

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 6th January 2019

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus

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: Enter, rejoice and come in. (NJ 34)

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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has
risen upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

Collect of the Day

Jesus, light of the world, let your bright star stand over
the place where the poor have to live; lead our sages to wisdom
and our rulers to reverence. Hear this prayer for your love's sake **Amen**

1st Reading:- Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1-6 **Lyn Wilson**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 72: 1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

¹² For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

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: Ephesians 3:1-12 **Paul Jennings**

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Gradual Hymn: I will give thanks to thee (NJ 66)

3rd Reading: The Gospel/NT: Matthew 2:1-12 **Pip Harry**

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions: Beth Philips

Then turn to service page 418 in your NZ prayer book

Offertory Hymn: Take my gifts (AA127)

Closing Hymn: Jesus is Lord (PS 213)

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

NJ 66 I will give thanks to thee

1. I will give thanks to thee
O Lord, among the people,
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great,
Is great to the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness,
Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God,
Above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
Be exalted, O God,
Above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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2. I will give thanks to thee
O Lord, among the people,
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great,
Is great to the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness,
Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God,
Above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
Be exalted, O God,
Above the heavens.
Let thy glory, let thy glory,
Let thy glory be over all the earth.

NJ 34 Enter, rejoice and come in

1. Enter, rejoice and come in, (2x)
today will be a joyful day,
enter, rejoice and come in.
2. Open your hearts to the Lord, (2x)
today will be a joyful day,
open your hearts to the Lord.
3. Open your ears to the Word, (2x)
today God speaks a message to you,
open your ears to the Word.
4. We'll open our hearts to the Lord,
sing alleluia,
today is such a joyful day,
we've opened our hearts to the Lord

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PS 213 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

1. Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice
proclaims it,
for by his pow'r each tree and flow'r
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:
Jesus is Lord!

Refrain: Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is
Lord!

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne
eternal

in flesh he came to die in pain on
Calv'ry's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life
proceeding,
yet gave his life as ransom thus
setting us free.

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty
conqu'ror,
from death he rose and all his foes
shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy
Spirit
to show by works of power that
Jesus is Lord.

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AA 127 Take my gifts

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply.

2. Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humour, laced with laughter
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

3. Take whatever I can offer
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

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Ministry Team

Liturgist: Leslie Wilkinson **Server:** Raewyn Grey
Intercessor/Prayers: Beth Philip **Organist:** John Mounsey
Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Welcome Team: Vivienne Baggeley, Winnie Sheehan
Morning Tea: Anne Marie and Allan Judd
Readers: Lyn Wilson, Paul Jennings, Pip Harry

Parish Community News

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

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

Ken Haehurst, Rangi Finnerty, Max and Vivienne Baggeley.
Rest in Peace Liz Wall

This week 6th January-13th January 2019

Wed: Selwyn Group,

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

Sunday 13th January

First Reading:	Lyn Wilson
Psalms:	Sue Lewis-O Halloran
2nd Reading:	George Haffenden
3rd Reading:	Christine Neilson
Presider:	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Preacher:	The Rev'd Arthur Mead
Liturgist:	Sue Lewis-O Halloran
Server:	Kate Sayer
Music Ministry/organist:	Lynne Mounsey
Intercessions:	Dorothy Mc Roberts
Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:	TBC
Morning Tea:	Dennis and Kate
Welcome Team:	Christina Philip, Kate Jones, Leslie Wilkinson

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