

# THE PARISH OF THAMES

*Welcomes you to*

## ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Sunday 1st September*

*22nd 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: 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.

Though with a scornful wonder men see Her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'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.

### **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**

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

*Luke 14:11*

### **Collect of the Day**

**Lord, help us to see:  
to see what is eternally good and true,  
and having seen, to go on searching  
until we come to the joys of heaven;  
for the glory of Your holy name.**

**Amen.**

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“What injustice have your fathers found in Me, that they have gone far from Me, have followed idols, and have become idolaters?

<sup>6</sup> Neither did they say, ‘Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and pits, through a land of drought and the shadow of death, through a land that no one crossed and where no one dwelt?’

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a bountiful country, to eat its fruit and its goodness. But when you entered, you defiled My land and made My heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, ‘Where *is* the LORD?’ And those who handle the law did not know Me; the rulers also transgressed against Me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup> “Therefore I will yet bring charges against you,” says the LORD, “and against your children’s children I will bring charges. <sup>10</sup> For pass beyond the coasts of Cyprus and see, send to Kedar and consider diligently, and see if there has been such a thing. <sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory for what does not profit.

<sup>12</sup> Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; Be very desolate,” says the LORD. <sup>13</sup> “For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns - broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

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## **Psalm: 133:1-3**

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.**

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing - life forevermore.

***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***

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2nd Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Lyn Wilson

<sup>1</sup> Let brotherly love continue.

<sup>2</sup> Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

<sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in bonds as though you were bound with them, and those who suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

<sup>4</sup> Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

<sup>5</sup> Let your manner of living be without covetousness, and be content with such things as you have. For He has said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you"; <sup>6</sup> so that we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

<sup>7</sup> Remember those who have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God. Follow their faith, considering the outcome of their manner of living.

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

<sup>15</sup> By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

<sup>16</sup> But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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## **The Gradual Hymn: Jesus Name Above All Names**

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.  
Emanuel, God is with us;  
blessed Redeemer, living Word. *Repeat*

*C 1974 Scripture In Song Grn Fldr*

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### **3rd Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Christine Neilson

#### **Praise and Glory to God**

<sup>1</sup> Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.

<sup>7</sup> So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honourable than you be invited by him; <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you and him, come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then He also said to him who invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbours, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.

<sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

This is the gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ, the Word**

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**Sermon:**

The Rev'd Jim Neilson

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**Intercessions:**

Beth Philip

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**Peace:** Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer Book

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**Offertory Hymn: Blessed Are The Pure In Heart**

Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart,  
and for His dwelling and His throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we Thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for Thee.

*John Keeble and others A&M 238*

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**Communion**

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

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**Closing Hymn: I The Lord Of Sea And Sky**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
all who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone.  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

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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:** Ruth Kowalewicz **Server:** Margaret MacKay

**Intercessor/Prayers:** **Organist:** Stuart du Preez

**President:** The Rev'd Catherine MacKereth

**Preacher:** The Rev'd Jim Neilson

**Welcome Team:** Denise Norris, Doug Norris

**Morning Tea:** Lyn Wilson, Ien Chu

### Parish Community News

This morning Brendon is presiding and preaching at the Ngatea Church. Please pray that his ministry and God's message is well received.

**Bible Study: Every Tuesday, 1-2:30** led by Peter Philip.

This study is held at the home of David & Fiona Juby. 101 Warahoe Road, Thames. 868 1136.

**"Creation"** Come and hear Haydyn's magnificent Oratorio. 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 door for details.

### Prayer Needs

*"To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." Jude 24, 25.*

Please pray for Jean Stewart and for her caregivers. Pray for our parishioners in rest homes and those who cannot for various reasons join us to worship our wonderful Lord Jesus.

### This week 1st - 8th September, 2019

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

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

### Sunday 8th September, 9:30

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 18:1-11

Allan Judd

**Psalm:** 139:1-6, 13-18

**2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:10-end of chapter.

Kate Jones

**3rd Reading:** Luke 14:25-33

Sue Lewis O'Halloran

**Preacher:**

The Rev'd Peter Philip

**President:**

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

**Liturgist:**

Pip Harry

**Server:**

Leslie Wilkinson

**Music Ministry/organist:**

John Mounsey

**Intercessions:**

Denise Norris

**Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:**

Winnie Sheehan, Natalie Geary

**Morning Tea:**

Margaret MacKay & Helpers

**Welcome Team:**

Diane Buchanan, Christina Philip

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