

## Notes from Last Wednesday's Vestry Meeting

► The LINK project is about to seek funding from four funding providers/donors. We are moving towards a Building Consent once a Quantity Surveyor has assessed to cost of the build. Vestry is to prepare a leaflet detailing the impact of the LINK building in place as well as an image of funding as it is added to the current funds of \$165,000 (a third of which has been used to pay for drawings, consents and fire and engineering reports).

► The Diocesan Council has been forced by Government to create a set of Consolidated Accounts for every part of the Diocese (including this parish) that will be held and maintained by our Anglican Trust Management business in Parnell. It's a case of 'when' not 'if' we transfer our accounting management to the Diocesan Centre. The Government has enacted a series of requirements that affect the entire 'not for profit' sector of registered charities if we are to maintain our charitable status. ► An Occupational Health and Safety survey has been completed and forwarded to the Diocesan committee by our OHS Officer David Juby. ► The Forum on Welcoming Ministry was well received after church a couple of weeks ago. ► The old Thames Club and former Vicarage built by our first Vicar Vicesimus Lush will have its restaurant re-open shortly and an after-school Youth Programme begin shortly. The Vicar is part of a Governance Team to ensure that the transition into a Christian Social Service Centre for the town will be formed over the next half year or so as the building offers a ministry to the wider community. ► The budget comparisons till the end of July (just over half the financial year) show that Vestry is holding expenses at the same level as income – despite the fact that in June we paid the whole of the year's insurance premium in one go! A great effort thanks to those of you who are giving on a regular AP or Envelope system! The return of tax rebates has also made a difference to the level of income, especially when the income from Hall use has dropped by \$1000 over the same period. There are some groups that just can't get their members into the building! Roll on the LINK with its ramps and undercover movement from one building to the other. ► Even with the LINK build in 3 stages access from the church to the hall will be undercover once the main structure is up and weather-secure! ► The Diocesan Synod is to be held the first weekend in September. Bishop Jim was here last Friday to help Synodsreps take an over-view of the Agenda.

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*Thames Anglican parish seeks an inclusive ministry of serving Christ in prayer, action and worship.*

**If you are a visitor to the Parish, please let the sidesperson know your name.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CUP OF TEA IN THE CHURCH AFTER THE 9:30am SERVICE.**

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## THIS WEEK: 23 - 30 August 2015

Mon: Vicar's Rest Day  
Tue: 11am Vicar at Supervision  
Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall  
MT/Hostess - Robin Graham & Claire Natalie or Jenny  
7pm Interchurch Council meets 601  
Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon  
10am Holy Communion (1662)  
Saint Georges Chapel (Arthur)  
2pm Weekly Bible Study Group at  
3 Wakatere Place, Totara Palms.  
Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.  
Music Group Concert and cup of soup  
Sun: 9:30am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist  
*Theme - Be Love*  
7:00pm Combined Churches meeting at  
Church of Christ, Parawai.

Presider & Preacher: S. Georges, The vicar  
Te Puru: Catherine Mackereth

### **Readings:**

**Songs of Sol 2 v 8-13** Matt/Anna Juby

**Mark 7 v 1-8, 14-15, 21-23** Denise Norris

**James 1 v 17-27** Paul Jennings

Intercessor: Annette Herbert

Server: Raewyn Grey

**Music Ministry:** John Mounsey

**Welcome Team:** Max & Vivienne Baggaley,

Ray Deed **Morning Tea:** Margaret Smith

**Sanctuary Guild:** Anne McConnell, Jill Muir



### **INSPIRE ROSTER**

Mon 24th: Gary Blake, Joe Fawcett

Tue 25th: Phyl Devcich, Moi James

Wed 26th: George Haffenden, Jo Gregory

Thur 27th: D & D Norris, David Juby

Fri 28th: Raewyn Struthers,

Margaret Smith

Sat 29th: R Grey/K Jones

## WELCOME

*Home with God*  
IN A LIFE  
THAT NEVER ENDS

To The  
**THAMES  
ANGLICAN  
CHURCH**

*Tikanga Pakeha partner church in the three strand Anglican Church in Aotearoa/ New Zealand/Pacific*

## Sunday 2015 - 23 August

**Service: 9:30am at Saint Georges - NZ Eucharist**

**Theme:** *At Home with God*

**Sentence:** Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer us. Save your servants who trust in you. Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to you do we cry all the day long.  
Psalm 86 v 1-3

### Call to worship

*A leader of the Christian Church once prayed in this way to God, "You stir humanity to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Let us be still and at rest before we call upon the name of our God (pause).*

At home in the kindness of God  
**we come to be restored,  
we come to be changed.**

At peace in the welcome of Christ  
**we come to be restored,  
we come to be changed.**

And at one with the Spirit of Love  
**we come to be restored,  
we come to be changed.**

### Opening Prayer

Holy One, full of compassion,  
we commit and commend ourselves to you,  
in who we are, through how we live  
and by what we know.  
Be the goal of our journey, and our rest by  
the way.

**Let our souls take shelter  
from the turmoil of complex thought  
beneath the shadow of your wings.  
Let our heart, this sea of restless waves,  
find peace and homecoming in you,  
O God.**

**Now and always. Amen.**  
(St. Augustine, adapted)

### PS104 Circle me, O God.

Circle me, O God, let your arms enfold me  
Circle me, O God, let your love surround  
Circle me, O God, let your light shine  
brightly  
Circle me, circle me. O God.

Circle me, O God, when I'm weak and weary  
Circle me, O God, when despair is near  
Circle me, O God, let your peace  
surround me,  
Circle me, circle me, O God.

Circle me, O God, when I'm tired and restless  
Circle me, O God, be my hope, my  
strength,  
Circle me, O God, let your  
presence guide me;  
Circle me, circle me, O God.

Circle us, O God, let your arms enfold us  
Circle us, O God, let your love  
surround  
Circle us, O God, let your light shine  
brightly  
Circle us, circle us, O God.

Circle us, O God, as we work for others  
Circle us, O God, as we seek to serve.  
Circle us, O God, help us bring  
compassion;  
Circle us, circle us, O God.

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## Prayer of Confession

Prayer of confession  
 In and through Christ,  
 we offer our confession before the God  
 of undeserving kindness and love:  
 For a lack of trust in your welcoming love  
 and lingering doubts about our God-given dignity.  
**We confess our disbelief;**  
**we feel our hardness of heart** (pause).

For the high walls we build around ourselves  
 in the desperate need to protect and defend.  
**We confess our disbelief;**  
**we feel our hardness of heart** (pause).

And for the lengths we will go to exclude  
 yet for the very best of religious reasons.  
**We confess our disbelief;**  
**we feel our hardness of heart** (pause).  
 Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends in Christ, the love of God  
 embraces and welcomes you  
 as precious and honoured guests.  
 † In that love you are renewed in body and soul.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
 Amen!

## Sentence

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer us. Save  
 your servants who trust in you. Be gracious to  
 us, O Lord, for to you do we cry all the day long.  
 Psalm 86 v 1-3

## Collect

**Offensive God;  
 refusing our religion  
 of sacrifice and power:  
 find us in our wandering,  
 speak to us the world of life,  
 liberate our violent hearts  
 and let us stay with you;  
 through Jesus Christ,  
 the holy one of God.**  
**Amen.**

V: Holy God, we believe:  
 R: help our unbelief.

## NJ 132 Sound on the Trumpet

**Refrain:** *John McNell*  
**Sound on the trumpet, call to the people,  
 sing your new song.**  
**Our bridegroom's coming, it won't be long.**  
**Break out the banners, join in the dancing,  
 no time for gloom.**  
**Prepare the banquet he's coming soon.**

1. If you're one of God's people,  
 rejoice in praise and song.  
 Come lift up your hearts before him,  
 and give your voices in praise and song.
2. Go out with tears and weeping  
 to bring the harvest home.  
 It's time for the joy of reaping,  
 in joy the sheaves now are coming home.

## Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **1 Kings 8 (1,6,10-11)  
 22-30, 41-43** *Solomon's prayer of dedication*  
 Reader: Percy Golding

Gospel: **John 6 v 56-69**  
*The words of eternal life*  
 Reader: Winnie Sheehan

Presider: Graham Colley  
 Preacher: Brenda Deed  
 Intercessions: Brenda Deed  
 then to **page 484** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Fiona Harden  
 Server: Margaret MacKay

After Communion: **Ephesians 6 v 10-20**  
*The armour of God* Reader: Margaret Smith

**Music Ministry:** Stuart du Preez  
**Welcome Team:** Steve Darwell, Rex Geary,  
 Lois Robinson  
**Morning Tea:** Raewyn Struthers  
**Sanctuary Guild:** Judy Babe

## Saint Georges Choral Group

*Practises begin Sunday September 6  
 at 4:30pm for the next concert series:*

**A Celebration of Christmas in Song,  
 Carols and Readings.**

Registrations @\$15 - Will be taken from 4pm  
 To be performed December 5/6

## - About People -

**Birthdays Abound - Del Patten** celebrated a birthday last week as did  
**Raewyn Grey** and **Brenda Deed** celebrates this week (must be associated  
 with summer holidays). **Shirley Frisken** also had a birthday last week.



**A team of puppeteers** will be doing guest slots at the  
 Spring Fling and then participating in the Sunday worship  
 the next morning. We are looking for half a dozen billets  
 offering *bed and breakfast* for Saturday 19th after the Spring  
 Fling. Please let the Vicar or Vicar's Warden know if you can help.

## AM132 Son of God S.C. Lowry

1. Son of God, eternal Saviour,  
 source of life and truth and grace,  
 Son of Man, whose birth incarnate  
 hallows all our human race,  
 thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,  
 for thine own dost ever plead,  
 fill us with thy love and pity;  
 heal our wrongs, and help our need.
2. As thou, Lord, has lived for others,  
 so may we for others live;  
 freely have thy gifts been granted,  
 freely may thy servants give:  
 thine the gold and thine the silver,  
 thine the wealth of land and sea,  
 we but stewards of thy bounty,  
 held in solemn trust for thee.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
 King of love, and Prince of peace;  
 hush the storm of strife and passion,  
 bid its cruel discords cease;  
 by thy patient years of toiling,  
 by thy silent hours of pain,  
 quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
 shame our selfish greed of gain.
4. Son of God, eternal Saviour,  
 source of life and truth and grace,  
 Son of Man, whose birth incarnate  
 hallows all our human race,  
 thou who prayest, thou who willest,  
 that thy people should be one,  
 grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
 here on earth thy will be done.

## AA70 In the presence of your people

In the presence of your people  
 I will praise your name;  
 for alone you are holy,  
 enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
 Let us celebrate your goodness  
 and your steadfast love.  
 May your name be exalted  
 here on earth and in heav'n above.

Lai-lai-lai.....  
*Brent Chambers*

## 'Spring Fling'

**Old Time Dancing & Supper**  
 Featuring: 'Trinity Puppets'



**Saturday 19 Sept  
 7:00pm - 10:00pm**

at St Georges  
 Church Hall

\$10 Single, \$15 Family  
 (of whatever composition)



## Combined Church Service at the Church of Christ

**Sunday 30th August 7pm**  
*All Welcome - Supper to follow*

## Thames Music Group Presents

Natasha Minowitz & Cindy Xia Flute & Piano  
*Friday 28 August, 12:15pm at St Georges Church.*  
 Free entry, donation appreciated

## Sending Forth

God be our homecoming and strength;  
 God be our hope and support;  
 God be our light and our way.  
 And the blessing of God,  
 Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life,  
 remain with you now and for ever.  
**AMEN**