

PEOPLE

Margaret Williamson had an early birthday celebration with family last Thursday. Her 92nd was Friday last and she spent it at Hamilton Hospital. **Max Baggaley** came home from Thames Hospital on Wednesday last after spinal surgery and a couple of weeks recuperation there. Thanks to **Paul Jennings** who filled in all the lawn indentations in Saint Georges lawns the week before last. Repairs to the mess the Boom truck made when the roof was repaired! The Marriage took place yesterday between **Tewe Tamati** and **Angela Dheda** in Saint Georges Church. A happy and full-on occasion for family and friends. **Selwyn Edwards'** funeral last Monday was a happy occasion for family and friends.



Many thanks to a great team of florists who helped add to the Easter celebrations. The church looked especially festive, your support is much appreciated.
Fiona Harden

Thames Music Group Presents City of Auckland Singers

Sunday 15 May - 2pm at
St Georges Church



Tickets at door, \$15 or \$13 members,
\$5 students & community service card holders

Faith & Fellowship

A St Georges Fellowship group, which is *open to all*, is to start on **Tuesday 17 May** and continue on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be **in the church hall from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.** The programme will include a time of worship and discussion, social activity and afternoon tea.

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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 9:30am SERVICE.

A safe place for the LGBT Communities

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THIS WEEK: 8 - 15 May 2016

Tonight: Choral Grp practise in S. Georges

Mon: Vicar's Rest Day

Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall
MT/Hostess - Lynne Mounsey
12noon Selwyn Grp Management Mtg

Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon

10am Holy Communion (1662)

Saint Georges Chapel (Peter)

Bible Study 2pm at 704 Tararu Road.

Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.

Sun: 9:30am at Saint Georges,

9.30am Te Puru NZ Eucharist

Theme - *Gathered and Scattered*

Presider & Preacher: Thames: the Vicar

Te Puru: Catherine Mackereth

Readings:

Acts 2 v 1-21 George Haffenden

John 14 v 8-17, (25-27) Beth Philip

Romans 9 v 14-17 Jenny Colley

Intercessor: Brenda Deed

Liturgist: Fiona Harden **Server:** Kate Sayer

Music Ministry: S. Georges, Lynne Mounsey

Te Puru, Barbara Harry

Welcome Team: Max & Vivienne Baggaley

Morning Tea: Margaret Smith

Sanctuary Guild: Judy Babe, Fiona Harden

**By swallowing evil words unsaid, no one
has ever harmed his stomach.**

~Winston Churchill

INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 9th: Del Patten, Judy Bronlund

Tue 10th: Anne Johnson, David Cooper

Wed 11th: Gael Goodall, Liz McCracken

Thur 12th: Robin Plummer, Natalie Geary

Fri 13th: Joe Fawcett, Raewyn Struthers

Sat 14th: Kate Jones

Welcome

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



Thames Anglican Church

Sunday after Ascension May 8, 2016

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

Theme: *Breaking Chains*

Sentence: Lord, you have said, 'Seek my face.' My heart says to you, 'Your face, Lord, do I seek.' Do not hide your face from me.

Call to worship

(inspired by Psalm 97)

Hear the sounds of the singing of cities.

They celebrate their Creator

and lift their hearts in hope,

as the birds rise from among the towers

to greet the dawn.

See the sun light up the world

and the trees on the mountains

swaying in delight

as the lightning sparks excitement

and the world bows before its Maker.

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness

and we are among the people in this day

who behold God's glory.

Alleluia!

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

O God, you call us on,
spreading out a pathway of alleluias ahead of us.

It becomes grey,

as the colours of our diversity mingle in hope.

We pray that we will see its kindness and wisdom
flowing forth before us today.

As we try to move with you,
we know that we will be faced
with the same hard questions
which challenged Christ's life.

In the silence, we acknowledge them before you:
(silence)

The greyness of our path into the future
gathers into its colour our confronting questions.

Be with us now, O God. Amen.

AM 87 Hail the day that

Charles Wesley **sees him rise**

1. Hail the day that sees him rise,

Alleluia

to the throne above the skies

Alleluia

Christ, the lamb for sinners given

Alleluia

enters now the highest heaven

Alleluia

2. There for him high triumph waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates!

he hath conquered death and sin;

take the King of Glory in!

3. Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;

though returning to his throne,

still he calls mankind his own.

4. See, he lifts his hands above;
see, he shews the prints of love;

hark, his gracious lips bestow

blessings on his church below.

5. Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;

near himself prepares our place,

he the first-fruits of our race.

6. Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,

grant our hearts may thither rise,

seeking thee above the skies.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we may long to move forward as witnesses to your way but many things hold us back: **Sometimes we simply cannot see the right way forward in our complex lives...**

Often we become distracted by our own agendas... We can be afraid of the consequences of what we might do...

We find ourselves bound by our own choices, or lack of choices, as we face the world around us, O God. **We are not as brave and free as some of the disciples of old. We grieve our lack of trust in you. Forgive us now. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God's love is never bound by our limitations and failures. It rises renewed in each moment, waiting on the pathway of life to offer us grace. **✠** The chains which bind our lives are torn apart by the power of God's gift of forgiveness. **Thanks be to God!**

Sentence

Lord, you have said, 'Seek my face.' My heart says to you, 'Your face, Lord, do I seek.' Do not hide your face from me.

Collect

Living God, Mystery of love given and received before all foundations, you would our hearts, hardened to division and indifference: deepen our yearning for unity and enrich our love for diversity that the whole creation might share in your communion; through Jesus Christ, who makes known your love. Amen.

NJ 93 Lift High the Cross

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Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his glorious name!**

1. Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.
2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife;
teach us compassion for each human life.
3. Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme;
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.
4. Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.
5. Worlds to be born and children yet to be come,
take up this song into eternity.

AM 148 At the name of Jesus

20th Century Tune

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.
2. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.
3. Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:
4. Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.
5. Name him, brothers, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

The Resurrection and Ascension



Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Acts 16 v 16-34**

Paul & Silas in Prison

Reader: Finlay Clements

Gospel: **John 17 v 20-26**

One with the Father & the Son

Reader: Natalie Geary

Presider & Preacher: Graham Colley

Intercessions: Fiona Harden

then to **page 418** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: David Juby, Server: Jessica Juby

After Communion: **Revelations 22 v 12-14, 16-17**

Come, Lord Jesus! Reader:

Music Ministry: Finlay Clements

Welcome Team: Raewyn Grey, Kate Jones, Ray Deed.

Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay

Sanctuary Guild:

Margaret MacKay, Denise Norris

Versicle & Response

We are your people:
and you are our God.



Keep hold of the items you're sorting for the Garage Sale — we're still trying to find the 'right' date in the next month or so!

AM 149 YE SERVANTS OF GOD

Charles Wesley.

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, Almighty to save;
And still He is nigh, his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
3. Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love

Reflection -

Paul and Silas - and the jailer - model faith and reciprocal ministry. The Spirit brings life through rituals and prayers, compassion and sacrament. What words and "habits of the heart" do Christians learn from rituals and tradition that open us to God and help us to act with compassion towards others?

Sending Forth

Leave the sanctuary of this sacred place and, in the power of Spirit, break the chains of resistance to God's love in the world. May our feet tread steadfastly on the earth which waits to be released from harm and oppression. May God's creativity place within us the necessary tools for releasing justice in our world. And may Christ give us courage to break free into the realm of truth. **AMEN**

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.