

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 26th January, 2020

3rd 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: The Power Of The Cross

Oh, to see the dawn
of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain
written on Your face.
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
every bitter thought,
every evil deed
crowning Your blood-stained brow.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life;
'finished!' the victory cry.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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

**Living God,
Your Son Jesus Christ called the fishermen to follow Him.
Embolden us to lay aside everything that distracts us.
Give us focus and resolve to follow You.
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 9: 1-4

Read by Christine Neilson

9:1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honour Galilee of the nations, by the way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan — the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, You have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation - The LORD is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of You, "Seek His face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Saviour.

***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 11:10-18

Read by Paul Jennings

^{11:10} I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel - not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Read by The Rev'd Liam Phillips

Praise and Glory to God

^{4:12} Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made His home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And He said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

As He went from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

Brought to us by The Rev'd Liam Phillips

Intercessions:

Given through Stephen Williams

Peace:

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn: How deep the Father's love for us

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.

Behold the man upon a cross
my sin upon His shoulders,
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: I Stand Amazed In The Presence

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene
and wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.
How marvellous, how wonderful and my song shall ever be,
how marvellous, how wonderful is my Saviour's love for me.

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them his very own.
He bore the burden to Calvary, He suffered and died alone.
How marvellous, how wonderful and my song will ever be,
how marvellous, How wonderful is my Saviour's love for me.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
t'will be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.
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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.

St George's
Thames



Church

ON THE BEACH

We welcome you to join together as we celebrate the Eucharist in a very special service on

Sunday 9 March | 9:30 am

at the home of Sue and Clive on

Te Puru Beach

Contact the Church Office for more details

07 868 6267

Please bring a picnic lunch and remain after the service for a time of friendship, fellowship and fun at the seaside

Don't worry if it's gloomy, their place is very roomy!

Limited parking is available onsite for anyone with mobility difficulties

Everyone is welcome



Ministry Team for 26th January

Liturgist: Leslie Wilkinson **Server:** Margaret MacKay

Intercessor/Prayers: Stephen Williams

President: The Rev'd David Cooper

Preacher: The Rev'd Liam Phillips

Welcome Team: Denise Norris, Doug Norris

Morning Tea: Allan Judd, AnneMarie Hartley

Parish Community News

Events planned for Feb/March For Your Diaries:

Beach Service: 9th February. 417 The Coast, RD5, Te Puru.

There will be a shortened service at St. George's at 9:30 for those not able to be at the beach service.

Shrove Tuesday: 25th February, 7 pm. Pancakes, with coffee & tea.

BBQ: After the service, 1st March.

Prayer Needs

"In that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you." John 14:20.

Please pray that Gail Robinson has a good and quick recovery following her heart surgery this week.

Please pray for the young man recently in Rev'd Brendon's directional care, that he will be guided by the Lord as he fits in again into the community.

This week 26 January-2 February, 2020

Tuesday, 28th: 1pm at the home of Fiona Harden, 101 Warahoe Road, R.D.1, Thames. 868 1136.

Wednesday, 29th: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00, Church Hall. All welcome.

Thursday, 30th: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1928), St George's Chapel

Sunday 2nd February, 9:30

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Sue Lewis-O'Halloran

Psalm: 84

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Allan Judd

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:21-40

Kate Jones

Preacher:

The Rev'd Peter Philip

President:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Liturgist:

Ruth Kowalewicz

Server:

Leslie Wilkinson

Music Ministry/organist:

John Mounsey

Intercessions:

Denise Norris

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Anne McConnell, Jill Muir

Morning Tea:

Denise Jones, Kate Jones

Welcome Team:

Kate Jones, Christina Philip, Leslie Wilkinson

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