

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 2nd February

The Presentation Of Jesus In The Temple

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: O Worship The King

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to Your praise!

Robert Grant (1779-1838) Psalm 104

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

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Collect of the Day

**Ever-living God, Your Son Jesus Christ was presented
as a child in the temple to be the hope of Your people;
Grant us pure hearts and minds that we
may be transformed into your likeness.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Read by Sue Lewis O'Halloran

3:1 "I will send My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

But who can endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears? For He will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 84

How lovely is Your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young - a place near Your altar LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising You.

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.

Look on our shield, O God; look with favour on Your anointed one.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favour and honour; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in You.

***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: Hebrews 2:14-18

Read by Allan Judd

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason He had to be made like them, fully

human in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because He himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

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Gradual Hymn: Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

Father in heaven how we love You,
we lift Your name in all the earth.
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,
as Your people declare Your mighty works.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who reigns forevermore.

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Who reigns forevermore. *C 1984 Scripture In Song. Grn Fldr*

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:21-40

Read by Kate Jones

Praise and Glory to God

2:21 When Jesus was eight days old, He was circumcised according to custom and given the name Jesus, as the angel had commanded Joseph. When Mary's time of seclusion ended, Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem to dedicate Him to God and to offer the sacrifices the Law directed, in gratitude for a firstborn son.

There was a holy man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who lived his life God's way with the help of the Holy Spirit. He'd spent his life waiting for salvation to come to Israel and God's Spirit had told him he'd live to see the Saviour arrive. Prompted by the Holy Spirit to go to the temple on this very day, Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God:

'Lord God, King over all, You have kept Your word, and I can die content. With my own eyes I've seen the Saviour You promised, revealed to the whole world in a baby who will be light in this dark world, bringing fame and renown to our people, and revealing truth to everyone on earth.'

Mary and Joseph listened in stunned silence. Then Simeon asked God's blessing on them and said to Mary, 'Your child has a great and terrible destiny. Some people will walk into life through Him; others will stumble and fall because they refuse to accept the truth He brings; yet others will even turn against Him. The secrets of many hearts will be laid bare. And one day your own heart will be torn in two.'

A prophetess named Anna, an elderly widow of eighty four, who spent her days and nights praying in the temple, came over and began to praise God. 'If you're looking for salvation.' she cried to everyone around her, 'look no further than this child.'

Joseph and Mary fulfilled all the Law's requirements and returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. 40 Jesus grew into a strong young man, known for His wisdom and for being a man who enjoyed God's favour.

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

Brought to us by The Rev'd Peter Phillips

Intercessions:

Given through Dennis Norris

Peace:

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn: Here Is Bread

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.

Refrain:

In this bread there is healing,
in this cup is life for ever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, He is with us;
know His grace, find His peace,
feast on Jesus here.

Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, He is with us;
we'll proclaim, till He comes,
Jesus crucified. *copyright 1991 Make Way Music, UK*

Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: 10,000 Reasons

Chorus:
Bless the Lord O my soul,
Oh my soul worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before Oh my soul,
I'll worship His 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.
Chorus

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

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 for evermore.
Chorus

I'll worship His Holy name,
I'll worship His Holy name. *Composer - Matt Redman Ylw Fldr*

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 February | **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 2nd February

Liturgist: Ruth Kowalewicz **Server:** Leslie Wilkinson

Intercessor/Prayers: Denise Norris

Presider: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson **Preacher:** The Rev'd Peter Philip

Welcome Team: Kate Jones, Christina Philip, Leslie Wilkinson

Morning Tea: Denise Norris, Kate Jones

Parish Community News

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

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word." Hebrews 1:3a

Please continue to pray for Gail Robinson following her recent heart surgery. Please pray for renewed health for Lyn Wilson. Please also keep our weekly service people as per this page, in your regular daily prayers.

This week 2nd - 9th February, 2020

Tuesday, 4th: Bible Study, 1pm at the home of Fiona Harden, 101 Warahoe Road, R.D.1, Thames. 868 1136.

Wednesday, 5th: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00, Church Hall. All welcome.

Thursday, 6th: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

Sunday 9th, 9:30 (At the beach)

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9b

Leslie Wilkinson

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Winnie Sheehan

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

George Haffenden

Preacher:

David Cooper

Presider:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Music:

Lynne Mounsey

Intercessions:

Margaret MacKay

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Winnie Sheehan, Natalie Geary

Morning Tea:

None in church; if staying on, BYO lunch "at the beach"

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