

Notices

Wed: 9:30-12pm Selwyn Group, Hall.

Thurs: Office open 9am-12pm. 10am Holy Com. (1662), St George Chapel

Thurs: Prayer Group meet at Rosemary Levesque home 2-3pm 704 Tararu Rd

Fri: Office attended 9am-12pm

Sun: 9.30am service at St George NZ Eucharist

Sunday 7th January

First Testament: Genesis 1: 1-5 **Psalm:** 29 **Epistle:** Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11 **Presider/Preacher:** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions: Margaret Mac Kay **Liturgist:** Sue Lewis O Halloran

Server: Margaret Mac Kay **Music Ministry:** Finlay Clement

Morning Tea: Kate Jones

Welcome Team: Raewyn Grey, Christina Philip, Kate Jones

Prayer Needs

Someone will be available in the front during communion

Pastoral Visits

Would you or someone you know like communion at home?

Please let one of the Priests or wardens know

Rosters

We are looking for help with the important Spire roster, flowers/ Sanctuary Guild, welcome team, readers, servers and liturgists. If you are able to help, we would be

New Service Start Time

Sunday services will now start at the new time of 9.30am every Sunday

Church at the Park

BYO Picnic- Bouncey Castle- Live Music- Sausage Sizzle

Hosted by the Combined Churches of Thames on Sunday 25th Feb 2018 4-6pm

Vicar: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson. **Assistant Priest** The Rev'd Brenda Deed.

Vicar's Warden: Kate Jones **Peoples Warden:** Paul Jennings

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Evacuation Procedure- In the event of a fire, listen to the presiding team and welcomers; leave by nearest, safest exit and assemble on the lawn in front of Hospital and wait for the "all clear"

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

St George's Anglican Church Thames



Ministry Team

Liturgist: Leslie Wilkinson. **Server:** Raewyn Grey **Prayers:** Beth Philp
Organist: Stuart Du Preez **Welcome Team:** Ray Deed, Kate Jones

Presider/ Preacher: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Sanctuary Guild: Winnie Sheehan, Natalie Geary

Morning Tea: Margaret Mac Kay **Readers:** Kate Jones, Sue O Halloran,

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2017

1st Sunday of Christmas

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 Hymn Praise to the Lord, the almighty. (AM207)

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.**

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.
Luke 2:30–32

Collect of the Day

Holy and eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us to learn from the simple trust of children; give us pure hearts and steadfast faith to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 61: 10– 62:3

Psalm 148

- ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- ²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**
- ³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- ⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
- ⁶**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
- ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
- ⁸**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**
- ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- ¹⁰**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**
- ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- ¹²**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**
- ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gradual Hymn: Tama Ngakau Marie (AA128)

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22-40

Prayers and Intercessions Then turn to page 418 in your NZ prayer book

AM 207 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
J Neander (1650-80), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is they health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how they heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth proster they work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

NJ 134 Spirit of the Living God

1. Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on us
Melt us, mould us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on us
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Moody Bible Institute of Chicago

AA 128 Tama ngakau marie

1. Tama ngakau marie, Tama a t'Atua, tenei tonu matou, arohaina mai.
2. Murua ra nga hara. Wetekina mai enei here kino, whakararu nei.
3. Takahia ki raro, tau e kino ai; kei pa kaha tonu, ko nga mahi he.
4. Homai he aroha, mou I mate nei. Tenei ra, e lhu, takina e koe.
5. Tenei arahina, a tutuki noa: puta I te pouri, whiwhi hari nui.
6. Tama ngakau marie, Tama a t'Atua, tenei tonu matou, arohaina mai.

NJ 133 Spirit of God, in the clear running water

Sister Miriam Therese Winter

Refrain: Fill the earth, bring it to birth, and blow where you will. Blow, blow, blow, till I be but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

1. Spirit of God, in the clear running water, blowing to greatness the trees on the hill;
Spirit of God in the finger of morning,
2. Down in the meadows the willows are moaning,
sheep in the pasture land cannot lie still,
Spirit of God, creation is groaning:
3. I saw the scar of a year that lay dying,
heard the lament of a lone whip-poor-will.
Spirit of god, see that cloud crying:
4. Spirit of God, everyone's heart is lonely,
watching and waiting and hungry until -
Spirit of God, we long that you only fill -

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