About People -

Pray for **Jenny Colley** and **Beth Philips** after surgery and others waiting for surgery. Remember those affected by the rain storm.

<u>'Future Directions '</u> - Led by Archdeacon Michael Berry.

A sincere thank you to all who attended last Sundays Future Directions meeting.
A very important step in the process along the way to the Bishop appointing our new Vicar.

It was wonderful to see so many of our parishioners there, which means our parish profile (which will be presented to perspective ministers when they register their interest in the vacancy) will include the broadest possible list of 'needs' for our parish - a good extensive 'wish list' compiled by us all!

Congratulations to our three parish nominators:

- Fiona Harden
- Sue Lewis-O'Halloran
- Natalie Geary

You have the trust and confidence of the parish and we offer you our continued support and prayers. We know you will serve our parish well.

THIS WEEK: 12 - 19 March 2017

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

Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon 10am Healing & Holy Comm. (1662)

Saint Georges Chapel (Catherine) 2-3pm Prayer Group meet at Rosemary Levesque's home 704 Tararu Road.

Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.

Sun: 9:00am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist
Theme - Finding Refreshment

Presider & Preacher:

Saint Georges: Joyce Marcon Te Puru: Claire Stewart

Readings:

Exodus 17 v 1-7 Kate Jones John 4 v 5-42 George Haffenden Romans 5 v 1-11 Natalie Geary

Intercessor: Catherine Mackereth Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth Server: Margaret MacKay

Music Ministry: Stuart du Preez

Welcome Team: Raewyn Grey, Kate Jones,

Ray Deed, Christina Philips

Morning Tea: Diane Buchanan

Sanctuary Guild: LENT

LENT 2017

- Continue filling in your Lenten Calendar. It becomes a talking point for any visitor.
- The diocese has printed a Lenten study with a theme of Consecration. Robbie has some copies in the office if anyone would like to read it as well as using our booklets.

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.

Mon 13th: Del Patten

Tue 14th: Judy Jones

Wed 15th: Lyn Chamley

Fri 17th: Gael Goodall

Sat 18th: V & M Baggaley

Thur 16th: Stephanie du Plessis

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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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WELCOME TO THE

Thames Anglican Church

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

Sunday 12 March 2017 - Lent 2

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

Theme: Glimpses of Grace

Sentence: [We pray with the psalmist:] My heart says to the Lord, 'Your face,

Lord, do I seek.' Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant

away in anger, for you have been my help. Psalm 27 v 8-9

Call to worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come? Our help comes from God, maker of heaven and earth.

God will not let us slip or fall.
Our protector will not fall asleep on the iob.

Indeed, our protector never sleeps or rests.

God is our protector, as close as our very shadow.

Let us worship our Creator! From Psalm 121

Opening Prayer

God of darkness and of light. we dare to venture out into the unknown to come to you in this time of worship even though we know that the future is always uncertain. We come to this place knowing full well there are a thousand other things we could be doing. But we have gathered here out of love for you, because you first loved us, and because we know that. when we spend time with you, life can make sense in new and exciting ways. Inspire us in this time, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

AM 343 Be thou my vision

 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;

be thou my best thought in the day and the night,

both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;

be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight:

be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;

be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:

O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my heart;

O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,

O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

tr. Mary Byrne; versisifed, Eleanor Hull



Prayer of Confession

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be.

Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God forgives us; be at peace Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection. reconciliation for all the human race.

We shall all be one in Christ. one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us. praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

Sentence

[We pray with the psalmist:] My heart says to the Lord, 'Your face, Lord, do I seek.' Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, for you have been my help. Psalm 27 v 8-9

Collect

God of our longing, you come to us in prayer. Help us to follow Jesus' example by taking time to pray. and taking time to listen.

This we ask in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Holy God, you blow where you will. Blow once more through us your chosen people. Enliven us with your power, and move us with your strength.

That we might be born again into your eternal kingdom All this we ask through Jesus Christ through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you.

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NJ 134 Spirit of the **Living God**

Daniel Iverson

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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Today's Reflection ... Glimpses of Grace

The encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus, as well as the other scriptures this week, help us see that sometimes answers are incomplete, sometimes instructions are incomplete and yet somehow it can be enough to start and trust God will continue to support us on the journey.

Sometimes it is in those moments when we are most timid and risk 'stepping out into the night' that God reveals new insights to us too.

When we ask questions we need to allow ourselves to be vulnerable and trust that God's grace will provide the answers we are seeking. How did it work out when you did let God take control?

May we, like Nicodemus, risk meeting with Jesus 'at night' so he might offer us a chance at transformation also.

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Nhosoever.

John 3:16

AM 170 The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord: She is His new creation By water and the word: From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride, With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth. Her charter of salvation-One Lord, one faith, one birth: One holy name she blesses. Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping, Their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil, and tribulation, And tumult of her war. She waits the consummation Of peace forever more: Till with the vision alorious Her longing eyes are blessed. And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One. And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly. On high may dwell with Thee.

To God be the glory

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through the Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

- 2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God: the vilest offender who truly believes. that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)
- 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our joy and wonder, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

_____ **Today's Readings & Ministers**

First Testament: Genesis 12 v 1-4a

The call of Abraham Reader: Finlay Clements

Gospel: **John 3 v 1-17**

Jesus teaches Nicodemus Reader: Beth Philip

Presider: Catherine Mackereth Preacher: Brenda Deed Intercessions: Denise Norris then to page 484 in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: David Juby, Server: Kate Sayer

After Communion: Romans 4 v 1-4, 13-17 Reader: Margaret MacKay

Music Ministry: Finlay Clements

Welcome Team: Winnie Sheehan, Alex Juby Morning Tea: len Chu, Sanctuary Guild: LENT •

AGM Part 2

Next Sunday 19 March 2017 10am Hall

Following 9am Communion All parishioners are welcome.

- Accounts
- 2017 Budget Approval

Sending Forth

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

Amen

We go in the name of Christ.