

**THE PARISH OF THAMES**

*Welcomes you to*

**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**Sunday 1st March, 2020**

**1st Sunday In Lent**

**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: 40 Days And 40 Nights**

Forty days and forty nights  
Thou was fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:

Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about Thy way;  
stones Thy pillow, earth Thy bed.

Shall not we Thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayers,  
glad with Thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
Thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to Thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by Thy side;  
that with Thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

### **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**

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*Matthew 4:4*

### **Collect of the Day**

**God of the desert, You lead us by day and by night.  
Be with us when we are tested; may it be Your bread we eat,  
Your world we serve, and You alone we worship.  
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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

Read by Beth Philip

2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm: 32**

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night Your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all the faithful pray to You while You may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**

You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you.**

Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

**Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in Him.**

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

***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: Romans 5:12-19**

Read by Stephen Williams

<sup>5:12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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## **Gradual Hymn: O Let The Son Of God Enfold You**

O let the Son of God enfold you  
with His Spirit and His love,  
let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul,  
let Him have the things that hold you,  
and His Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy,  
lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness,  
give Him all your years of pain,  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

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## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11**

Read by Diane Buchanan

### **Praise and Glory to God**

4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he

said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him.

This is the gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ, the Word**

**Sermon:**

Brought to us by The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

**Intercessions:**

Given by Leslie Wilkinson

**Peace:**

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

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**Offertory Hymn: As The Deer**

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

Refrain

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and You are my brother,  
even though You are a king.

I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

## **Communion**

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

### **Closing Hymn: The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is His new creation by water and the word;  
from heaven He came and sought her  
to be His holy bride,  
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation — one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil, and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forever more;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with Thee.

*Samuel John Stone A & M 170 (ii)*

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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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### **Ministry Team for 1st March, 2020**

**Liturgist:** Sue Lewis O'Halloran **Server:** Raewyn Grey

**Intercessor/Prayers:** Leslie Wilkinson

**President & Preacher:** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

**Welcome Team:** Christina Philip, Sharon Cordery, Vivienne Baggaley

**Morning Tea:** Kate Jones, Denise Norris

**Ngatea:** The Rev'd Liam Phillips

### **Parish Community News**

**Saint Andrew's @ Saint George's!** To celebrate the Patronal Festival of Saint George the Martyr, the choir of Saint Andrew's, Epsom, are going to be with us for a two-day Choral Extravaganza. Beginning with a Saturday evening concert, we will be treated to the sounds of sacred and secular, heightened the following morning by a traditional Anglican Choral Eucharist, concluding with a final crescendo of Choral Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer on Sunday afternoon.

More details to follow soon, however, **keep the dates of the 2nd and 3rd of May free.**

**BBQ: Please stay** and enjoy the BBQ with us after this service. Everyone very welcome.

**World Day Of Prayer: Baptist Church, Friday, 6th March, 7pm**

### **Prayer Needs**

*"Oh Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in You." Psalm 84: 12.*

Please keep in your prayers, for a speedy recovery of recent infirmities, Rev'd Arthur Mead and Margaret Williamson. Margaret has been transferred from Waikato Hospital to the Rhoda Reade Hospital in Morrinsville for six weeks recuperation.

### **This week 1st-8th March, 2020**

**Tuesday, 3rd March: Bible Study**, 1pm at the home of Fiona Harden, 101 Warahoe Road; R.D.1, Thames. 868 1136. Please join us.

**Wednesday, 4th March: Selwyn Group**, 9:30-12:00, Church Hall. All welcome.

**Thursday, 5th: Service** at 10am Holy Communion (1928), St George's Chapel

### **Sunday 8th March, 9:30**

**First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

Kate Jones

**Psalms: 121**

**2nd Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

Margaret MacKay

**Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17**

Paul Jennings

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