman,
yet a Son much greater
of our own Creator.
3. Come, cold and crying,
comfort denying,
no place to receive you,
few yet to believe you.
4. Come, poor and simple,
our flesh your temple
in your body feeling
hurt as well as healing.
5. Come, gift and token,
bread to be broken -
star and sign still point you,
myrrh will yet anoint you.

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COC 35 Peace Child

Peace Child,
in the sleep of the night,
in the dark before light
you come,
in the silence of stars,
in the violence of wars –
Saviour, your name.

Peace Child,
to the road and the storm,
to the gun and the bomb
you come,
through the hate and the hurt,
through the hunger and dirt -
bearing a dream.

Peace Child,
to our dark and our sleep,
to the conflict you reap,
now come.
Be your dream born alive,
held in hope, wrapped in love:
God’s true shalom.

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COC40 Star-Child

Star-Child, earth-Child
go-between of God,
love Child, Christ child,
heaven’s lightning rod,

*This year, this year,
let the day arrive,
when Christmas comes
for everyone,
everyone alive!*

Street child, beat child,
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know,

Grown child, old child,
mem’ry full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears,

Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child
knowing joy in store,

Hope-for-peace Child,
God’s stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child,
star of stars that shine,

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A parish Forum to be held on January 15th after the 9am service, organised by the parish wardens. All are welcome.

Collect for January 1 (i)
The Naming of Jesus
God of many names, you have given our Saviour Jesus the name that is above every name. Empower us to honour his name by living the way he shows us. We ask this through our incarnate Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Collect for January 1 (ii)
The First Sunday of Christmas
God of Mary, Joseph and Jesus You share the suffering of all those forced to flee their birthplace. Give us compassion for all displaced peoples; give us special care for vulnerable children. Help us to heed warnings and to change plans and direction when you ask. We ask this through him who shares our human nature, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

Collect for January 1 (iii)
New Years Day
God of all time and eternity, you challenge us to make the choice to care for the needy and vulnerable. As we begin this New Year give us discernment to order our lives so that we may care for those in need and be ready to enter into eternal life with you. AMEN

Sentence for January 1
 Jesus went down with his parents and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and the people. *Luke 2 v 51,52*

Collect for January 8
God the source of all insight, you gave the wise men the sign of a star. Give us the focus and perseverance of those who travel far to encounter Jesus. Give us wisdom to discern and follow all that points to him. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

253 Lord, the light of your love
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1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
 fill this land with the Father's glory;
 blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river, flow,
 flood the nations with grace and mercy;
 send forth your word, Lord,
 and let there be light!*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by your Blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness- Shine on me, shine on me.
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory; mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

397 You shall go out with joy
Steffi Geiser Rubin, and Stuart Dauermann

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their hands.
 And the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll go out with joy.

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Sentence for January 8
 The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight is coming, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 3 v 1b*

PS 287 O let the Son of God enfold you
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1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love, let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy, lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.



PS 151 Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because he's given
 Jesus Christ his Son.
 (Repeat) check order
 And now let the weak say I am strong
 Let the poor say I am rich
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks.

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NJ14 Be Still and Know

1. Be still and know that I am God, Be still and know that I am God, Be still and know that I am God.
2. I am the Lord that healeth thee I am the Lord that healeth thee I am the Lord that healeth thee
3. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust

A Songs of Fellowship Worship Resource

Collect for January 15
God for whom we long, you know what each one of us is looking for. You sent your Son Jesus to help us find our way. Enable us to respond to his invitation to come and see, so that we may truly hear him and follow him. We ask this through the Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

Sentence for January 15
 We call to mind your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name is great O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth. *Psalms 48 v 9,10*

PARISH OFFICE and Hours
 The Parish Office will close from 23 Dec and reopen Thursday January 19th.
Opening Hours 9am - 12pm