

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 10th November, 2019

32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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: Christian People Raise Your Song

Christian people raise your song,
chase away all grieving;
sing your joy and be made strong,
our Lord's life receiving;
nature's gifts of wheat and vine
now are set before us:
as we offer bread and wine
Christ comes to restore us.

Come to welcome Christ today,
God's great revelation;
He has pioneered the way -
of the new creation.
Greet Him, Christ our risen King
gladly recognising,
as with joy men greet the spring -
out of winter rising.

Colin P Thompson (b 1945) A&M 443

Collect For Purity

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 *(Please sit or kneel)*

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 us and set us free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal, Amen.

Sentence of the Day

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.'

John 11:25-26

Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
You have sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts
and set us free from the bondage of sin;
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to Your service,
that we and all Your people may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

The Promised Glory of the New House

15b In the second year of King Darius, on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the LORD, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the LORD Almighty. 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty.

⁹'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvellous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

**The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his
righteousness to the nations.**

He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to Israel; all the ends
of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with
music;**

make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound
of singing,

**with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before
the LORD, the King.**

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

let them sing before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

***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***

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Read by Lyn Wilson

Standing firm in the Lord at all times

2:1 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us - whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter - asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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The Gradual Hymn: Be Exalted

I will give thanks to thee O Lord, among the people,
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
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For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory, let Thy glory,
let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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3rd Reading: Luke 20:27-38

Read by Diane Buchanan

Praise and Glory to God

The Resurrection and Marriage

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and

in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

Given by The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions:

Given by Stephen Williams

Peace:

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn: I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of Life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

H Bonar (1808-1889) A&M 247 (i)

Communion: *(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)*

Closing Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and ever more,
feed me now and ever more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield,
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

William Williams. Tr. Peter Williams. A&M 214

Sending Forth: Go now to love and serve the Lord; go now in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Ministry Team, 10th November

Liturgist: Sue Lewis-O'Halloran **Server:** Margaret MacKay
Intercessor/Prayers: Stephen Williams **Organist:** Lynne Mounsey
Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Welcome Team: Vivienne Baggaley, Christina Philip
Morning Tea: AnneMarie Hartley, Allan Judd

Parish Community News

Please stay for St George's AGM meeting after the service and morning tea, at 11.00am.

Prayer Needs

“Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honoured his name.” Malachi 3:16

Please keep Ien and Stephen Chu in your prayers pray for good healing for Stephen following his recent surgery.

As we await the arrival of our new Curate, Liam, please pray for him in his move to Thames in late November and that he will be blessed by the Lord and will hear His precious voice as he integrates into this Parish life.

This week, 10th–17th November, 2019

Tuesday, 12th: 1pm, Bible Study at the home of Peter and Beth Philip, 608 Rolleston Street, Thames, 868 5028.

Wednesday, 13th: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00, Church Hall. All welcome.

Thursday, 14th: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel.

Sunday 17th November, 9:30

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25	Ruth Kowalewicz
Psalm: For the Psalm - Isaiah 12	
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Paul Jennings
3rd Reading: Luke 21:5-19	Christine Neilson
Preacher:	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Presider:	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Liturgist:	Ruth Kowalewicz
Server:	Raewyn Grey
Music Ministry/organist:	Finlay Clements
Intercessions:	Denise Norris
Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:	Leslie Wilkinson, Denise Norris
Morning Tea:	Kate Jones, Denise Norris
Welcome Team:	Steve Darwall, Rex Geary
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