

Please collect an:

- ⇒ Advent Candle,
- ⇒ Anglican Diocesan Paper,
- ⇒ Christian World Service envelope,
- ⇒ Extra (yellow) sheet for today.

A Prayer for Each Day:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, giver of every good gift: be pleased to hear the prayers of Your people, and send to us as the vicar of this parish a person after Your own heart who will faithfully and wisely exercise the Cure of Souls and bring many people to the joys of Your eternal kingdom, for the good of Your Church and the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
From Parish Prayers by Frank Colquhoun).

Anglican Trust for Women and Children Christmas Appeal 2016

- Please leave new gifts, unwrapped in the 'Christmas Box' before the 28th November. These will be taken to Auckland 1st of Dec.

**Thank you to all who have
been part of the
2016 Vestry.**



**Thank you also
to all who helped
decorate the church
for the Advent Season.**

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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: 27 Nov - 4 Dec 2016

Today: 5pm S. George's Choral Practise

Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall
MT/Hostess - Beth Philip

Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon
10am Holy Communion (1662)
Saint Georges Chapel (Arthur)
Bible Study 2pm at 314 Richmond St.

Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.

Sun: 9:00am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist
Theme - Advent 2

Presider & Preacher: David Cooper

Readings:

Isaiah 11 v 1-10 Margaret MacKay

Matthew 3 v 1-12 Raewyn Grey

Romans 15 v 4-13 Kate Jones

Intercessor: Fiona Harden

Liturgist: David Juby

Server: Brad Sayer

Music Ministry: Finlay Clements

Welcome Team: Winnie Sheehan, Alex Juby

Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay

Sanctuary Guild: Lois Robinson,
Vivian Bathurst

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.

INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 28th: Gary Blake, Joe Fawcett

Tue 29th: Gael Goodall, Heather Gordon

Wed 30th: Claire Twentymann,

Margaret MacKay

Thur 1st: V & M Baggaley,

Marcia Sowman

Fri 2nd: Mavis Fruin, Malcolm Thomas

Sat 3rd: Raewyn Grey

WELCOME

TO THE

THAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

Sunday 27 November 2016 - Advent 1 - Hope

Service: 9:00am at Saint Georges - NZ Eucharist

Theme: 1st Sunday in Advent - Be alert

Sentence: To you Lord I lift up my soul; my God I have put my trust in you; you are God my Saviour; for you have I waited all the day long.
Psalm 25 v 1, 4.

Call to worship

With the rising of the sun, symbol of light, life and hope, we gather on this Advent Sunday.

We are a community of hope, looking to the new day when the glory of God shall cover the earth.

Let us worship God, giver of hope.

Lighting the Candle

The first Advent candle is lit for Hope. Its small flickering flame is a bearer of hope. In the darkness of despair and doubt it proclaims the light – the light of hope. 'It shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot extinguish it.'

We dare to hope that wherever God's people gather to light a candle, the light of hope will burn more brightly, encircling the earth with warmth, brightness and a future in which we see the fulfillment of all that is promised, through the good news of Jesus Christ. We light this candle for Hope. **Amen.**

Prayer for Timor Leste:

From the struggles of the past, O God, lead your people in hope. May the dark memories of former conflicts, the grief brought about by the loss of family and friends and the destruction of home and community be relieved through the power of hope.

May this hope lead the people of Timor Leste into an age of peace and reconciliation. Strengthen this young nation. Give its leaders courage and integrity. Give to all its people new hope for a new day.

May it be for other Pacific nations and for the whole world a sign of hope, that out of the oppression and colonisation of the past, freedom and nationhood are possible.

*As the dawn breaks across the Pacific Ocean, bringing light to the land and its people, may it be the light of a future full of promise. In the name of the one who is the hope of the world – Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

SHC 34 O God, you once prepared the way

Elizabeth J Smith

1. O God, you once prepared the way for Mary's "Yes" to Jesus' birth. In human form, your love would pay the price of hope for lifeless earth.
2. O God, prepare in us the way to meet in love, as Christ has taught. Our bread and wine we bring, and pray: Forgive us, feed us, send us out.
3. O God, prepare with us the way of justice for a world in pain. Send out your Spirit, so we may learn how to live in peace again.
4. O God, prepare for us the way to face our death with joy and trust, to come to resurrection day with Christ, who brings us home at last.

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Confession

God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

Assurance of Pardon

God forgives you.
Forgive others;
forgive yourself.
Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace.

Sentence

To you Lord I lift up my soul; my God I have put my trust in you; you are God my Saviour; for you have I waited all the day long. *Psalm 25 v 1, 4.*

Collect

God of hope, when Christ your Son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people that, richly bearing the fruit of good works, they may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Versicle & Response

O come:
let us walk in the light of the Lord.



Signs of Hope

1. Signs of hope in nature
Come like godwits' flight
Raising with cicadas
Songs within the night.
2. Flaking bark of matai,
Fuchsia's bursting buds,
Point to Summer flowerings
Set within God's love.
3. When pohutukawa
Tinges green with red,
Fire will soon envelop
All it's verdant head.
4. Signs of hope in people
Flash from lively eyes:
Warmth and tears and touching
Help new hope arise.
5. So Christ comes in Advent
Healing broken dreams,
Bathing all our sorrows,
Binding Earth's extremes.

Tune Caswall (Wem in Leidenstagen)
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AA 154 Where is the Room

Where is the room,
where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
where are the signs of home?
Where are the signs of home?

Let Christ have space,
place at the heart of living,
centre for birth's new breathing,
cradle for hope and peace,
cradle for hope and peace.

Let there be room,
room for the friend and stranger,
room without hurt or anger,
room for whoever come,
room for whoever come.

Let love be here,
love from the Christmas stable,
love at our open table,
love to be shared all year,
love to be shared all year.

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AM 25 The Advent of our King

C. Coffin, J Chandler

1. The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.
2. The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on;
to set his servants free.
3. Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.
4. As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.
5. All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Isaiah 2 v 1-5**
Reader: Matt/Anna Juby
Gospel: **Matthew 24 v 36-44**
Reader: Denise Norris

Presider & Preacher: Joyce Marcon
Intercessions: Denise Norris
then to **page 436** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Fiona Harden
Server: Raewyn Grey

After Communion: **Romans 13 v 11-14**
Reader: Paul Jennings

Music Ministry: Stuart du Preez
Welcome Team: Steve Darwell,
Rex Geary, Lois Robinson
Morning Tea: Diane Buchanan
Sanctuary Guild: Pam Kenny

S. George's Choral performs

Vivaldi's GLORIA

Programme includes Christmas carols and songs
Conductor Jono Dunlop - Accompanist Francis Cowan

Saturday 3 Dec 7pm
Sunday 4 Dec 2pm

S. George's Church, 600 Mackay St, Thames
Tickets at door - \$15

TODAY

AGM Part 1 Today after the Service

- Reports
- Election of People's Warden, Vestry members and Synod representatives.
- Announcement of Vicar's Warden.
- General Business.

Sending Forth

God our Creator,
when you speak there is light and life,
when you act there is justice and love;
grant that your love may be present in our meeting,
so that what we say and what we do may be filled with your Holy Spirit.
AMEN