

Some key points from this months Vestry Meet

Signage for Handel Production: Finlay met with Karen and David Ruddock – they will redesign a sign to fit the existing metal sign outside the church.

Vestry Meeting Times – Next vestry meeting will trial a 6pm start.

AGM date set for Sunday 19th November 2017.

Office Computer Brendon presented two quotes for a computer for his office – Vestry approved the purchase.

Office Keys The priests now have office keys and are able to access the office to use for pastoral ministry.

Fundraising – Denise: Recipe book still simmering – but on the back burner until the new year. Denise keen to organise a Gala for December 2018 – next agenda to form a fundraising sub committee. Sue offered to help. This committee also to look at the possibility of running raffles. Sub committee to look at advertising event on line.

A thorough property report received from Paul Jennings keeping us up to date.

► Vestry have the important role of the spiritual leadership of the Church, the responsibility for the day to day operations of the finances, buildings and equipment while working alongside and encouraging the clergy and being fully informed about the Parish and life of the wider Church.

This is an important work for the life of this Parish. We are looking for people who feel they are called to join this most important ministry. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this role, I would love to meet with you. *Brendon*

Calling all gardeners. There is some surplus **topsoil** by the new pathway at the side of the hall if you have a need of some.



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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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THIS WEEK: 29 Oct - 5 Nov 2017

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

Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon
10am Holy Communion (1662)
Saint Georges Chapel (Brenda Deed)
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 - What Should I Do?

First Testament: Revelations 7 v 9-17
Reader: Sue Lewis-O'Halloran

Psalms: 90 v 1-6, 13-17

Reader: Catherine Mackereth

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2 v 9-13

Reader: Kate Jones

Gospel: Matthew 5 v 1-12

Reader: Allan Judd

Presider & Preacher: Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions: Denise Norris

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth

Server: Kate Sayer

Music Ministry: John Mounsey **Welcome**

Team: Winnie Sheehan, Juby Family

Morning Tea: Ien Chu **Sanctuary Guild:** Lois
Robinson,

Welcome TO THE Thames Anglican Church

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

Sunday 29 October 2017

Service: 9:00am at Saint Georges
- NZ Eucharist
9:30am at Te Puru

Theme: *Time to Say Goodbye*

Sentence: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Matthew 22:37-40

Call to worship

We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.

In God's realm we will find healing and hope.

We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.

In God's world, we will reach out with God's love to all God's people.

We are called to be those who would serve.

Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those in need.

Opening Prayer

Loving God,
as a parent tenderly cares for its child,
you deeply care for each of us.
May we come before you,
without flattery, seeking neither praise
nor prestige, but with hearts filled with
the love of Christ, ready to do the work
of the Gospel. **Amen.**

Prayer Needs: Someone will be available in the sanctuary after communion if you wish to receive prayer for yourself, family or others. All are welcome.



God is Here

1. God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share: Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

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 you, 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

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Collect

God of love, your Son teaches us the heart of the law. Open our minds, souls and hearts to discern what you ask of us. Empower us to love you with our whole being, to love our neighbour as ourselves and thus fulfil your law. We ask this 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

Children's Talk

Children's time for those young at heart.



Psalm 90

- ¹ Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another
- ² **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made: you are God from age to age everlasting**
- ³ You turn humanity back into dust, saying, 'Return to dust you children of mortals.'
- ⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight are only as yesterday as it were but a day that is past.**
- ⁵ As a night watch that comes quickly to an end you scatter them: they fade like a dream at daybreak.
- ⁶ **They are like the grass which in the morning is green: but in the evening is dried up and withered.**
- ¹³ Turn from your wrath O LORD, how long before you relent? Have pity Lord on your servants
- ¹⁴ **Satisfy us in the morning with your constant love, so that we may rejoice and be glad the days of our life.**
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have suffered adversity.
- ¹⁶ **Show your servants your work: and their children see your glory.**
- ¹⁷ May your favour O Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!

Today's Readings & Ministers

Today's Readings:
First Testament: Deuteronomy 34 :1-12
Reader: Matt/Anna Juby:
Psalm : 90:1-6,13-17 Reader: Fiona Harden
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Reader: Denise Norris
Gospel: Matthew 22 v 34-46
Reader: Paul Jennings

Presider/Preacher S. Georges Brenda Deed
Te Puru: Claire Stewart
Intercessions: Margaret Mackay then to **page 484** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Fiona Harden, Server: Raewyn Grey

Music Ministry: Stuart du Preez
Welcome Team: Max and Vivienne Baggaley, Denise Norris
Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay
Sanctuary Guild: Anna Juby, Fiona Sayer

NJ 163 When I Needed a Neighbour

When I needed a neighbour,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour
were you there?

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
Were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty....
3. I was cold, I was naked.....
4. When I needed a shelter....
5. When I needed a healer.....

6. Wherever you travel,
I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.
*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
I'll be there.*



► Have you ever considered the role of *liturgist* and thought it too difficult? Then I need you. On Saturday 11th November we are having a liturgists workshop where you can learn about the role and even give it a go and then decide if you would like to take up this important role.
When Saturday 11th November 9am-10am,
Where: Parish Hall, **Who:** You!!!!,

**AGM Part 1
November 19th
after the service**

Here Tonight - 7pm

**Saint George's is hosting the
Interchurch Council Service
this evening here at 7pm.
Please come along.**

Sending Forth

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

PS 287 O Let the Son of God Enfold You

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let Him have the things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life
and make you whole

**Jesus, O Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs**

2. O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
O give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

AA102 Nothing is lost on the breath of God

1. Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory;
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.

2. Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God sees with love and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding;
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking, and finding.

3. Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fullness;
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in God's goodness.