

## LAST WEEK'S VESTRY MEETING

- This was the first full meeting of Vestry since the AGM.
- The continuation of the AGM is set for Sunday March 20 following the 9am Communion at S. Geo.
- The draft Annual Accounts (pre-Audit) show a surplus rather than the \$12,000 expected deficit. This comes through Vestry's careful stewardship of our resources and deferred maintenance. January, too, balanced!
- A daily Lenten guide has been prepared by the Diocese and can be accessed thru [www.lent.nz](http://www.lent.nz). The material provides a few minutes each day of bible study, activity, meditation or reflection.
- At the continued AGM we will elect 2 new Synods representatives.
- Work will begin shortly on repairing the leak in the church roof above near the morning tea area. That'll cost in excess of \$5000 and we'll use the opportunity of having a Boom here to look at the whole roof and some of the 'holes' to make good use of the cost, that's because of Health and Safety requirement & cheaper that putting up scaffolding.
- Blinds are being looked at for the end of the Hall & for the windows behind the organ in the church. The organ gets 'overheated' and begins to cypher.
- A local film group, Harvest Hill Pictures, is making a documentary about Thames for Short Films Competitions and are keen to make a segment in Saint Georges late April. This'll be good exposure (for all of 3 minutes) for the building visited already by so many tourists & those with family connections!
- Another film group is making a doco about Jean Batten and is looking to cast 200 extras for scenes at Prices Foundry and a couple of days in the week at the airfield. March 6 for the crowd scene at Moanatairi; Another 15-20 are required 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> at the airfield (paid those 2 days – donations to clubs and organisations for the crowd scene on the Sunday). More info at <http://www.lippypictures.com/imdex.php?page=jean>.
- Vestry is moving to an on-line link with Diocesan staff and events.

## THIS WEEK: 21 - 28 February 2016

Today: pm Vicar at Hahei  
 Mon: Vicar's Rest Day  
 Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall  
 MT/Hostess - Raewyn Struthers  
 12.30-3.30pm Auckland Dio CAIRA  
 Group workshop at Greenlane.  
 7:30pm S. Geo Trust Members Meet  
 Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon  
 10am Holy Communion (1662)  
 Saint Georges Chapel (Arthur)  
 Bible Study 2pm at 704 Tararu Road.  
 PM National Advisory Group CAIRA till  
 Saturday at Mission Bay  
 Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.  
 Coromandel CLUSTER group meets  
 Coromandel Town 10am-3pm  
 Sun: 9:00am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist  
*Theme - Open Invitation*

Presider & Preacher: David Cooper

### Readings:

**Isaiah 55 v 1-9** Lois Robinson  
**Luke 13 v 1-9** George Haffenden  
**1 Corinthians 10 v 1-13** Natalie Geary



Intercessor: Fiona Harden  
 Liturgist: David Juby  
 Server: Margaret MacKay

**Music Ministry:** Lynne Mounsey  
**Welcome Team:** Steve Darwell, Rex Geary, Lois Robinson  
**Morning Tea:** Denise Norris  
**Sanctuary Guild:** Anne McConnell, Jill Muir

## INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 22nd: Gary Blake, Joe Fawcett  
 Tue 23rd: Phyl Devich, Moi James  
 Wed 24th: George Haffenden, Jo Gregory  
 Thur 25th: D & D Norris, David Juby  
 Fri 26th: Raewyn Struthers,  
 Margaret Smith  
 Sat 27th: 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 9:00am SERVICE.**

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Second Sunday of

**WELCOME  
 TO THE  
 THAMES ANGLICAN**

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

## Sunday 2016 - 21 February - Lent 2

**Service:** 9:00am at Saint Georges  
 9:30am at Te Puru - NZ Eucharist

**Theme:** *Strong and Tender*

**Sentence:** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!  
*Luke 13 v 34*

## Call to worship

When our hearts are troubled,  
 let us draw near to a mothering Spirit  
 who shelters us with love  
**and protects us from hardships that threaten  
 to consume.**

When others disappoint and leave us,  
 let us turn to a fathering Spirit  
**who takes up the cause of those who suffer  
 and defends the sorrowing with strong love.**

As we enter this shelter of love,  
 let us take heart in a nurturing God  
**who feeds us with the bread of grace  
 and calls us by name to come and worship.**

## Opening Prayer

Broody Hen who longs to gather her children  
 under the shelter of your wings,  
 we draw near to your warm presence this day.  
 Hold us.  
 Feed us.  
 Teach us.  
 Keep us in your most loyal care. **Amen.**

## Today's Reflection ...

*As we encounter the promise and challenge in following God's ways, the Spirit strengthens us to trust in God's strong and tender care for us. Who or what helps you stand firm in faith? What must you do in response to God's tender promise of love that will not end and strong call to a deeper purpose.*

## NJ 34 Enter, rejoice and come in

1. Enter, rejoice and come in, (2x)  
 today will be a joyful day,  
 enter, rejoice and come in.
2. Open your hearts to the Lord, (2x)  
 today will be a joyful day,  
 open your hearts to the Lord.
3. Open your ears to the Word, (2x)  
 today God speaks a message to you,  
 open your ears to the Word.
4. We'll open our hearts to the Lord,  
 sing alleluia,  
 today is such a joyful day,  
 we've opened our hearts to the Lord

## Resumed AGM

**Sunday  
 March 20 2016  
 10am Hall**

Following 9am Communion

- Audited Accounts
- 2016 Budget Approval

## Prayer of Confession

In the words of scripture and the rituals of community,  
**we know your desire for us, nurturing God.**  
You yearn for us to make a home  
in the shelter of your love,  
**but we often resist and push you away.**  
(silence)

We find belonging in soul-less places  
and merely exist in the chaos of our scattered lives.  
(silence)

In still moments,  
when we become aware of our deepest selves again,  
**we come to know our own longings  
to be enfolded in the wings of your love.**  
You hatched us from the heart of your imagination  
and sustain us with your constant presence.  
**Surround us as we pray and draw near to you.**  
(silence)

We know ourselves completely in the shadow of your  
love.

**Stay with us, we pray.**  
(silence)  
**Amen.**

Happy Birthday  
to  
**Rae Hinton**  
for last Sunday.

## Assurance of Pardon

The psalmist encourages us  
to wait for God.  
For God will hide us in times of trouble  
and will guard us from all evil.  
✠ Trust these words of comfort  
and be sure of God's all encompassing love.

## Collect

**Brooding Spirit,  
beneath your wings  
there is creation and life:  
accompany us on the difficult path  
with the disappeared and the broken,  
the fearful and the vengeful,  
until we find the way  
to the city of our peace  
where we are accepted as we are;  
through the cross of Jesus Christ,  
our only Lord.  
Amen.**

V: You are our God:  
R: in you we put our trust.

## SHC 60 When the tears will not stop flowing

1. When the tears will not stop flowing,  
born of anger or despair;  
when the pain of living broken  
takes a strength that isn't there:  
Holy Spirit, keep us hoping,  
give us Christ with strength to spare.
2. When the past invades the present,  
when old evils thrive today;  
when despite our best intentions,  
still we sin, and still we pay:  
Holy Spirit, come, forgive us,  
teach us Christ's transforming way.
3. When, despite the crowds around us,  
our hearts ache with lonely pride;  
when an empty silence echoes  
after triumph-songs have died:  
Holy Spirit, hold, enfold us,  
dear companion, loving guide

Elizabeth J Smith

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

## AA 57 Great ring of light

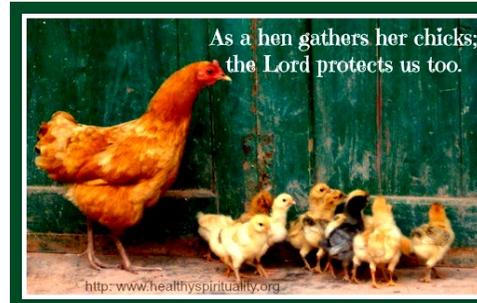
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1. Great ring of light  
true circle with no ending;  
clear beam so bright,  
whose purpose knows no bending;  
O word of God,  
in darkness always shining out.
2. A man who cried  
upon a cross at Calvary; for him who died  
an empty tomb, a mystery;  
O risen Christ,  
all pain and loss transcending.
3. Immortal fire  
of love forever yearning;  
flame of desire  
for our salvation burning;  
Spirit divine,  
our friend and present comforter.
4. The light shines still,  
the eternal word has spoken;  
on Calvary's hill  
the power of death is broken;  
and I receive  
the life, the joy, the loving.

A cleaner is need for 2-3 hours,  
each week on a living wage. If you  
are interested please see Graham.



**NEXT SUNDAY** the Tairua Local Shared Ministry  
Unit marks 20 years of existence and **Brenda  
Deed**, their first local priest, has been asked to  
preside at that Eucharistic celebration. 20 years  
since the start of new forms on ministry that cut up  
the large Coromandel parish into three units.



Thames Music Group Presents  
**John Mounsey & Toko Te Aho**



Friday 26th, 12:15pm at  
St Georges Church.

Free entry, donation appreciated

## Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Genesis 15 v 1-12, 17-18**  
*God's covenant with Abraham*  
Reader: Kate Jones

Gospel: **Luke 13 v 31-35**  
*Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem*  
Reader: Paul Jennings

Presider & Preacher:  
Saint Georges: Graham Colley  
Te Puru: Claire Stewart

Intercessions: Rae Hinton  
then to **page 465** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth  
Server: Kate Sayer

After Communion: **Philippians 3 v 17 - 4 v1**  
*Our transfiguration* Reader: Raewyn Grey

**Music Ministry:**  
Saint Georges: Stuart du Preez  
Te Puru: Barbara Harry  
**Welcome Team:** Colin Bayliss,  
Raewyn Grey  
**Morning Tea:** Denise Norris  
**Sanctuary Guild:** Judy Babe

## Sending Forth

From the North and South we have been  
gathered.  
From the East and the West we have come.  
Renewed by this time of worship,  
we venture into the world,  
enfolded always in the presence of God.  
**AMEN**