

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 24th March, 2019

3rd 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: We Have Come Into His House

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 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

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than
your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts, says the Lord.

Isaiah 55:9

Collect of the Day

**God of grace and goodness,
you know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail;
keep us always under your protection
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

1st Reading:- Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9

Diane Buchanan

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 63:1-8

1 O God, You are my God, I seek You, my soul thirsts for You;
my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

3 Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

4 So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Your name.

5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises You with joyful lips

6 when I think of You on my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night;

7 for You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.

8 My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.

***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: 1 Corin 10:1-13

Sharon Cordery

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Gradual Hymn: And You Shall Seek Me

3rd Reading: The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Praise and glory to God Pip Harry

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions:

Christine Neilson

Then turn to service page 418 in your NZ prayer book

Offertory Hymn: Just As I Am

Closing Hymn: Praise And Thanksgiving

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

1 We Have Come Into His House

We have come into His house and gathered
in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered
in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered
in His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on
Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself and concentrate on
Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself and concentrate on
Him and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His
name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His
name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His
name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

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S in S Bk 2, 215

2 And You Shall Seek me

And you shall seek Me
and you shall find Me
when you shall search for Me
with all your heart,
and I will be found of you,
and I will be found of you
when you shall seek Me
with all your heart,
and I will be found of you,
and I will be found of you
when you seek Me
with all your heart.

C 1978 Robert Rhodes

S in S Bk, 1 44

3 Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea
but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (Thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to
prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott

A in M 246 (ii)

4 Praise and thanksgiving

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
for all things living Thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields, fruit of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and
wood.

Bless Thou the labour we bring to serve
Thee,
that with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with Thee;
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for Thy children,
Thy wisdom guiding teaches us to share
one with another, so that rejoicing
with us, our brother may know Thy care.

Then will Thy blessing reach every people;
all men confessing Thy gracious hand.
Where Thy will reigneth no man will hunger:
Thy love sustaineth; fruitful the land.

Albert F Bayly

A & M 415

Ministry Team

Liturgist: Leslie Wilkinson **Server:** Raewyn Grey
Intercessor/Prayers: Christine Neilson **Organist:** John Mounsey
President: The Rev'd David Cooper
Preacher: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Welcome Team: Vivianne Baggaley, Winnie Sheehan
Morning Tea: Margaret and Denise

Parish Community News

FINANCIAL AGM: After the service and morning tea, this is an important meeting.

Combined service Sunday, 31st March, 7pm at St James Church. Please join the service and enjoy fellowship with other Christians from around Thames.

Happy birthday to Diana Brokenshire - 91 TODAY!! Diana, the parish of St. George's church sends you their greetings and love and prayers for a lovely celebration today of your 91 years.

Sunday's Sermon has been recorded by camera. To view, please go to the address given here as a link: <https://youtu.be/2zDzUxurSH0>

Prayer Needs

"Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." Jude: 24, 25.

Please keep in prayer all our parish members and our clergy.
Remember also David Juby, Judy Jones, AnneMarie Hartley & Margaret Williamson.

This week 31st March, 2019

Wed: Selwyn Group, 9:30—12:00

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

Sunday: Tararu Service, 11am

Sunday

First Reading: Josh 5:9-12	Finlay Clements
Psalm: 32	
2nd Reading: 2 Corin 5:16-21	Denise Norris
3rd Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Winnie Sheehan
President:	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
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Liturgist:	Allan Judd
Server:	Leslie Wilkinson
Music Ministry/organist:	John Mounsey
Intercessions:	Beth Philip
Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:	Fiona Harden
Morning Tea:	Allan and AnneMarie
Welcome Team:	Christine Philip, Denise Norris

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