

# THE PARISH OF THAMES

*Welcomes you to*

## ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

***Sunday 24th November, 2019***

***34th 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: God Is Here**

God is here! As we His people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:  
here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe.

*F Pratt Green (b 1903) A&M 464*

### **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**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is He, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*Zechariah 9:9*

### **Collect of the Day**

**Living Christ,  
You are risen from the dead.  
Love reigns!  
You are stronger than death;  
raise our eyes to see You  
as the new day dawns;  
for the glory of Your holy name.**

**Amen.**

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The Righteous Branch

23:1 "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend My people: "Because you have scattered My flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. "I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup>In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

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**Psalm: For Psalm read Luke 1:68-79**

1:68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come to His people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David**

(as He said through His holy prophets of long ago),

**salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us — to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, the oath He swore to our father Abraham:**

to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him without fear

**in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.**

And you, My child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him,

**to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,**

because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

**79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."**

***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***

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**2nd Reading: Colossians 1:10-20**

Read by Kate Jones

The Supremacy of the Son of God

10 And we pray this so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the Kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup>and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

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## **The Gradual 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.

### *Refrain*

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.

### *Refrain*

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## **3rd Reading: Luke 23:33-43**

Read by Sharon Cordery

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

#### The Crucifixion

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals - one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, "If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself."

There was a written notice above Him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

This is the gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ, the Word**

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**Sermon:**

Brought to us by The Rev'd Lilian Barrett

**Intercessions:**

Given by Margaret MacKay

**Peace:**

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

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**Offertory Hymn: Jesus Remember Me**

Jesus, remember me  
when you come into Your kingdom.  
(Repeat ad lib)

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**Communion**

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

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**Closing Hymn: Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me His praise should sing?  
Alleluia, Alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour to our fathers in distress;  
praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us, well our feeble frame He knows;  
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; ye behold Him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

*Leonard Blake; H F Lyte A & M 192*

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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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WISE MEN  
STILL SEEK HIM

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## **Ministry Team for 24th November**

**Liturgist:** Allan Judd **Server:** Leslie Wilkinson  
**Intercessor/Prayers:** Margaret MacKay **Organist:** Stuart du Preez  
**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev'd Lilian Barrett  
**Welcome Team:** Denise & Doug Norris  
**Morning Tea:** Ien Chu, Lyn Wilson

## **Parish Community News**

### **DON'T FORGET OUR BEAUTIFUL CALENDARS.**

**For sale after the service.**

**They are running out so be in quick to get yours!!**

### **Prayer Needs**

*"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen." Romans 11:33-36.*

Please keep all our clergy in prayer as they seek to encourage this flock and especially our Vicar Brendon.

### **This week, 24th - 1st December, 2019**

**Tuesday 26th:** 1pm, Bible Study at the home of Fiona Harden, 101 Warahoe Road, R.D.1, 868 1136.

**Wednesday 27th:** Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00, Church Hall. All welcome.

**Thursday 28th:** Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

### **Sunday 1st December, 2019, 9:30**

<b>First Reading:</b> Isaiah 2:1-5	Margaret MacKay
<b>Psalm:</b> 122	
<b>2nd Reading:</b> Romans 13:11-14	Raewyn Grey
<b>3rd Reading:</b> Matthew 24:36-44	Beth Philip
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev'd Arthur Mead
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Sue Lewis-O'Halloran
<b>Server:</b>	Grace Wilkinson
<b>Music Ministry/organist:</b>	John Mounsey
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Beth Philip
<b>Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:</b>	Anne McConnell, Jill Muir
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Margaret MacKay, Sharon Cordery
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Kate Jones, Christina Philip, Leslie Wilkinson

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