

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

22nd September, 2019

25th 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: Immortal Invisible

Immortal, Invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith. A&M 199

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

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:10

Collect of the Day

**Loving God,
in Jesus You gather us into Your family;
confidently we call You Father;
may Your Spirit bring us to share
the glorious liberty of Your children.
Hear this prayer for Your love's sake.**

Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1:

Paul Jennings

¹⁸ You who are My Comforter in sorrow, My heart is faint within Me.

¹⁹ Listen to the cry of my people from a land far away:

“Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King no longer there?”

“Why have they aroused My anger with their images, with their worthless foreign idols?”

²⁰ “The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved.”

²¹ Since My people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips Me.”

²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of My people?

9 ¹ Oh, that my head were a spring of water and My eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of My people.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 79: 1-9

¹ O God, the nations have invaded Your inheritance; they have defiled Your holy temple, they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble.

² They have left the dead bodies of Your servants as food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of Your own people for the animals of the wild.

³ They have poured out blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there is no one to bury the dead.

⁴ We are objects of contempt to our neighbours, of scorn and derision to those around us.

⁵ How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? How long will Your jealousy burn like fire?

⁶ Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge You, on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name;

⁷ for they have devoured Jacob and devastated his homeland.

⁸ Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may Your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.

⁹ Help us, God our Saviour, for the glory of Your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.

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 Timothy 2: 1-7

Margaret MacKay

Instructions on Worship

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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Gradual Hymn:

Circle Me

Circle me, O God, let Your arms enfold me.
Circle me, O God, let Your love surround.
Circle me, O God, let Your light shine brightly;
Circle me, circle me, O God.

Circle me, O God, when I'm weak and weary.
Circle me, O God, when despair is near,
Circle me, O God, let Your peace surround me;
Circle me, circle me, O God.

Circle me, O God, when I'm tired and restless.
Circle me. O God, be my hope, my strength.
Circle me, O God, let Your presence guide me;
Circle me, circle me, O God.

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3rd Reading: Luke 16: 1-13

Sharon Cordery

Praise and Glory to God

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

16 Jesus told His disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg —
⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶ "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev’d Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions:

Denise Norris

Peace:

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn:

As The Deer Pants

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.

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Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

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Give thanks,
Give thanks.

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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.

Wise Men Still Seek Him

Ministry Team

Liturgist: Brendon Wilkinson **Server:** Grace Wilkinson
Intercessor/Prayers: Denise Norris **Organist:** Finlay Clements
President: The Rev'd Lillian Barrett **Preacher:** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Welcome Team: Doug Norris, Christina Philip, Denise Norris
Morning Tea: Kate Jones, Denise Norris

Parish Community News

"Creation" Oratorio is being performed today in Hamilton at 2pm.
See poster by door for details.

Prayer Needs

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes - and not another. How my heart yearns within me." Job 19: 25-27.

There are many needs for your prayers within St George's parish and the greater Thames community. Please keep our "Shepherd" Brendon in your prayers, and his willing clergy helpers, that they may know God's precious strength and protection.

This week 22nd–29th September, 2019

Tuesday 24th: Bible Study, at the home of David & Fiona Juby, 101 Warahoe Rd, R.D.1, Thames. 868 1136.

Wednesday 25th: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00, church hall. All welcome.

Thursday 26th: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

Sunday 29th: Combined Church Service, 7pm at St George's Church.

Sunday 29th September, 9:30

First Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Alan Hartley
Psalms: 91:1-6, 14-16	
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19	Denise Norris
3rd Reading: Luke 16:19-31	Diana Maher
President:	The Rev'd Catherine MacKereth
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Morning Tea:	Ien Chu, Lyn Wilson
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