

# Welcome

To The  
*Thames*  
Anglican Church



**Blessing for this week.**  
May the echoes of the angel songs be all around us, the wisdom of those who followed the star be our guide and the joyful wonder of those who found the Christ be in our hearts. Amen.

**Sunday December 18 2016**  
**Advent 4 - Love**

**Service: 9:00am at Saint Georges - NZ Eucharist**  
*Lessons and Carols*

## Lighting the Candle of Love

When a candle is lit, its flame gives out warmth and light. It is thus a symbol of the love which brings warmth and light to all who give and all who receive - for this love is of God. We light this candle as a pledge of our love for the world, for one another and for ourselves. May this flame, gentle and quiet, call us back to the one who first loved us, that our love may be strengthened and God's name honoured. *We light this candle for Love.*

## Prayer for El Salvador

For this land and people, where there is disparity between rich and poor, men and women, we pray. We pray especially that all its people will find peace. May the memories of past conflict fade as they work together to build a nation where all share equitably in its resources. Guide all in authority to create a place where human dignity and equality are upheld within a peaceful order. As partners with them, give us compassion and a sense of justice. May they be strengthened by the prayers we offer and the gifts we share. May peace reign in hearts, homes and communities and may they know healing, wholeness and unity among all the people. Amen.

## Today's Service

### Presider & Preacher:

S. Georges, Brenda Deed  
Te Puru, Catherine Mackereth

**Intercessions:** Margaret MacKay

**Liturgist:** David Juby, **Server:** Kate Sayer

**Readers:** George Haffenden,  
Denise Norris, Finlay Clement, Beth Philip,  
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### Music Ministry:

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Te Puru: Barbara Harry

**Welcome Team:** Max & Vivienne Baggaley,  
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