

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 19th January, 2020

2nd Sunday Of Epiphany

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: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Thou mine inheritance now and always:
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart.
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish Traditional Melody A&M 343

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

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2:13

Collect of the Day

God for whom we long, You know what each one of us is looking for. You sent Your Son Jesus to help us find our way. Enable us to respond to His invitation to come and see, so that we may truly hear Him and follow Him. 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: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Read by Diana Buchanan

The Servant of the LORD

49: 1 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb He has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in His quiver. He said to me, "You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will display My splendour." But I said, "I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

And now the LORD says - He who formed me in the womb to be His servant to bring Jacob back to Him and gather Israel to Himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength - He says: "It is too small a thing for you to be My servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

7 This is what the LORD says - the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel - to Him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see You and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen You."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 40: 1-11

I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in Him.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders You have done, the things You planned for us. None can compare with You; were I to speak and tell of Your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering You did not desire - but my ears You have opened - burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not require.

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come - it is written about Me in the scroll.

I desire to do Your will, my God; Your law is within my heart."

I proclaim Your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as You know.

I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart; I speak of Your faithfulness and Your saving help. I do not conceal Your love and Your faithfulness from the great assembly.

¹¹ Do not withhold Your mercy from me, LORD; may Your love and faithfulness always protect 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 1: 1-9

Read by Ruth Kowalewicz

^{1:1} Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be His holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - their Lord and ours:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way - with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge - God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Praise and Glory to God

John Testifies About Jesus

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel."

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him. And I myself did not know Him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard Him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," He replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where He was staying, and they spent that day with Him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

Brought to us by The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions:

Given through Beth Philip

Peace:

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn: Bless The Lord

Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul,
worship His Holy name. Sing like never before Oh my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul,
worship His Holy name. Sing like never before Oh my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul,
worship His Holy name. Sing like never before Oh my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years
and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul,
worship His Holy name. Sing like never before Oh my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name.

Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul,
worship His Holy name. Sing like never before Oh my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name,
yes, I'll worship Your Holy name,
I'll worship Your Holy name.

Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray and praise Thee, without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be!
Let us see Thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley A&M 131

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 Sunday 19th January

Liturgist: Sue Watson **Server:** Raewyn Grey

Intercessor/Prayers: Beth Philip

President: The Rev'd Catherine Mackereth

Preacher: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Welcome Team: Steve Darwall, Rex Geary

Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay, Sharon Cordery

Te Puru: The Rev'd Lilian Barrett

Parish Community News

The Office is now open for 2020. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays, 9-1pm.

Prayer Needs

"To those who through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:1b, 2.

Please pray for the whole church community that in this year of 2020 and beyond we will be good ambassadors for the living Lord Jesus and extend His love to all who come into this beautiful church building and into contact with the wider parish.

This week 19th - 26th January, 2020

Tuesday, 21st: 1pm at the home of Fiona Harden, 101 Warahoe Road, R.D.1, Thames. 868 1136. A lovely group, great studies and anyone is welcome.

Wednesday, 22nd: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00, Church Hall. All welcome.

Thursday, 24th: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

Sunday, 26th January, 9:30

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Christine Neilson

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul Jennings

3rd Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

The Rev'd Liam Phillips

Preacher:

The Rev'd Liam Phillips

President:

The Rev'd David Cooper

Liturgist:

Leslie Wilkinson

Server:

Margaret MacKay

Music Ministry/organist:

Brendon and Pip on guitars

Intercessions:

Stephen Williams

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Fiona Harden, Dianne Stanfield

Morning Tea:

Allan Judd, AnneMarie Hartley

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