

THE PEOPLE COLUMN

A big thanks to all those who took the time to give the church that pre-Christmas 'polish and sparkle' and to the team with Fiona Harden who dressed the building in 'Christmas Flowers'. Then there are the people who gave us a different dimension to the familiar stories around the Christmas celebrations at the 4 services over the week! All the organists, presiders and liturgical ministers, welcomers and sides-people...all helping locals and visitors feel at home and nourished.

Peter Eynon died just before Christmas after a long period of decline. His memorial service was held at Saint Jude's Church Avondale (where he worshipped after leaving Thames) on January 5.

Judy Eldon was diagnosed with an invasive cancer in the week before Christmas. She died in Tararu Homes Hospital a week into the New Year. There will be a memorial service at Coromandel soon.

David Juby is having an early celebration of his (Feb)80th this weekend while all his family are in the area (especially Marcus who lives in Hungary). **Wally Wells** (one of the Pastorate priests) has been attending Saint Georges 9am Sunday service since Christmas (initially after major surgery and recovery at Thames Hospital) so we're glad to be providing hospitality and support whilst the Pastorate is having a break. Vicar's Warden **Kate Jones** is back in Thames after surgery in Hamilton, recovering well and expecting to be back at work soon.

Evacuation Procedures - In the event of a fire, listen to the presiding team & Welcomers; leave by nearest, safest exit & assemble on lawn in front of Hospital & wait for "all clear". NOTE THE EXIT NEAREST YOUR SEAT. TOILETS are in the Hall, next door.

THIS WEEK: 17 - 24 January 2016

Mon: Vicar's Rest Day
Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall MT/Hostess - Helen White
Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon
10am Holy Communion (1662)
Saint Georges Chapel (Catherine Mackereth) — Healing Service.
Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.
Sun: 9:00am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist
Theme -

Presider & Preacher: Graham Colley

Readings: Nehemiah 8v1-3, 5-6, 6-10: Natalie Geary; Luke 4 v 14-21 Lois Robinson; 1Cor 12 v12-31a George Haffenden.

Intercessor: Brenda Deed

Liturgist: David Juby

Server: Kate Sayer

Music Ministry: Finlay Clements

Welcome Team: Lois Robinson, Steve Darwall, Rex Geary

Morning Tea: Ien Chu

Sanctuary Guild: Dallas Egan, Beth Philip, Christina Philip

CHURCH CLEANER

The current church cleaner who cleans Saint Georges nave area and the toilets, kitchen and hallway in the Parish Hall is to resign and we're looking for a replacement cleaner. The job is for 2-3 hours a week, pays a *living wage*, and can be done at a time that suits church use and the cleaner. Check with the Vicar or wardens in the first instance for more detail.

INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 18: Peter Philip; Catherine Mackereth
Tue 19: Judy Jones; Colleys
Wed 20: Denise Norris; Lyn Chamley
Thurs 21: Rae Hinton; Marcia Sowman
Fri 22: Raewyn Struthers; Margaret Smith
Sat 23: Margaret MacKay

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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 9:00am SERVICE.

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Welcome

Tikanga Pakeha partner church In the three strand Anglican Church Aotearoa/ New Zealand/Pacifica

THAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 2016 - January 17

Service: 9:00am at Saint Georges - NZ Eucharist
9:30am at Te Puru

Theme: *Extravagant Sign*

Sentence: All the earth worships you, O Lord most high; sings praises to you, and worships your holy Name. *See Psalm 66 v 4*

Call to worship

Your steadfast love, O God,
extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O God.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God.
All people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
May we feast on the abundance of your house.
Amen.

Opening Prayer

Extravagant God,
we gather in this sacred space,
guests at a feast of your boundless gifts.
Stretch out your canopy of grace,
your sheltering wings,
that we may delight in your love,
which never runs out.
Amen.

SERVICES ROSTER

The next Roster that begins on January 31 is available from today. Please pick up your copy from the rear of Saint Georges Church.

Thanks

AM 180 Thou, whose almighty word

1. Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
2. Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

John Newton

Prayer of Confession

Hospitable God,
**we confess that, from time to time,
we hold back the very best we have to offer
of our resources and ourselves.**

We may not want to get involved
and risk opening our hearts,
risk giving away too much,
risk encountering you in both
the giving and receiving.

**Encourage us to take a chance –
to think and dream outside the lines.
And dare us to reach out our hands
to both give and receive your outpouring grace.**

Assurance of Pardon

God is the gracious Hostess
who offers us the very best
✠ and gives abundantly
so, not only can we count our blessings,
but we can share them with all.
Thanks be to God. AMEN

Sentence

All the earth worships you, O Lord most high; sings
praises to you, and worships your holy Name.
See Psalm 66 v 4

Collect

**Lord of the wedding day,
passion of joining
and spirit of festival:
take our hearts of stone
and flood them with new wine
that we might savour ordinary
miracles
given to sense and taste,
through Jesus Christ,
the Winemaker.
Amen.**

Versicle & Response

Fill us, Lord:
fill us to the brim.

AM 318 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

'Tis good, Lord to be here,
thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord to be here,
yet may we not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

J. Armitage Robinson

Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Isaiah 62 v 1-5**
Reader: Raewyn Grey

Gospel: **John 2 v 1-11**
Reader: Kate Jones

Presider & Preacher:
Saint Georges: Graham Colley
Te Puru Community Church: Claire Stewart
Intercessions: Margaret MacKay
then to **page 484** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Brenda Deed
Server: Jessica Juby

After Communion: **1 Corinthians 12 v 1-11**
Reader:

Music Ministry: S. Georges, John Mounsey
Te Puru: Barbara Harry

Welcome Team: Colin Bayliss, Winnie
Sheehan

Morning Tea: Raewyn Struthers
Sanctuary Guild: Winnie Sheehan, Natalie
Geary

203 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Dan Schute

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone.
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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Today's Reflection ...

With Jesus' mother, these passages invite
us to trust in the God revealed by Jesus,
who provides abundantly for life's needs.
When and where have you experienced
the extravagance of God's love for you
and all creation? How might the worship
and serving of your church delight in the
abundance of God's love that never runs
out?

AM 50 The heavenly child in stature grows

J B de Santeuil, tr J Chandler

1. The heavenly child in stature grows,
and, growing, learns to die;
and still his early training shows
his coming agony.
2. The Son of God his glory hides
to dwell with parents poor;
and he who made the heavens abides
in dwelling-place obscure.
3. Those mighty hands that rule the sky
no earthly toil refuse;
the maker of the stars on high
an humble trade pursues.
4. He whom the choir of angels praise,
bearing each dread decree,
his earthly parents now obeys
in glad humility.
5. For this thy lowliness revealed,
Jesu, we thee adore,
and praise to God the Father yield
and Spirit evermore.

Sending Forth

We are a community, gifted and giving.
Let us go out singing and dancing
of God's extravagance in the world.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
AMEN

Lent begins February 10

For those of you able to link through a
computer a **Lenten Calendar has been
prepared by our Education people. It is
a daily online calendar prepared by Karen
Spoelstra and Sarah Park to assist our
meditating through Lent.**

We will provide the links, but in the mean
time use this link for more
information [http://
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