

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 16th February, 2020

6th 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: At The Name Of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
This the Father's pleasure, that we call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom He came;
faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height;
to the eternal Godhead, to the Father's throne,
filled it with the glory of His triumph won.

Name Him, Christians name Him, with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

Caroline M Noel (1817-1877)

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

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Psalm 119:1

Collect of the Day

**God of compassion and mercy,
You give us laws to guide our lives.
Grant that we may live in peace and respect
with our sisters and brothers.
Help us to treat each other in a spirit of forgiveness
and reconciliation so that we may approach Your altar in peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Read by Raewyn Grey

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to Him, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him. For the LORD is your life, and He will give you many years in the land He swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 119:1-8

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart —

they do no wrong but follow His ways.

You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying Your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all Your commands.

I will praise You with an upright heart as I learn Your righteous laws.

I will obey Your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

***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 Corinthians 3:1-9

Read by Leslie Wilkinson

3:1 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour.

⁹ For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

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Gradual Hymn: Tell My People I Love Them

***Refrain: Tell my people I love them;
tell my people I care.
When they feel far away from me,
tell my people I am there.***

Tell My people I came and died
to give them liberty;
as they abide in Me
they will be really free!

Tell My people where-e'er they go
to claim My risen power;
My peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.

Tell My people who grieve and mourn
that I allowed the night
of darkness to descend,
but I am still the Light.

Tell My people to share their wealth
and fight the sin of greed;
care for the refugee;
the hungry they're to feed..

Tell My people throughout the world
to strive for peace today,
show love for enemies,
be servants of the Way.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37 (RNSV) Read by Margaret MacKay

Praise and Glory to God

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

³⁷ Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

Brought to us by The Reverend Liam Phillips

Intercessions:

Given through Beth Philip

Peace:

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn: Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Repeat Verse 1

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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 (ii)

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



Ministry Team for 16th February

Liturgist: Allan Judd **Server:** Raewyn Grey

Intercessor/Prayers: Beth Philip

President: The Reverend Brenda Deed

Preacher: The Reverend Liam Phillips

Organist: Finlay Clements

Welcome Team: Steve Darwall, Rex Geary

Morning Tea: Sharon Cordery, Margaret MacKay

Te Puru: The Rev'd David Cooper

Parish Community News

Thank you Sue and Clive for a wonderful time of fellowship and praise to our good God in the beautiful setting of your lovely home, last Sunday.

DON'T FORGET - Shrove Tuesday, 25th February, 7pm. Pancakes, coffee & tea, in the church hall.

BBQ: After the service, 1st March.

Prayer Needs

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace." Num. 6:24-26.

Please keep Diane Brokenshire, Lyn Wilson, Gail Robertson and Margaret Williamson in your prayers.

This week 16th–23rd February, 2020

Tuesday, : **Bible Study**, 1pm at the home of Fiona Harden, 101 Warahoe Road, R.D.1, Thames. 868 1136.

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

Thursday, : **Healing Service** at 10am Holy Communion, St George's Chapel

Sunday 23rd February, 9:30

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Diana Maher

Psalms: 119:33-40

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Alan Hartley

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

Stephen Williams

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