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You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

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*Eddie Espionsa based on Isaiah 64:8
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Now unto him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of his glory
with exceeding joy;
to the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty,
dominion and power
both now and forever.

Saint George Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

9am Holy Communion Service
7:30pm Family Holy Communion Service

Christmas Day

9am Holy Communion Service

This week 3 Dec-10 Dec 2017

Wed: 9:30-12pm Selwyn Group, Hall. MT/Hostess Claire Twentyman

Thurs: Office open 9am-12pm. 10am Holy Com. (1662), St George Chapel (Brendon)
2-3pm Prayer Group meet at Rosemary Levesque home 704 Tararu Rd

Fri: Office attended 9am-12pm

Sun: 9am service at ST George NZ Eucharist

First Testament: **Isaiah 40: 1-11** Psalm: **85:1-2, 8-13**

Epistle: **2 Peter 3:8-15a** Gospel: **Mark 1:1-8**

Presider/Preacher: Brendon Wilkinson Intercessions: Fiona Harden

Music Ministry: Lynne Mounsey, Morning Tea: Kate Jones

Welcome Team: Raewyn Grey, Kate Jones, Christina Philip

Sanctuary Guild: Vivienne Baggaley, Denise Norris

Inspire Roster:

Mon 4th: Finlay Clements Tues 5th: Rosemary Levesque Wed 6th: Phyl Devcich

Thurs 7th: Marcia Sowman Fri 8th: Denise Norris Sat 9th: Kate Jones

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THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

St George Anglican Church Thames



Sunday December 3rd 2017
1st Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the first Advent Candle

"Today we light the first candle of the
Advent wreath. *(each candle has a meaning)*

This first candle is "HOPE." *(The candle is lit)*



Scripture: **We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**
"Psalm 33:20

Prayer: *"Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen."*

Liturgist: Lesley Wilkinson **Server:** Margaret MacKay

Prayers: Denise Norris **Organist:** John Mounsey

Welcome Team: Ray Deed, Denise Norris

Presider/ Preacher: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Sanctuary Guild: Judy Babe, Fiona Harden **Morning Tea:** Ien Chu

Prayer Needs

Someone will be available in the front during communion
if you wish to receive prayer for yourself, family or others.

Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God

God fill you with truth and Joy

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

This is the day which the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your Holy Name; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake and renew our lives to the glory of your name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal, Amen.

Sentence of the Day

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' Mark 13:3

Collect of the Day

God of hope, When Christ your Son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready; through the same Jesus

First Reading Isaiah 64: 1-9 (*Denise Norris*)

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

6 You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1vs 3-9 (*Kate Jones*)

Gradual Hymn: Give thanks with a grateful heart (*on back page*)

Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 24-37 (*Paul Jennings*)

Offertory Hymn: Change my heart O God

Closing Hymn: Now unto him (*on back page*)

Sending Forth

Go now to love and serve the Lord, go now in peace.

We go in the name of Christ, Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.
(Repeat)

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.

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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.

Christmas Carol Singalong

7.0 -8.0 p.m.

Friday 8th December, 2017

Te Puru School Hall, Thames Coast
Road

Music by Thames Salvation Army Band
Come and have a good sing.

Tea and Coffee provided

Cash donations for Thames Food bank
Organised by Thames Coast Community