

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

15th September, 2019

24th 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: Enter Rejoice

Enter, rejoice and come in, (2x)

today will be a joyful day,

enter, rejoice and come in.

Open your hearts to the Lord, (2x)

today will be a joyful day,

open your hearts to the Lord.

Open your ears to the Word, (2x)

today God speaks a message to you,

open your ears to the Word.

We'll open our hearts to the Lord,

sing alleluia,

today is such a joyful day,

we've opened our hearts to the Lord

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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 tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:10

Collect of the Day

**Loving God,
in Jesus You gather us into Your family;
confidently we call You Father;
may Your Spirit bring us to share
the glorious liberty of Your children.
Hear this prayer for Your love's sake.**

Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Raewyn Grey

¹¹ At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, "A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows toward My people, but not to winnow or cleanse; ¹² a wind too strong for that comes from Me. Now I pronounce My judgments against them."

²² "My people are fools; they do not know Me.

They are senseless children; they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good."

²³ I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; and the heavens, they had no light.

²⁴ I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. ²⁵ I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

²⁶ I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD, by His fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the LORD:

"The whole land shall be desolate; yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸ For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black, because I have spoken. I have purposed and will not relent, nor will I turn back from it."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 14

The fool has said in his heart, "there is no God." They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good.

² The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

³ They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.

⁴ Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call on the LORD?

⁵ There they are in great fear, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

⁶ You shame the counsel of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.

⁷ Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

***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: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

George Haffenden

The Lord's Grace to Paul

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me trustworthy, appointing me to His service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gradual Hymn: Gentle As Silence

O, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth;
all the beauty I see He has given to me,
and His giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide He is there at my side,
and His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from His presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways;
but I've called on His name in the dark of my shame,
and His mercy was gentle as silence.

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Praise and Glory to God

The Parable of the Lost Sheep and the parable of the Lost Coin

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable:

⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions:

Stephen Williams

Peace: Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn:

Calm Me Lord

Calm me, Lord, as You calmed the storm;
still me, Lord,
keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease;
enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.

Repeat -

End of last repeat:

Lord, enfold me in Your peace.

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Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn:

Thine Be The Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son.
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above:

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

My Never Again List

FIRST: Never again will I confess "I cant's", for "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Phil. 4:13.

SECOND: Never again will I confess lack, for "My God shall supply all of my need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus". Phil. 4:19

THIRD: Never again will I confess fear, for "God has not given me the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind". 2 Tim. 1:7.

FOURTH: Never again will I confess doubt and lack of faith, for "God has given to every man the measure of faith". Rom. 12:3.

FIFTH: Never again will I confess weakness, for "The Lord is the strength of my life". Psalm 27-1. And "The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits". Dan. 11:32.

SIXTH: Never again will I confess the supremacy of Satan over my life, for "Greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world". 1 Jn. 4:4.

SEVENTH: Never again will I confess defeat, for "God always causes me to triumph in Christ Jesus". 2 Cor. 2:14.

EIGHTH: Never again will I confess lack of wisdom, for "Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God". 1 Cor. 1:30.

NINTH: Never again will I confess worries and frustrations, for I am "Casting all my cares upon Him who cares for me". 1 Pet. 5:7

TENTH: Never again will I confess bondage, for, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty". 2 Cor. 3:17. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit:

Ministry Team

Liturgist: Sue Lewis O'Halloran **Server:** Margaret MacKay
Intercessor/Prayers: Stephen Williams **Organist:** Lynne Mounsey
Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd David Cooper
Welcome Team: Steve Darwall, Rex Geary
Morning Tea: Anne Marie Hartley, Allan Judd
Te Puru: The Rev'd Lilian Barrett

Parish Community News

"Creation"- Haydyn's Oratorio is being performed in the **Civic Centre**, Thames, **ONCE ONLY** - on Saturday, 21st September, at 5pm.

The Sunday 22 Sept performance at 2pm is being held in Hamilton.

See poster on the board by the door for details.

Prayer Needs

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5,6.

Please pray God's blessings on David and Fiona Juby, Ross and Anne Hay-Smith, Margaret Williamson, Diana Brokenshire, Rangi Finnerty, Jean Stewart and other parishioners you may know, who for one reason or another cannot be with us today to worship the Lord and thank Him for His wonderful boundless grace.

This week 15th—22nd September, 2019

Tuesday 1pm: Bible Study at the home of David & Fiona Juby, 101 Warahoe Rd, R.D.1, Thames. 868 1136.

Tuesday 7pm: Bible Study at the home of Sharon Cordery, 116 Alexander Close, Thames. 868 7098.

Wednesday 9:30-12:00: Selwyn Group, Church Hall. Everyone very welcome.

Thursday 10am: Healing Service & Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel.

Sunday 22nd September, 9:30

First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Paul Jennings

Psalm: 79:1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Margaret MacKay

3rd Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Sharon Cordery

Preacher & Presider:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Liturgist:

Leslie Wilkinson

Server:

Grace Wilkinson

Music Ministry/organist:

Finlay Clements

Intercessions:

Denise Norris

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Fiona Harden, Dianne Stanfield

Morning Tea:

Kate Jones, Denise Norris

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