

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 21st July, 2019

Bible Sunday with The Rev'd Arthur Mead

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: Love Divine

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley A&M 131

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

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:16

Collect of the Day

God of all delight,
grant us that joy
which none can take from us,
of having a work to do,
a life to live;
that joy in believing
which will carry us through.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:22-25

Diane Buchanan

"Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By Myself I have sworn, My mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before Me every knee will bow; by Me every tongue will swear.

²⁴ They will say of Me, 'In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength.'" All who have raged against Him will come to Him and be put to shame.

²⁵ But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the LORD and will make their boast in Him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.

¹³⁰ **The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant, longing for Your commands.

¹³² **Turn to Me and have mercy on me, as You always do to those who love Your name.**

¹³³ Direct my footsteps according to Your word; let no sin rule over me.

¹³⁴ **Redeem me from human oppression, that I may obey Your precepts.**

¹³⁵ Make Your face shine on Your servant and teach me Your decrees.

¹³⁶ **Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for Your law is not obeyed.**

***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***

15 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on Me." ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gradual Hymn: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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Praise and Glory to God

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me,
because He has anointed Me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

²⁰ Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him.

²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of Him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to Me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell Me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that You did in Capernaum.'"

²⁴ "Truly I tell you," He continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev'd Arthur Mead

Intercessions:

Dorothy McRoberts

Offertory Hymn: Gentle As Silence

O, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth;
all the beauty I see He has given to me,
and His giving is gentle as silence

Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide He is there at my side,
and His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from His presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways;
but I've called on His name in the dark of my shame,
and His mercy was gentle as silence. *Gm Fldr*

Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Now Unto Him

Now unto Him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy;
to the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty,
dominion and power
both now and forever.
Amen

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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.



“Look to me and be saved,
all you ends of the earth”

Ministry Team

Liturgist: Sue Lewis-O'Halloran **Server:** Raewyn Grey
Intercessor/Prayers: Dorothy McRoberts **Organist:** Lynne Mounsey
President: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Preacher: The Rev'd Arthur Mead
Welcome Team: Steve Darwell, Rex Geary
Morning Tea: AnneMarie Hartley, Allan Judd
Te Puru: **The Rev'd Jim Neilson**

Parish Community News

Bible Studies: Wednesday in Committee Rm, 10:30-12:00.

Tuesday 7pm, 30th July

Soup & Buns. Because you loved the last time of fellowship, we are repeating soup & buns for everyone - on **Sunday 28th July**, after the service!

Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter: July 27th, 10 am-12 noon in Committee Room. Every one welcome. Bring your craft projects.

Men's Breakfast: **August 3rd**, 8am-10am. Details in Church magazine.

Prayer Needs

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."
Proverbs 9:10.

Remember to praise God for all His goodness. Please also pray for our clergy that they might continue to hear from the Lord God as they lead His sheep.

This week 21st-28th July, 2019

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

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

Sunday 28th July, 9:30

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| First Reading: Hosea 1:2-10 | Pip Harry |
| Psalm: 85 | |
| 2nd Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 | Lyn Wilson |
| 3rd Reading: Luke 11:1-13 | George Haffenden |
| Preacher: | The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson |
| President: | The Rev'd Lillian Barrett |
| Liturgist: | Allan Judd |
| Server: | Leslie Wilkinson |
| Music Ministry/organist: | Lynne or John Mounsey |
| Intercessions: | Margaret MacKay |
| Sanctuary Guild/Flowers: | Leslie Wilkinson, Denise Norris |
| Morning Tea: | Kate Jones, Denise Norris |
| Welcome Team: | Dorothy McRoberts, Diane Buchanan |

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