

From Last Weeks Vestry Meeting

Our immediate focus will be on Advent and Christmas and the future directions meeting for Parish Consultation will be next year. In the meantime committee's are looking at a Parish Profile, a Maintenance Schedule and an assessment of the financial position of the Parish. The nominators are chosen from the future directions meeting which will be led by Archdeacon Michael Berry. The guidance book for the process of a new minister is available from the warden's.

The Parish AGM will be held in two parts for this year, the first part will be on Sunday 27th November (Advent Sunday) after the service.

Re: OSH, there will be an incident register for people to fill in left at the rear of the church when required. There will also be a form to list hazards in the church and hall and these will be visible for all church and hall users.

Vestry passed a motion that is needed for the new accounting system. The treasurer and the two wardens can pay accounts up to \$1,000 with two signatories, without prior approval from the vestry committee. Higher amounts need two signatories from the Treasurer and the Warden's and will need Vestry approval.

House Keeping

 Please ensure that the **lights** are turned off and all **doors** closed and **locked** when leaving the church. This is a continuing problem.

Also please do not loan church equipment to people or other organisations as it is always with good intention, but often the loaned item(s) do not make it back to the church.

THIS WEEK: 23 - 30 October 2016

Today: Choral Group Rehearsal
 Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall
 MT/Hostess - Lynne Mounsey
 Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon
 10am Holy Communion (1662)
 Saint Georges Chapel (Peter)
 Bible Study 2pm at 314 Richmond St.
 Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.
 Sun: 9:00am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist
Theme - All Souls
 9:30am at Te Puru
 Combined Church Service 7pm at Saint James's Church

Presider & Preacher: Joyce Marcon

Readings:

Daniel 7 v 1-3, 15-18 Raewyn Grey

Luke 6 v 20-31 Kate Jones

Ephesians 1 v 11-23 Margaret MacKay

Intercessor: Denise Norris

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth

Server: Brad Sayer

Music Ministry: Saint Georges, Finlay

Clements, Te Puru, Barbara Harry

Welcome Team: Max & Vivienne Baggaley,

(Denise Norris), Bob Cox, Alex Juby

Morning Tea: Margaret Smith

Sanctuary Guild: Fiona Harden,

Sue Gwynne



About People -

Happy birthday to Christina Philip and Peter Philip, Peter the 20th and Christina the 21st October.

INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 24th: Gary Blake, Joe Fawcett
 Tue 25th: Phyl Devcich, Moi James
 Wed 26th: George Haffenden, Jo Gregory
 Thur 27th: Joe Fawcett, David Juby
 Fri 28th: Raewyn Struthers, Margaret Smith
 Sat 29th: Raewyn Grey

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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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Thames Anglican Church

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

Sunday 23 October 2016

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

Theme: Just Worship

Sentence: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually. *Psalm 105.3-4*

Call to worship

(based on Psalm 65)

The whole of creation worships as one.

The strong mountains girded in might,

the splashing waves of the roaring seas,
 the sunrise and sunset: gateways of the day,

the rivers of power full of life,
 the grain of the land prepared for humans,

and the workers who furrow, sow, and harvest the earth,

the pastures of wilderness in all their joyful bounty,
the valleys decked with grain singing together.

This is the great diversity of creation,
 and like the great diversity of the community,
 each one of us has equal worth in God's eyes.
The whole earth shouts and sings together.

Opening Prayer

Spirit, with abundant dreams and imagination shape us;
 with lavish love towards each other re-create us;
 with indiscriminate grace lead us into worship.
 May we speak words heavy with justice that this community becomes a testimony to the open, welcoming, generous spirit of Christ. **Amen.**

Peruvian Gloria

1. Glory to God, glory to God
 Glory to the Father
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to the Father

Refrain

To him be glory for ever
To him be glory for ever
 Alleluia, amen,
Alleluia, amen,
Alleluia, amen,
Alleluia, amen.

2. Glory to God, glory to God
 Son of the Father
Glory to God, glory to God
Son of the Father

3. Glory to God, glory to God
 glory to the Spirit
Glory to God, glory to God
 glory to the Spirit

Today's Reflection ... God does not play favourites. All are welcome to worship God. All are fed at the banquet of joy. Who in our community seems to be longing for a place where they can know they are accepted? How might you extend such radical welcome and love in your community? What needs to happen in order for your community to be a stronger place of just worship?

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.

Prayer of Confession

I see the world pass by my window; all sorts of people, some I know and wave at, and others I do not know. Some are people I do not know but whose stories I assume.

We often sum up the whole of others' lives based on the clothes they wear, the way they walk, the jobs they do.

I wonder, why is that healthy young person walking into the unemployment office? Why is that teenager not in school? Why did that woman dress her small child in such a way? I often judge them; imagining their circumstance.

We peer down on them from our prejudiced position on our side of the window.

Then I look more closely. I see shoulders stooped with care, faces lined with worry, people facing challenges of life. I realize each person has a story to tell. I look even more closely, and I see a common humanity and the Holy Spirit within that connects us to one another.

We want the window in our hearts to fling wide open so we can know more deeply the connection we share.

May the windows in our hearts be opened wide with God's love...
May we listen with compassion to the stories of our common humanity...

May we know more deeply the connection we share...
May we affirm the Holy Spirit within us all...

Amen.



Assurance of Pardon

A window is opened on your lives and you know God's enduring love for all. Spirit Wind blows through your old ways of judgment and you are able to reconnect with God's Spirit who unites and heals.

May you live as one and at peace with each other.

Amen, may it be so.

Collect

V: God of our making;
R: have mercy on us.

**Infinite God,
impatient with your otherness
we make you into an idol
to serve our own needs:
humble our arrogance
by the strangeness of your coming
and the wonder of your mercy;
through Jesus Christ,
the friend of Pharisees and tax
collectors.
Amen**

AA 80 Jesus I sing your praise

1. For Jesus you are the song that makes the world sing, the hills laugh with joy. You are the light in the darkness, the peace in the storm, the friend on the road.

Refrain:

**Jesus, I sing your praise
with the birds of the dawn,
with the stars of the night;
Lord, my heart reaches out
singing praise with the wind,
with the flowers in the sun.**

2. You are simplicity, wholeness, Integrity, you are the presence of life. You are the Holy One, Man of Love, Son of God.
3. O Master, may your bright Spirit flow out like a stream, a river of life, to flower the wilderness places, bring bread to the poor, build households of love.

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SHC 4 Beauty and Power Together

Beauty and power together shine in your sanctuary; we give you praise together, God of glory, our God.

Beauty and power together speak in your holy word; we give you praise together, God of wisdom, our God.

Beauty and power together flow in your Spirit's peace; we give you praise together, God of healing, our God.

Beauty and power together grow in your people's love; we give you praise together, God of passion, our God.

Beauty and power together feed us in broken bread; we give you praise together, God of blessing, our God.

AM 510 Sent forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from his dwelling take leave. The supper is ended: O now extended the fruits of his service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for man. His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us to work for his kingdom and further his plan.

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving, the task of our everyday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing as brothers all men of each race. One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us, unite us as one in his life that we share.

Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving, give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Omer Westendorf

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Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Joel 2 v 23-32**

Reader: Paul Jennings

Gospel: **Luke 18 v 9-14**

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector
Reader: Matt/Anna Juby

Presider & Preacher: David Cooper
Intercessions: Margaret MacKay
then to **page 484** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: David Juby
Server: Raewyn Grey

After Communion: **2 Timothy 4 v 6-8, 16-18**
A good servant of Christ Jesus
Reader: Denise Norris

Music Ministry: Lynne Mounsey
Welcome Team: Steve Darwell, Rex Geary, Lois Robinson
Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay
Sanctuary Guild: Denise Norris, Ray Deed

Planning Meeting

for Advent & Christmas

Next Sunday morning Oct 30th
after morning tea



All Souls Day is 2 November this year. On October 30th there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have died.

AN INVITATION

to all children (& parents/caregivers)

Saints & Angels Evening

**Mon 31st Oct, 5-7pm, 'Everything Free' at
St James Church, Cnr Pollen & Pahau Streets, Thames.**



Intercessors on the current roster may collect the next intercessions from the church.

Sending Forth

If you have had a dream during this time, go and share it. If a spark has been lit within you, go and burn brightly. If you desire change, go and live it. **Amen.**

The Inter Church Foodbank is very low on produce at the moment. If you are able to help please place items in the basket at the rear of the church.