

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 17th March, 2019

2nd Sunday In Lent

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: Forty Days and Forty Nights

Collect Of 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 you,
pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal, Amen.

Sentence of the Day

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting
a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20

Collect of the Day

**God of life and glory, Your Son was revealed in splendour before He
suffered death upon the cross; grant that we, beholding His majesty,
may be strengthened to follow Him and be changed into His likeness
from glory to glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.**

Amen

1st Reading:- Old Testament: Gen 15: 1-12, 17-18

Allan Judd

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 27

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?

2 When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident.

4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.

5 For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

6 And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me.

8 When You said, seek My face, my heart said to You, Your face, O LORD, I shall seek.

9 Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!

10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me up.

11 Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a level path because of my foes.

12 Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.

13 I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the LORD.

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: - The Epistle/N T: Phil 3:17-4:1

Grace Wilkinson

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: My Spirit Longs For Thee

3rd Reading: The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35 **Praise and glory to God** Paul Jennings

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions:

Denise Norris

Then turn to service page 418 in your NZ prayer book

Offertory Hymn: Do This In Remembrance

(Prayer is available by the High Alter during communion)

Closing Hymn: All My Hope On God Is Founded

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

1 Forty Days And Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights
Thou was fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:

sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about Thy way;
stones Thy pillow, earth Thy bed.

Shall not we Thy sorrows share,
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayers,
glad with Thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to Thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by Thy side;
that with Thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

G.h. Smyttan & F. Pott

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2 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)

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3 Do This In Remembrance

Do this in remembrance of Me,
do this in remembrance of Me.
As you eat the bread and drink the cup,
do this in remembrance of Me.

My body broken for you,
My body broken for you,
and here is My cup,
come now take it up and
do this in remembrance of Me.

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4 All My Hope On God Is Founded

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance He guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
calls my heart to be His own.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep His wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend Him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from His store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at His hand;
joy doth wait on His command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
or the gift of Christ His Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges, based on German of J. Neander. A&M 336

Ministry Team

Liturgist: Dorothy McRoberts **Server:** Margaret MacKay
Intercessor/Prayers: Denise Norris **Organist:** Finlay Clements
Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Welcome Team: Steve Darwall, Rex Geary
Morning Tea: Denise and Ien
Te Puru: The Rev'd Jim Neilson

Parish Community News

FINANCIAL AGM: This important meeting has been changed to 24th March. Please remember to stay after next week's service and morning tea.

BRICKS WANTED: Rex Geary asks has anyone got old bricks which could be donated to the church. About 50 are needed for a particular repair in the church; Rex would be very grateful. Please see him or tell the office.

CONCERT IN THE CHURCH, 2PM. "NZTRIO" – piano, cello and violin, as advertised on the poster outside the church. World class performers. Come and enjoy this concert, it will be very enjoyable; Thames is most fortunate to get performers of this quality. \$15:00, \$13:00 for members of the Society.

FRIDAY 22nd Friday Lunchtime Concerts, 12:15–1:00 Maria Mo - piano recital.

Prayer Needs

*"Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the **Great Shepherd of the Sheep**, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Please pray for Judy; for strength, healing, and much blessing.

Please also pray for David Juby and Fiona, Margaret Williamson and for strength, sustenance and grace for Arthur and our other "retired" clergy and also for our own special "Shepherd" Brendon.

This week 2019

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

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

Sunday 24th March

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Diane Buchanan

Psalms: 63: 1-8

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-13

Sharon Cordery

3rd Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Beth Philip

Presider:

The Rev'd David Cooper

Preacher:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Liturgist:

Leslie Wilkinson

Server:

Raewyn Grey

Music Ministry/organist:

Stuart du Preez

Intercessions:

Christine Neilson

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Vivienne Baggaley, Denise Norris

Morning Tea:

Margaret

Welcome Team:

Vivienne Baggaley, Winnie Sheehan

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