

# THE PARISH OF THAMES

*Welcomes you to*

## ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Sunday 17th November, 2019*

*33rd 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: Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ**

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

#### ***Refrain:***

***Jesus lives again;  
earth can breathe again.***

***Pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!***

Christ is able to make us one,  
at His table He set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

*Fred Kaan (b. 1929)*

### **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**

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.  
*2 Thessalonians 3:16*

### **Collect of the Day**

**Almighty God,  
You alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections;  
give us grace to love what You command and desire what You promise,  
that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

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**1st Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25**

Read by Ruth Kowalewicz

New Heavens and a New Earth

<sup>17</sup> "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labour in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

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**Psalm:** *Today read for the Psalm - Isaiah 12*

In that day you will say:

"I will praise You, LORD. Although You were angry with me, Your anger has turned away and You have comforted me.

**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD Himself, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation."**

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> **In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted.**

Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."**

***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 3:6-13**

Read by Paul Jennings

Warning Against Idleness

<sup>6</sup>In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.

<sup>13</sup>And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

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**The Gradual Hymn: You Are My Hiding Place**

You are my hiding place,  
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.  
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You.  
I will trust in You;  
Let the weak say,  
"I am strong in the strength of the Lord."  
You are my hiding place,  
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.  
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You.

*C 1981 Maranatha Music USA*

**Praise and Glory to God**

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

<sup>5</sup> Some of His disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

Then He said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of My name. And so you will bear testimony to Me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of Me. But not a hair of your head will perish.

<sup>19</sup> Stand firm, and you will win life."

This is the gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ, the Word**

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**Sermon:**

Delivered by The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

**Intercessions:**

Brought by Denise Norris

**Peace:**

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

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## **Offertory Hymn: Yahwey Is The God Of My Salvation**

### ***Refrain:***

***Yahweh is the God of my salvation:***

***I trust in him and have no fear.***

***I sing of the joy which his love gives to me,***

***and I draw deeply from the springs of his great kindness.***

Open our eyes to the wonder of this moment,  
the beginning of another day. *Refrain:*

Be with us, Lord, as we break through with each other  
to find the truth and beauty of each friend. *Refrain:*

When evening comes and our day of toil is over  
give us rest, O Lord, in the joy of many friends. *Refrain:*

Take us beyond the vision of this day  
to the deep and wide ways of your infinite love and life. *Refrain:*

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## **Communion**

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

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## **Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God**

Now thank we all our God,,  
With hearts and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be ever more.

*Martin Rinkart. Tr. Catherine Winkworth.*

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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.**

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*May the God of peace, who  
through the blood of the eternal  
covenant brought back from the  
dead our Lord Jesus, that great  
Shepherd of the sheep, equip you  
with everything good for doing  
His will, and may He work in us  
what is pleasing to him, through  
Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Hebrews 13: 20, 21*

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### Ministry Team

**Liturgist:** Ruth Kowalewicz **Server:** Raewyn Grey  
**Intercessor/Prayers:** Denise Norris **Organist:** Finlay Clements  
**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson  
**Welcome Team:** Steve Darwall, Rex Geary  
**Morning Tea:** Kate Jones, Denise Norris  
**Te Puru:** The Rev'd Lilian Barrett

### Parish Community News

**St. George's beautiful 2020 Calendar for sale - \$15.**  
**It is great value and makes a perfect Christmas gift.**  
**Available from the Church Office.**

### Prayer Needs

*"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and morning - the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array." Genesis 1:31, 2:1.*

Please keep in your prayers those of our brothers and sisters who for some reason cannot share in this service with us today.

Please remember those amongst us who have lost loved ones and those who are lonely.

### This week, 17th - 24th November, 2019

**Tuesday, 19th:** 1pm at the home of Fiona Harden, 101 Warahoe Road, R.D.1, Thames. 868 1136.

**Wednesday, 20th:** Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00, Church Hall. All welcome.

**Thursday, 21st:** 10am, Healing Service and Holy Communion, St George's Chapel.

### Sunday 24th November, 9:30

<b>First Reading:</b> Jeremiah 23:1-6	Allan Judd
<b>Psalm:</b> For Ps - read Luke 1:68-79	
<b>2nd Reading:</b> Colossians 1:11-20	Kate Jones
<b>3rd Reading:</b> Luke 23:33-43	Sharon Cordery
<b>Presider &amp; Preacher:</b>	The Rev'd Lilian Barrett
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Allan Judd
<b>Server:</b>	Leslie Wilkinson
<b>Music Ministry/organist:</b>	Stuart du Preeze
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Margaret MacKay
<b>Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:</b>	Fiona Harden, Dianne Stanfield
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Ien Chu, Lyn Wilson
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Winnie Sheehan, Lee Bissett

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