

# THE PARISH OF THAMES

*Welcomes you to*

## ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Sunday 12th May, 2019*

*4th Sunday of Easter*

### **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:** A Man There Lived In Galilee

### **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**

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to the springs of the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

*Revelation 7:17*

## **Collect of the Day**

**God of peace,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant  
you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep;  
make us perfect in every good work,  
and work in us that which is pleasing and good;  
through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

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## **1st Reading: Acts 9:36-43**

Paul Jennings

Peter raises Dorcas.

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

<sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 23**

A psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

**He leads me beside still waters,**

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for His name's sake.

**Even though I walk**

**through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil,**

**for You are with me;**

**Your rod and Your staff,**

**they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

***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: Rev 7:9-17**

George Haffenden

The Great Multitude in White Robes.

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

<sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup> I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. <sup>16</sup> Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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**Gradual Hymn:** I Am The Bread Of Life

**Praise and glory to God**

Further Conflict Over Jesus' Claims.

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around Him, saying, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about Me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not My sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

This is the gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ, the Word**

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**Sermon:**

The Rev'd David Cooper

**Intercessions:**

Denise Norris

Then turn to service page 419 in your NZ prayer book

**Offertory Hymn:** The Lord's My Shepherd

**Communion** *(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)*

**Closing Hymn:** The Church's One Foundation

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

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

## 1 A Man There Lived

A Man there lived in Galilee  
unlike all men before,  
for He alone from first to last  
our flesh unsullied wore;  
a perfect life of perfect deeds  
once to the world was shown,  
that all mankind might mark His  
steps  
and in them plant their own.

A man there died on Calvary  
above all others brave;  
His fellow-men He saved and  
blessed,  
Himself He scorned to save.  
No thought can gauge the weight of  
woe  
on Him, the sinless, laid;  
we only know that with His blood  
our ransom price was paid.

A Man there reigns in glory now,  
divine, yet human still;  
that human which is all divine  
death sought in vain to kill.  
All power is His; supreme He rules  
the realms of time and space;  
yet still our human cares and needs  
find in His heart a place.

*S.C. Lowry A&M 334*

## 2 I Am The Bread Of Life

I am the bread of life;  
you who come to Me shall not  
hunger;  
and who believe in Me shall not  
thirst.  
No one can come to Me  
unless the Father beckons.

**Refrain:** *And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up  
on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
is My flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live for ever,  
you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of His blood,  
and drink of His blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life.  
If you believe in Me,  
even though you die  
you shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come  
into the world.

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### 3 The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd,  
I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green;  
He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's  
dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forever more  
My dwelling place shall be.

*A Songs of Fellowship Worship Resource NJ 145*

### 4 The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word;  
From heaven He came  
and sought her  
To be His holy bride,  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation—  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil, and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forever more;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

*Samuel John Stone A&M 170*

## **Ministry Team**

**Liturgist:** Leslie Wilkinson **Server:** Margaret MacKay  
**Intercessor/Prayers:** Denise Norris **Organist:** Stuart du Preez  
**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev'd David Cooper  
**Welcome Team:** Vivvianne Baggaley, Winnie Sheehan  
**Morning Tea:** Lynn Wilson, Ien Chu

## **Parish Community News**

**Sermon recording.** To watch today's sermon again go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "Thames Anglican."

**May 19th, don't forget** after the service and a small morning tea, the Soup and Buns luncheon will be served in the church.

**ALL** more than welcome so please stay and enjoy the time of fellowship.

**BAKING NEEDED for the cake stand - May 25th**, at local market. Please bring on **Friday 24th** your kind donation of cakes, cupcakes, loaves, muffins, slices and anything else which can be sold on our stall. Your help in this project is GREATLY appreciated.

## **Prayer Needs**

*"Look to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22,*

Please pray for Betty McCarthy, David and Fiona Juby, Mary Horn.

## **This week, 12th-19th May, 2019**

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

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

## **Sunday 19th, 9:30**

<b>First Reading:</b> Acts 11:1-8	Christine Neilson
<b>Psalm</b> 148	
<b>2nd Reading:</b> Rev 21:1-6	Sharon Cordery
<b>3rd Reading:</b> John 13:31-35	Lyn Wilson
<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev'd Catherine Mackereth
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Rev'd Jim Neilson
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Allan Judd
<b>Server:</b>	Leslie Wilkinson
<b>Music Ministry/organist:</b>	John Mounsey
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Beth Philip
<b>Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:</b>	Fiona Sayer, Anna Juby
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Margaret MacKay & helpers
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Steve Darwell, Rex Geary
<b>Te Puru:</b>	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

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