

# THE PARISH OF THAMES

*Welcomes you to*

## ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Sunday 13th January 2019**

**Baptism Of The Lord**

### **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:** Lead Us

### **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**

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*Joel 2:13*

### **Collect of the Day**

**God, ever present; closer than breath; disclosed in prayer:**

**Let us know your presence; strengthen us to serve You;**

**Guide us in Your service; Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**1st Reading:- Old Testament:** Isaiah 43: 1-7

Lyn Wilson

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 29**

1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD,  
over mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness  
of Kadesh.**

9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king  
forever.**

11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

***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:** Acts 8: 14-17

George Haffenden

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn:** Great Is Your Faithfulness

**3rd Reading: The Gospel/NT:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Christine Neilson

This is the Gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ, the Word**

**Sermon:**

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

**Intercessions:**

Dorothy McRoberts

Then turn to service page 418 in your NZ prayer book

**Offertory Hymn:** Breathe On Me

**Closing Hymn:** Tell My People

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

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

## 1 Lead Us

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but Thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness Thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

J. Edmeston

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## 2 Great Is Your Faithfulness

Great is Your faithfulness  
O God my Father,  
You have fulfilled all Your promise to me;  
You never fail and Your love  
is unchanging,  
all You have been You forever will be.

*Refrain:*

*Great is Your faithfulness (x2)  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
all I have needed Your hand has  
provided;  
great is Your faithfulness, Father, to me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime  
and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in eloquent witness  
to Your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and peace everlasting,  
Your living presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today, and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
these are the blessings Your love will  
provide.

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## 4 Tell My People

*Refrain: Tell My people I love them;  
tell My people I care.  
When they feel far away from Me,  
tell My people I am there.*

Tell My people I came and died  
to give them liberty;  
as they abide in Me  
they will be really free!

Tell My people where-e'er they go  
to claim My risen power;  
My peace and joy and love  
is for them hour by hour.

Tell My people who grieve and mourn  
that I allowed the night  
of darkness to descend,  
but I am still the Light.

Tell My people to share their wealth  
and fight the sin of greed;  
care for the refugee;  
the hungry they're to feed..

Tell My people throughout the world  
to strive for peace today,  
show love for enemies,  
be servants of the Way.

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## 3 Breathe On Me

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew;  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure;  
Until my will is one with Thine  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine;  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

*Edwin Hatch.*

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## Ministry Team

**Liturgist:** Sue Lewis O'Halloran **Server:** Kate Sayer  
**Intercessor/Prayers:** Dorothy McRoberts **Organist:** Lynne Mounsey  
**Prsider :** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson  
**Preacher:** The Rev'd Arthur Mead  
**Welcome Team:** Christina Philip, Kate Jones, Leslie Wilkinson  
**Morning Tea:** Denise & Kate

## Parish Community News

**Exploring prayer - Remember** Tuesday 15th January, 11am, in the Meeting Room in the Hall. All very welcome. For further information phone Jill McLeod, 8690284.

### An Invitation to Afternoon Tea at Pip's home

**Why?** I'd love you to come and see what God has done in my home, during the year following the big flood. You've heard about it, you've asked about it, you've prayed about it...now come and see it.

**When?** Sunday 20th January, anytime between 2 - 4pm

**Where?** 12 Sarjants Rd, Te Puru

**Who?** Anyone and everyone are warmly invited and very welcome - truly

**Do we need to bring anything?** No - just yourselves.

**Any stairs?** Yes - there are 13 stairs up to the house. Handrails and willing hands to support if needed. **Do come! I'm very much looking forward to welcoming you!**

## Prayer Needs

*"To all in Thames who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 1:7*

Please continue to pray for our elderly parishioners, not with us today and especially for Ken & Marie Hayhurst, Rangī Finnerty, Vivienne & Max Baggeley, Diana Cox, Diana Brokenshire, Betty McCarthy and Jean Stewart.

## This week 13th January-20th January 2019

**Wed:** Selwyn Group starts again this week, 9:30 - 12, in the Hall. All welcome.

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

## Sunday 20th January

<b>First Reading:</b> Isaiah 62:1-5	Jill McLeod
<b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Sharon Cordery
<b>3rd Reading:</b> John 2: 1-11	Winnie Sheehan
<b>Prsider:</b>	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Dorothy McRoberts
<b>Server:</b>	Margaret MacKay
<b>Music Ministry/organist:</b>	Finlay Clements
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Christine Neilson
<b>Sanctuary Guild/Flowers</b>	TBA
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Lynn & Ien
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Steve Darwell, Rex Geary
<b>Te Puru:</b>	The Rev'd Lilian Barrett

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