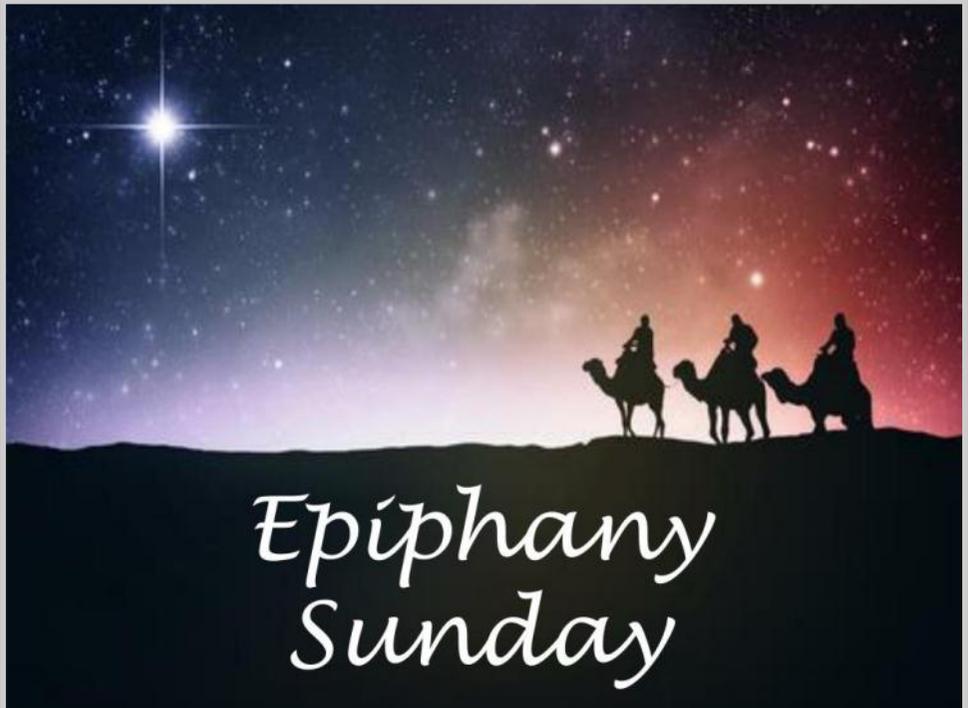


THE PARISH OF THAMES
Welcomes you to
ST GEORGE'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Rev'd Lillian Barrett presiding

Sunday 5th January, 2020
The 2nd Sunday After Christmas



*Epiphany
Sunday*

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
Trust And Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but His smile quickly drives it away;
not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
can abide while we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
Oh, Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Traditional Hymn

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

God has destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, to the praise of His glorious grace that He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:5-6

Collect of the Day

**O God,
You wonderfully created,
and yet more wonderfully, restored
the dignity of human nature;
grant that we may share the divine life
of Your Son Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.**

Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Read by Beth Philip

The Glory Of The Lord

^{60:1} "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 72:1-7, 10-14

72:1 Endow the King with Your justice, O God, the royal Son with Your righteousness.

May He judge Your people in righteousness, Your afflicted ones with justice.

May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

May He defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may He crush the oppressor.

May He endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

May He be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

7 In His days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

10 **May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to Him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present Him gifts.**

May all kings bow down to Him and all nations serve Him.

For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

14 **He will rescue them from oppression and violence for 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: Ephesians 3:1-12

Read by Margaret MacKay

God's Marvellous Plan for the Gentiles

3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of His power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹² In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Gospel Reading: Matthew: 2:1-12

Read by Raewyn Grey

Praise and glory to God

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers

of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon: *The Rev'd Lillian Barrett*

Intercessions: *Denise Norris*

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour
and life more abundant and free.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
look full in His wonderful face
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace. (*CONTINUED OVER PAGE*)

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there.
Over us sin no more hath dominion
for more than conquerors we are.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
look full in His wonderful face
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you, He promised
believe Him and all will be well
then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
look full in His wonderful face
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
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Communion (prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing 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.

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Ministry Team For 5th January, 2020

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Intercessor/Prayers: Denise Norris
President: The Rev'd Lillian Barrett
Preacher: The Rev'd Lillian Barrett
Welcome Team: Vivienne Baggaley, Winnie Sheehan
Morning Tea: AnneMarie Hartley, Allan Judd

Parish Community News

The office is closed until 14th January

Prayer Needs

"Yes I am coming soon." Amen. Come Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen." Revelation 22:20,21

Babara Lundburg passed away on New years day aged 58 years, and will be farewelled this Tuesday 7th January, 1pm at St Georges. Please keep husband Kim and the family in your prayers as they carry this huge loss.

Please keep our Vicar Brendon and Curate Liam in your prayers over this holiday period, that they will be rested, restored and rejuvenated for the coming year.

Sunday 12th January, 2020, 9:30

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9	Alan Hartley
Psalm: 29	
2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-43	Stephen Williams
3rd Reading: Matthew 3:13-17	Diana Maher
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Server:	Grace Wilkinson
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Morning Tea:	Kate Jones, Denise Norris
Welcome Team:	Diane Buchanan, Lee Bisset

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