

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 8th September 2019

23rd 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: 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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C 1984 Scripture In Song. Grn Fldr

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

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.
Luke 14:27

Collect of the Day

**Servant God,
grant us opportunity,
give us willingness
to serve You day by day;
that what we do
and how we bear each other's burdens,
may be our sacrifice to You.
Hear this prayer for Your love's sake.**

Amen.

At the Potter's House

18:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

² "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message."

³ So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶ He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷ If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸ and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹ And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

¹¹ "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says:

"Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions." "

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me, LORD, and You know me.

² **You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar.**

³ You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue You, LORD, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and You lay Your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

¹³ For you created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand - when I awake, I am still with 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: 2 Timothy 3-17

Kate Jones

A Final Charge to Timothy

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings - what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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The Gradual Hymn: Glory Be To God In Heaven

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love Him well;
on the earth let all His people
speak His grace, His wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for Your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's King;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with Him in triumph seated -
for Your mercy, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, You are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

from Gloria in Excelsis
C Michael Perry (born 1942) Grn Fldr

Praise and Glory to God

The Cost of Being a Disciple

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them He said:²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be My disciples.

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev’d Peter Philip

Intercessions:

Denise Norris

Peace:

Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn: O Let The Son Of God Enfold Us

O let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love,
let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul,
let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy,
lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

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Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name.
He is the Lord,
forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.
Repeat

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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

Liturgist: Pip Harry **Server:** Leslie Wilkinson
Intercessor/Prayers: Denise Norris **Organist:** John Mounsey
President: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Philip
Welcome Team: Diane Buchanan, Christina Philip
Morning Tea: Margaret & her helpers

Parish Community News

Bible Study, Tuesday, 1pm, at the home of David & Fiona Juby, 101 Warahoe Road, R.D. 1, Thames. Phone: 868 1136.

Bible Study, Tuesday, 7pm, at the home, this week, of Sharon Cordery, 116 Alexander Close, Thames. Phone: 868 7098.

"Creation"- Haydyn's magnificent Oratorio being performed in the Civic Centre, Sat 21 Sept at 5pm and Sun 22 Sept at 2pm. Performed by the massed NZCF from Waikato & BOP and soloists.
See poster on the board by church door for details.

Prayer Needs

"To all in Rome, and in Thames, who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 1: 7.

Please keep in your prayers our dear brother David Cooper, that his infection will heal well and he will be uplifted and encouraged.

Please also pray for our dear brother Fiaola Siatuu, that he too will have a speedy recovery so his lovely countenance will again be amongst us.

This week 8th - 15th September, 2019

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

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

Sunday 15th September, 9:30

First Reading: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Raewyn Grey

Psalm: 14

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

George Haffenden

3rd Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Beth Philip

Presider & Preacher:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Liturgist:

Sue Lewis O'Halloran

Server:

Margaret Mackay

Music Ministry/organist:

Lynne Mounsey

Intercessions:

Stephen Williams

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Leslie Wilkinson, Denise Norris

Morning Tea:

AnneMarie Hartley, Allan Judd

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