

# THE PARISH OF THAMES

*Welcomes you to*

## ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Sunday 30th December 2018*

*Te Puru Community Service*

### **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:** O Worship The Lord

### **Opening Prayer**

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**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

*Luke 2:10-11*

### **Collect of the Day**

**Son of God, Child of Mary,  
born in the stable at Bethlehem,  
be born again in us this day  
that through us the world may know  
the wonder of your love.  
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.  
Amen**

**1st Reading:- Old Testament:** 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26

Beth Philip

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 148**

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

**6 He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds,  
which cannot be passed.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise 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:** Col. 3:12-17

Sharon Cordery

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn:** Be Still And Know

**3rd Reading: The Gospel/NT:** Luke 2:41-52

Pip Harry

This is the Gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ, the Word**

**Sermon:**

The Rev'd Jim Neilson

**Intercessions:**

Denise Norris

Then turn to service page 418 in your NZ prayer book

**Offertory Hymn:** He Is Exalted

**Closing Hymn:** Praise To The Lord

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

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

## 1 O Worship The Lord

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience and incense  
of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him, the Lord is His name.

Low at His feet lay your burden  
of carefulness,  
High on His heart He will bear it for you,  
Comfort your sorrows and answer your  
prayerfulness,  
Guiding your steps in the way that is true

Fear not to enter His courts in the  
slenderness  
of the poor wealth you would count as your  
own;  
Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness  
These are the offerings to bring to His  
throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling  
and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of  
tearfulness  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

*A&M 49*

## 2 Be Still And Know

Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee  
I am the Lord that healeth thee  
I am the Lord that healeth thee

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust  
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*A Songs of Fellowship Worship Resource NJ 14*

## 3 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.

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## 4 Praise To The Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health  
and salvation:  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw  
near,  
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so  
wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes  
have been  
granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy  
work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily  
attend thee:  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If to the end He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me  
adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly, for ay we adore Him.

*J Neander (1650-80),  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) A&M 207*

## Ministry Team

**Liturgist:** Allan Judd **Server:** Margaret MacKay  
**Intercessor/Prayers:** Denise Norris **Organist:** Stuart du Preez  
**President:** The Rev'd Catherine Mackereth. **Preacher:** The Rev'd Jim Neilson  
**Welcome Team:** Christina Philip, Kate Jones  
**Morning Tea:** Margaret & Judy  
**Te Puru Church, 9:30am.** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

### Parish Community News

May the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all as we enter into 2019 and onwards till He comes again.

**Exploring prayer** Tuesday 15th January, 12 noon, in the Meeting Room in the Hall.  
All very welcome. For further information phone Jill McLeod, 8690284.

### Prayer Needs

*"Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the Name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun, to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."*

Please keep in prayer all our parish members and our clergy over this Christmas season.

### This week 23rd-30th December

**Wed:** Selwyn Group, **NO GROUP MEETING** till 9th January.  
**Thurs:** Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel  
**The office will be closed till Tuesday 8th January.**  
**Te Puru Church, 30th December 9:30am.**

### Sunday 6th January

<b>First Reading:</b> Isaiah 60:1-6	Lyn Wilson
<b>Psalm:</b> 72: 1-7, 10-14	
<b>2nd Reading:</b> Eph 3:1-12	Paul Jennings
<b>3rd Reading:</b> Matt 2:1-12	Beth Philip
<b>President:</b>	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
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<b>Server:</b>	Raewyn Grey
<b>Music Ministry/organist:</b>	John Mounsey
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Beth Philip
<b>Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:</b>	TBA
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	AnneMarie & Allan
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