

From last week's Vestry meeting

► Repairs to the roof have been done and the \$5280 account has been presented with a report of the condition of the high pitch roof at Saint Georges. Effectively the roof is coming to the end of its time and will need replacement within the next decade. The steep pitch saves the roof from leaks but the loss of lead-heads creates the kind of leakage that we've been experiencing over the past months. It's a medium term task to fund replacement work.

► We're moving towards a black-out blind for the east window of the hall.

► The LINK funding project has had its frustrations dealing with Internal Affairs as the *goal posts* change every time we put in a funding application. So Vestry has resolved to apply for funding only for the LINK building and leave the new porch to a later round. Currently we have to account for a third of the total cost of the project before any application can be considered. And although we've had that or we have donations promised, that total; has to be current in the last two years. As we've spent a decade paying for Specialist Reports/surveys, drawing plans, Resource Consent fees etc prior to the last two years none of that \$60-70000 counts!

► The report about marriage, same sex relationships and leadership in the church was discussed and will be an agenda item at May's General Synod.

► The Audited Accounts to be received today show a small surplus for 2015, whilst the conservative Budget (to be adopted today) shows about the same level of deficit.

Laying on of hands for healing has a long history in our church - Starting on Easter Day a team of ministers will be offering prayers and laying on of hands during the administration of communion at the Sunday morning Communion service at Saint Georges. This will happen at the high altar rails during the administration of communion.

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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.

A safe place for the LGBT Communities

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THIS WEEK: 20 - 27 March 2016

Mon: Vicar's Rest Day
Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall
MT/Hostess - Graham
Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon
10am Holy Communion (1662)
Saint Georges Chapel (Arthur)
Bible Study 2pm at 704 Tararu Road.
7pm Maundy Thursday Rites
Fri: 9:30 Good Friday Reflection Service
Sun: 9:00am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist
Theme - Resurrection Joy

Presider: David Cooper,
Preacher: Brenda Deed

Readings: Acts 10 v 34-43 Colin Bayliss
Luke 24 v 1-12 Raewyn Grey
1 Corinthians 15 v 19-26 Kate Jones

Intercessor: Denise Norris, **Liturgist:** Graham Colley, **Server:** Margaret MacKay

Music Ministry: Lynne Mounsey
Welcome Team: Steve Darwell, Rex Geary,
Lois Robinson, **Morning Tea:** Margaret Smith
Sanctuary Guild: Vivienne Baggaley,
Celia Newby

ABOUT PEOPLE - Max Baggaley isn't here this morning because he's away for long-awaited surgery. **Fiona Sayer** has been appointed to the national committee of the cancer nurses college of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation. She will be working on developments of cancer care alongside the ministry of health.



INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 21st: Peter Philip,
Catherine Mackereth
Tue 22nd: Phyl Devcich, Moi James
Wed 23rd: George Haffenden, Jo Gregory
Thur 24th: Denise Norris, David Juby
Fri 25th: Raewyn Struthers,
Margaret Smith
Sat 26th: Margaret, Margaret MacKay

WELCOME
TO THE
**THAMES
ANGLICAN
CHURCH**



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

Sunday 2016 - 20 March - Palm Sunday

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

Theme: Into Jerusalem

Sentence: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the king of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Psalm 24 v 9, 10

Call to worship

There is no turning back.
Jesus goes on ahead,
riding towards the powers of the day –
always travelling into a new future,
hoping the path will be made gentler
by the carpet of our humble prayers.
**We will prepare the way for good
in trembling faith.**

Hear the drumbeats of our hearts,
which herald the coming of Christ's life among us
as we prepare the road for the journey ahead.

Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of our God! x3

Opening Prayer

Delivering God,
we enter into the story, awaiting your coming
in a most surprising way – unrehearsed,
without ceremony, on an unriden donkey.
Receive each prayer
which we have offered, O Christ,
and touch our lives as you pass by. **Amen.**

**Resumed AGM
Today After Service
in the Hall**

- * Audited Accounts
- * 2016 Budget Approval

HERE TODAY

AA22 Come into the streets with me

- Charles Strange*
1. Come into the streets with me!
Come to where the crowds will be,
see a strange and gentle king
on a donkey travelling

**Refrain: Come and follow my leader
come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by,
come and follow my leader!**

2. All the people shout his name,
waving branches, sing his fame,
throw their coats upon his road,
glad to praise the son of God
3. If the soldiers draw their swords,
will we dare to sing these words,
be his friends for just a day,
cheer him on then run away?
4. Jesus goes where things are rough,
Jesus knows when life is tough,
always comes to us, his friends,
so his story never ends....

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**Thames Music Group Presents
Italian Pianist Marco Tezza**



Here today 2pm -
Tickets at door, \$15 or \$13 members,
\$5 students & community service card holders

Prayer of Confession



We wait by the roadside today hearing you are coming, O Christ, so full of life that even the stones cry out. We know you are arriving **to confront the forces of power which destroy and damage the people.**

We stand before our lives and yours, Jesus Christ, and we want to be known as those who cheer and protect all that is brave and just in life, as we try to be your faithful friends. **We truly long to be faithful, loving God.** *(silent reflection)*

Today we lift our voices in support of you, **but soon we will face tomorrow's challenges.** We wait to see you coming and then we find ourselves turning our faces away **in fear of what might be expected of us.** Or we ignore you in case you confront our lives. *(silent reflection)*

We cover with our easy prayers all that would challenge our comfort so that you might ride through in joy, Jesus Christ. We grieve our lack of faithfulness on this day. *(silent reflection)* **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God loved us before we loved God. Jesus hears our cheers for good, and knows we try to stay loyal to the gospel. When we fail to hold that ground in faithfulness, and acknowledge the sadness of our betrayals, grace is spread out before us. **✠ We are forgiven!**
Thanks be to God. Amen

Collect

**Lord of the swaying palms,
the stones of earth
the beasts of burden
bear witness to your coming:
lead us from the violence
of empire
and the collusion of crowds**



**to a heart of flesh,
a world re-made
and new song for all creation;
through Jesus Christ,
the Crucified God.
Amen.**

V: You are our God:
R: we welcome you!

AM 63 My song is love

Samuel Crossman **unknown**

1. My song is love unknown
My Saviour's love to me:
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovingly be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2. He came from His blessed throne,
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend.
3. Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.
4. They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay,
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
That He His foes from thence might free.
5. In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was His home;
And mine the tomb wherein He lay.
6. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

NJ 41 Come to the Water

Refrain:
**Come to the water, you who are thirsty
Though you have nothing, I bid you to come
and be filled with the goodness
I have to offer. Come, listen, live.**

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
goodness and peace in your heart!
2. Just as the heavens are high above earth,
my ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your father and know I am near!
I will be father to you!
3. Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
just as a seed becomes bread,
my word upon you can never return
until my longing is filled.

Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Isaiah 50 v 4-9a**
The suffering servant Reader: Denise Norris
Gospel: **Luke 19 v 28-40**
The Triumphal Entry Reader: Paul Jennings
Presider & Preacher:
Saint Georges, Graham Colley
Te Puru, Catherine Mackereth
Intercessions: Margaret MacKay
then to **page 465** in NZ Prayer Book
Liturgist: David Juby
Server: Kate Sayer



After Communion: **Philippians 2 v 5-11**
Christ became obedient
Reader: (with palms) Matt/Anna Juby

Music Ministry:
Saint Georges, Finlay Clements
Te Puru, Barbara Harry
Welcome Team: Max & Vivienne Baggaley,
(Denise Norris), Bob Cox.
Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay
Sanctuary Guild: Diane Hill, Lorraine Philips

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.

AM 61 Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

H. H. Milman.

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark all the tribes 'hosanna' cry;
Thine humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments
strowed.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign!

Welcome

We're in Holy Week starting today and heading for the Paschal Triduum or the Three Days. That's the days that start on the evening of Maundy Thursday, the vigil of Good Friday and ends with our joyous prayers on Easter Day. Here at Saint Georges we have scheduled a reflective communion service at 7pm on Maundy Thursday. Another on Good Friday at 9.30am, and of course the Festal Eucharist at 9am on Easter Day.

'Our Neighbours' On Easter Sun 27 Mar 2pm in Saint James Hall. A team from the Friends of Friends Fellowship (FFF) will be speaking including full time leaders Matthew and Rachel Whyte.

Sending Forth

The Lenten way has become the way of the cross and we must journey forward, watching our step. Let us walk into this week, into the unfolding story, confident in God's steadfast love which endures forever. **AMEN**

There will be an interment gathering to bury the ashes of **Peter and Elizabeth Eynon** on Saturday 26th March at 100am, at Totara Cemetery, Thames.
All are welcome to come and say a few words.