

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 6th October, 2019

27th 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: Come On And Celebrate

Come on and celebrate His gift of love,
we will celebrate the Son of God,
who loved us and gave us life.
We'll shout Your praise , O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring;
we'll give to You our offering
in celebration praise.

*Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing
celebrate and sing to the King! (x2)*

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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

Who is the greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves?
But I am among you as one who serves.

Luke 22:27

Collect of the Day

**God of the faithful ones of Hebrews 11,
help us to trust you and to know you,
and, as we know you more, to trust you more.
Like them, let our faith be alive and real and in you.
Increase our faith, Lord.
May it honour you and glorify you and delight you.
In Jesus Name, Amen**

1st Reading: Genesis 45: 1-15, 50:14-21

Winnie Sheehan

Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, "Out, all of you!" So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was. Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh's palace.

"I am Joseph!" he said to his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. "Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don't be upset, and don't be angry with

of you to preserve your lives. This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

“Now hurry back to my father and tell him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me master over all the land of Egypt. So come down to me immediately! You can live in the region of Goshen, where you can be near me with all your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and everything you own. I will take care of you there, for there are still five years of famine ahead of us. Otherwise you, your household, and all your animals will starve.’”

Then Joseph added, “Look! You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that I really am Joseph! Go tell my father of my honored position here in Egypt. Describe for him everything you have seen, and then bring my father here quickly.” Weeping with joy, he embraced Benjamin, and Benjamin did the same. Then Joseph kissed each of his brothers and wept over them, and after that they began talking freely with him.

50:14-21

After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father’s burial. But now that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers became fearful. “Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him,” they said.

So they sent this message to Joseph: “Before your father died, he instructed us to say to you: ‘Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.’ So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin.” When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said.

But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 37: 1-9

Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong.

For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither.

Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires.

Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.

He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act.

Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper — it only leads to harm.

For the wicked will be destroyed,

but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land.

***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: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Diane Buchanan

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus.

I am writing to Timothy, my dear son.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

Timothy, I thank God for you - the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day, I constantly remember you in my prayers. I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time - to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News.

That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.

Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me - a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

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The 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 forever more.

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Praise and Glory to God

If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."

The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!

"When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, 'Come in and eat with me'? No, he says, 'Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.' And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.'"

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

Pip Harry

Intercessions:

Beth Philip

Peace: Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn: Circle Me O God

Circle me, O God, let Your arms enfold me.
Circle me, O God, let Your love surround.
Circle me, O God, let Your light shine brightly;
circle me, circle me, O God.

Circle me, O God, when I'm weak and weary.
Circle me, O God, when despair is near,
circle me, O God, let Your peace surround me;
circle me, circle me, O God.

Circle me, O God, when I'm tired and restless.
Circle me. O God, be my hope, my strength.
Circle me, O God, let Your presence guide me;
circle me, circle me, O God.

Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Praise My Soul

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

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: Sue Lewis O'Halloran **Server:** Margaret MacKay
Intercessor: Beth Philip **Organist:** Lynne Mounsey
President: The Rev'd Lilian Barrett **Preacher:** Pip Harry
Welcome Team: Kate Jones, Christina Philip
Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay & helpers

Parish Community News

* **Remember - "Unplanned"** - a stunning true story about abortion and the effects it has on our culture. A one-off screening of "Unplanned" has been booked for 30th October, 7pm at Thames Cinema. For this to go ahead 67 seats **must be booked by October 18**, online at "Fanforce" - website fan-force.com/screenings. If the required 67 tickets are sold you will receive a confirmation with email ticket. If 67 seats are not sold the screening won't proceed and purchased tickets will be refunded. This is an important film, please invite your friends and share this around. Contact Dorothy Wakelin for further details - 07 8684834.

Video Trailer can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBLWpKbC3ww>

Prayer Needs

"... and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 20b.

Please pray for restoration and recuperation for Rev'd Brendon while he is away. Pray for God's blessings to shine on David & Fiona Juby, Lynda Pryor, Ross & Ann Hay-Smith, Margaret Williamson, Diana Brokenshire & others He may bring to mind.

This week 6th-13th October, 2019

Tuesday: 1pm, 101 Warahoe Road, R.D.1, Thames. (David & Fiona Juby's home)

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

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

Sunday 13th October, 9:30

First Reading: Zechariah 8:1-5

Christine Neilson

Psalm: 66: 1-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-25

Sharon Cordery

3rd Reading: Luke 18: 28-34

George Haffenden

Preacher:

The Rev'd Peter Philip

President:

The Rev'd Catherine Mackereth

Liturgist:

Sue Watson

Server:

Margaret MacKay

Music Ministry/organist:

John Mounsey

Intercessions:

Stephen Williams

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Fiona Harden, Celia Newby

Morning Tea:

Allan Judd & Anne-Marie Hartley

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