

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 30th June, 2019

13th 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: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, the joy of my heart;
nought be all else to me save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my vision, the lamp to my feet;
Thy word, like honey, to my lips is sweet;
Thou my delight, my joy, Thy command;
my dwelling ever, be the palm of Thy hand.

Riches I need not, nor seek human praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
high God in heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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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

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

Collect of the Day

**Jesus crucified, despised and suffering,
you made yourself one with us.
Help us to follow you and bear the shame;
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Elijah Taken Up to Heaven

2 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours - otherwise, it will not."

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

¹³ Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 77:1-2, 11-20

¹ I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.

² **When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted.**

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember Your miracles of long ago.

¹² **I will consider all Your works and meditate on all Your mighty deeds.”**

¹³ Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?

¹⁴ **You are the God who performs miracles; You display Your power among the peoples.**

¹⁵ With Your mighty arm You redeemed Your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ **The waters saw You, God, the waters saw You and writhed; the very depths were convulsed.**

¹⁷ The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder; Your arrows flashed back and forth.

¹⁸ **Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, Your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked.**

¹⁹ Your path led through the sea, Your way through the mighty waters, though Your footprints were not seen.

²⁰ **You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

***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***

Freedom and Life In Christ by the Spirit

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." **15** If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. **16** So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; **20** idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions **21** and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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The Gradual Hymn: Lead Us Heavenly Father

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but Thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness Thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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3rd Reading: Luke 9:51-62

George Haffenden

Praise and Glory to God

The Cost of Following Jesus

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." ⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." ⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev'd David Cooper

Intercessions:

Margaret MacKay

Offertory Hymn: Be Still And Know

Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust
In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust
In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust

A Songs of Fellowship Worship Resource NJ 14

Communion

(prayer is available near the High Altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Great Is Your Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father,
You have fulfilled all Your promise to me;
You never fail and Your love is unchanging,
all You have been You forever will be.

Refrain:

Great Thy faithfulness (x2)

***Morning by morning new mercies I see
all I have needed Your hand has provided;
great is Your faithfulness, Father, to me.***

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in eloquent witness
to Your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and peace everlasting,
Your living presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
these are the blessings Your love will provide

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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.

Ministry Team

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Intercessor/Prayers: Margaret MacKay **Organist:** Finlay Clements
Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd David Cooper
Welcome Team: Denise Norris, Diane Buchanan
Morning Tea: Denise Norris, Kate Jones
Te Puru: The Rev'd Lilian Barrett

Parish Community News

Remember Workshops/Bible Studies underway.

Wednesdays, Church hall, Committee Room, 10:30-12:00. "Failure Is Good For You," lead by Rev'd Peter Philip.

Tuesdays, starts 2nd July, 7pm, at the home of the Hartley family, 206 Reservoir Rd. Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson will lead the study.

Prayer Needs

"You shall ... proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants." Leviticus 25:10.
Continue to pray for all the saints in Thames, thinking particularly of Judy, Ross, Ruth and Arthur.

This week 30th June - 7th July 2019

Wed: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00

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

Sunday 7th July, 9:30

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

2nd Reading: Galatians 6:7-16

3rd Reading: Luke 10:1-11

Psalm: 32

Preacher:

Presider:

Liturgist:

Server:

Music Ministry/organist:

Intercessions:

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Morning Tea:

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