



**Passing the Torch:**  
We're grateful to churches for helping with our Easter appeal, through which we gained 214 new supporters.

*Thank you.*

## SINGING WORKSHOP

Today: 11.30-4pm  
At Saint Georges Church  
*Singing in Parts*  
Led by Anita Banbury  
\$15

registration 11.15am



### America's First Family

First to be scandal free in 30 years  
No drunken children  
Totally wholesome family  
HATED by some white Christians  
because of the colour of their skin  
not because of the content of their  
character

### THIS WEEK: 26 July - 2 August 2015

Today: 11:30-4pm "Singing in Parts" Workshop  
Mon: Vicar's Rest Day  
12pm Mother's Union Meet, Hall  
Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall  
MT/Hostess - Helen & Ron White  
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.  
Sun: 9:30am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist  
Theme - Bread of Life  
Presider & Preacher: Graham Colley

**Readings:**  
2 Samuel 11 v 26 - 12 v 13a Max Baggaley  
John 6 v 24-35 Jenny Colley  
Ephesians 4 v 1-16 Natalie Geary

Intercessor: Denise Norris  
Liturgist: Rae Hinton  
Server: Brie Crofts

**Music Ministry:** John Mounsey  
**Welcome Team:** Ray Deed, Colleen Jones,  
Robin Plummer  
**Morning Tea:** Ien Chu  
**Sanctuary Guild:** Lois Robinson,  
Denise Norris

### A Thought for Today:

A guy goes to a zoo and sees a gorilla with two books. The gorilla looks confused. One of the books is the Bible, the other Darwin. The guy asks the gorilla why he looks confused. The gorilla says "I can't figure out if I'm my brother's keeper or my keeper's brother!"

### INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 27th: Gary Blake, Joe Fawcett  
Tue 28th: Phyl Devcich, Moi James  
Wed 29th: Colley, Liz McCracken  
Thur 30th: Rae Hinton, David Juby  
Fri 31st: Joe Fawcett,  
Sat 1st: R/Grey/K Jones

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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.

A safe place for the LGBT Communities

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## Thames Anglican Church

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

Sunday 2015 - 26 July

**Service:** 9:30am at Saint Georges - NZ Eucharist  
**Theme:** Bible Sunday  
**Sentence:** God is in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he gives power and strength to his people. Psalm 68 v 5-6, 35

### Call to worship

Here we see the richness of God's love made real in the gifts of friendship, grace, food, and faith.  
**God's presence keeps us going and gives us more than we need.**

Come closer, search deeply, expect to receive daily bread – and then some.

**God makes a place for all and gives to all with generous abundance.**

Let us live with hope and trust in God  
**and worship abundantly.**

### Opening Prayer

Aware of our longings we sometimes wonder:  
Will there be enough?  
Will our deepest hungers be satisfied?  
Will we receive enough to survive?  
O God, calm our anxious spirits, fill us with your sustaining presence, and satisfy us with your enduring love.  
May we feast on the goodness you provide  
so we can overflow  
with your presence in our world. **Amen.**

### NJ 108 How Great Thou Art

1. O, Lord, my God!  
When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder;  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
'How great thou art, how great thou art!'  
(repeat)*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

3. and when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God how great thou art!'

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### 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.

## Prayer of Confession

O God, sometimes we feel like dry crumbs on a cold plate **depleted energy,** meaningless existence **in a cold, uncaring world** (pause).

Sometimes we feel like a loaf of bread broken and disregarded **Torn in too many directions,** divided allegiances, **worn thin** (pause).

Sometimes we feel like stale, unleavened bread **Dispirited,** dried up, **wondering how to carry on** (pause).

**Gather us into the breadbasket of your love, O God. Renew our dried up spirits. Heal our brokenness. Lift us with the friendship of this community. Shape us into your people once again. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

(based on Ephesians 3:18-19)  
Gathered into this community of Christ, may we comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the abundant love of God. God provides all that we need – and more – and we are filled with the fullness of God. **Amen. Let us live as God's people.**

## Collect

**God of true abundance, in whom nothing is lost and all are fed: liberate us from meagre rations of scarce and grudging love for which we must compete; show us another kingdom which stills our all-consuming fear and fills us with new hope; through Jesus Christ, the peace of creation. Amen.**

### Versicle & Response

Loving Father:  
give us today our daily bread.

## PS 369

**Walk with me, O my Lord, Through the darkest night and the brightest day. Be at my side, O Lord, hold my hand and guide me on my way.**

1. Sometimes the road seems long, my energy is spent. Then, Lord, I think of you and I am given strength.
2. Stones often bar my path and there are times I fall but you are always there to help me when I call.
3. Just as you calmed the wind and walked upon the sea, conquer, my living Lord, the storms that threaten me.
4. Help me to pierce the mists that cloud my heart and mind, so that I shall not fear the steepest mountain-side.
5. As once you healed the lame and gave sight to the blind, help me when I'm downcast to hold my head up high.

**"THERE IS SOMETHING COMFORTING ABOUT A BILLION STARS HELD STEADY BY A GOD WHO KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING."**

## Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **2 Timothy 3 v 14-4:5**

*Paul's charge to Timothy* Reader: Des Herbert

Gospel: **John 5 v 36b-40**

*Testimonies about Jesus* Reader: Raewyn Grey

Presider: The Vicar, Preacher: Arthur Mead

Intercessions: Margaret MacKay then to **page 476** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth  
Server: Raewyn Grey

After Communion: **Isaiah 35 v 1-11**

*Joy of the redeemed* Reader: Kate Jones

**Music Ministry:** Stuart du Preez

**Welcome Team:** Steve Darwell, Rex Geary, Lois Robinson,

**Morning Tea:** Colleen Jones

**Sanctuary Guild:** Dallas Egan, Beth Philip, Christina Philip

## AM 433 When I needed a neighbour

Sydney Carter

**Refrain:**

**And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter,  
Were you there?**

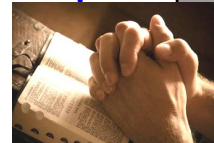
1. When I needed a neighbour, Were you there, were you there? When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
2. I was hungry and thirsty, Were you there, were you there? I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
3. I was cold, I was naked, Were you there, were you there? I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
4. When I needed a shelter, Were you there, were you there? When I needed a shelter, were you there?
5. When I needed a healer, Were you there, were you there? When I needed a healer, were you there?
6. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there. Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

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## AA102 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.

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Intercessors on the current roster may collect the next intercessions from the church.

## Sending Forth

May the fullness of God complete you and so overwhelm you, that grace will overflow and run down the sides of your life and bless all of creation. **AMEN**

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

**Soup and Rolls**

**This Monday 27th**

**12:00pm**

All Welcome  
in Saint George's Church Hall