

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 18th August

20th 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: Where The Road Runs Out

Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we came to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.

***Refrain: Lord, You were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
we look to You, our ending
our hope for heaven and earth.***

When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.

When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.

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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

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

Jeremiah 23:29

Collect of the Day

**Come Holy Spirit,
to all baptised in Your name,
that we may turn to good
whatever lies ahead.
Give us passion, give us fire;
make us transform the world from what it is,
to what You have created it to be.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Stephen Williams

5 I will sing for the one I love a song about His vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then He looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

³Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between Me and My vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines He delighted in. And He looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 80:1-2, 8-19

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth

² before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken Your might; come and save us.

⁸You transplanted a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹ Its branches reached as far as the sea, its shoots as far as the River.

¹² Why have You broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹³ Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.

¹⁴ Return to us God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine,

¹⁵ the root of Your right hand has planted, the son You have raised up for Yourself.

¹⁶ Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at Your rebuke Your people perish.

¹⁷ Let Your hand rest on the man at Your right hand, the son of man You have raised up for Yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from You: revive us, and we will call on Your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make Your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

***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: Heb 11:29-12:2

Diana Maher

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. ³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—
³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Thanks be to God

The Gradual Hymn: Through The Love Of God

Through the love of God our Saviour,
all will be well;
free and changeless is His favour
all, all is well:
precious is the blood that healed us;
perfect is the grace that sealed us;
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well;
Christ hath purchased full salvation,
all, all is well:
happy still in God confiding;
fruitful if in Christ abiding;
Holy, through the Spirit's guiding;
all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;
all will be well;
faith can sing through days of sorrow,
all, all is well:
on our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
then in living or in dying
all must be well.

Mary Peters 1813-56 A&M 12

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, He is with us;
know His grace, find His peace,
feast on Jesus here.

Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, He is with us;
we'll proclaim, till He comes,
Jesus crucified.

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

Closing Hymn: Stand Up And Bless

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
ye people of His choice;
stand up, and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear His holy name,
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
from His own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our mind inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.

God is our strength and song,
and His salvation ours;
then be His love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up, and bless His glorious name
henceforth forever more.

James Montgomery (1771-1854) A&M 201

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Ministry Team

Liturgist: Sue Lewis-O'Halloran **Server:** Pip Harry
Intercessor/Prayers: Leslie Wilkinson **Organist:** Lynne Mounsey
Presider: ???
Preacher: ???
Welcome Team: Steve Darwall, Rex Geary
Morning Tea: Denise Norris, Kate Jones

Parish Community News

Bible Studies

Tuesday, 7pm, 27th August, at home of ???
Led by Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson.

Wednesday, Church hall, Committee Room, 10:30-12:00.

Forgiveness Workshop, 24th August, 11am-3pm, with tea & coffee provided,
in the hall. The workshop is led by The Rev'd Dr Karen Kemp.

Soup & Buns 28th August; to enjoy after the service.

Prayer Needs

"If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth." Jeremiah 15:19b.
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This week 18th–25th August, 2019

Wed: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00
Thurs: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

Sunday 25th August, 9:30

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Diane Buchanan
Psalm: 71:1-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29 Ruth Kowalewicz
3rd Reading: Luke 13:10-17 Paul Jennings
Preacher: ???
Presider: ???
Liturgist: Allan Judd
Server: Raewyn Grey
Music Ministry/organist: Finlay Clements
Intercessions: Margaret MacKay
Sanctuary Guild/Flowers: Anne McConnell, Jill Muir
Morning Tea: Allan Judd, AnneMarie
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