

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 4th August

18th 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: My Spirit Longs For Thee

My spirit longs for Thee
within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be
of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest
unworthy though I be,
yet has my heart no rest
unless it come from Thee.

Unless it come from Thee,
in vain I look around;
in all that I can see
no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found
but in Thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned,
and send it from above!

J. Byrom (1692-1763) A&M 57

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

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Collect of the Day

**God of all the earth,
you have given us the heritage
of this good and fertile land;
grant that we may so respect and use it
that others may thank us
for what we leave to them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

1st Reading: Judges 7

Allan Judd

So Gideon and his army got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength. Therefore, tell the people, 'Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain and go home.'" So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight. But the Lord told Gideon, "There are still too many! Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not." When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the Lord told him, "Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream." Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with their mouths in the stream. The Lord told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home." So Gideon collected the provisions and rams' horns of the other warriors and sent them home. But he kept the 300 men with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 42 v1-6

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.

I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?

Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?"

My heart is breaking as I remember how it used to be:

I walked among the crowds of worshipers, leading a great procession to the house of God, singing for joy and giving thanks amid the sound of a great celebration!

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again - my Saviour and my God!...

v8-11...each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.

“O God my rock,” I cry, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I wander around in grief, oppressed by my enemies?”

Their taunts break my bones. They scoff, “Where is this God of yours?”

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Saviour and my God!

***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: Ephesians 1:15-23

Kate Jones

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

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The Gradual Hymn: Living Under The Shadows

Living under the shadow of His wing
we find security.
Standing in His presence we will bring our worship,
worship, worship to the King.
Bowed in adoration at His feet
we dwell in harmony.
Voices joined together that repeat,
worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.
Heart to heart embracing in His love
reveals His purity.
Soaring in my spirit like a dove,
holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

David Hadden & Bob Silvester PS 241

3rd Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Sue Lewis-O'Halloran

Praise and Glory to God

Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."
"Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink.

"Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him.

"You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"
When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

Pip Harry (Hope series #2)

Intercessions:

Beth Philip

Offertory Hymn: Come To The Water

Though you have nothing, I bid you to come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live!
Why spend your money on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy:
goodness and peace in your heart!

Though you have nothing, I bid you to come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live!
Just as the heavens are high above the earth;
My ways and thoughts are beyond you!
Call Me your Father and know I am near
I will be Father to you!

Though you have nothing, I bid you to come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live!
Just as the rain falls to water the earth;
Just as a seed becomes bread . . .
My word upon you can never return
Until My longing is filled!

Isaiah 55 . F Anderson m.s.c. Grn Fldr

Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

tr. Mary Byrne; versified, Eleanor Hull A&M 343

Sending Forth: Go now to love and serve the Lord; go now in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Ministry Team

Liturgist: Leslie Wilkinson **Server:** Margaret MacKay
Intercessor/Prayers: Beth Philip **Organist:** Stuart du Preez
President: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Preacher: Pip Harry

Welcome Team: Kate Jones, Christina Philip, Winnifred Sheenan
Morning Tea: Ien Chu, Lyn Wilson

Parish Community News

Bible Studies

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

Tuesday 13th August, 7pm, at home of Alan & Anne-Marie Hartley, Lyn Wildon, Led by Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson.

Prayer Needs

"I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called." Ephesians 4:1.

This week 4th –11th August, 2019

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

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

Sunday 11th August, 9:30

First Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Margaret MacKay
Psalm: 50:1-8, 22-23	
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Beth Philip
3rd Reading: Luke 12:32-40	Raewyn Grey
Preacher:	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson (Hope series #3)
President:	The Rev'd Catherine Mackereth
Liturgist:	Leslie Wilkinson
Server:	Raewyn Grey
Music Ministry/organist:	John Mounsey
Intercessions:	Denise Norris
Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:	Winnie Sheehan, Natalie Geary
Morning Tea:	Margaret MacKay
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