

Last Sundays Volunteer Appreciation Service @ S. Georges

One of those present who didn't get a Volunteer's Appreciation certificate was Vestry Secretary **Kate Jones** who was largely instrumental in putting the appreciative occasion together. Kate picked up on the concept of Volunteer valuing, did all of the work with regard to the letter invites and then prepared as a gift, all the sweet morning tea food as a balance to the sandwiches and savouries we'd bought in (thinking that the only helpers we could get to cater were the volunteers we wanted to thank!). **Kate**, in her various roles in Parish life, probably does in excess of three times any other volunteer and there she spent much of Saturday baking for our enjoyment. Thanks **Kate**, for your volunteering gifts and spirit of what church is all about!



From the June Vestry Meeting

The re-jigged Web-site will be alive on line with its new format at the end of the month! The past 3 months have been a trial and effort process for us as we've worked in the Parish Office to get to grips with a more flexible format and process.

We expect soon to be able to up-load each week's Pew Sheet on the Friday of the weekend it's due to be used; to have a monthly diary with main events; and to be able to check hall bookings from the Vicarage, on-line.

This year's insurance premium is 40% greater than last in a year that premiums have decreased — except in parishes with older buildings!

Forums on the themes of Bible use and issues around Synod are planned for July and August, with the June focus on Volunteers in the parish.

Vestry is awaiting a response from Auckland architect Graeme Burgess (a Heritage Specialist) to see whether we can afford to hire him to do the drawings for building consent for the LINK.

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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: 29 June - 6 July 2014

Tonight: Combined Church Service at Parawai Church of Christ, 7pm

Mon: Vicar's Rest Day

Tue: 9.30 – 4pm CAIRA Training Day on Addiction – Botany

Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall MT: Colleen Jones -Helper Helen White

Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon
10am Holy Communion (1662)
Saint Georges Chapel (Graham Colley)
2pm Weekly Bible Study Group at 3 Wakatere Place, Totara Palms.

Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.
11am Vicar at TMG Committee Mtg

Sun: 9:30am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist
Theme - Chosen Journeys

Presider & Preacher: Graham Colley

Readings: Genesis 24 v 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Lois Robinson

Matthew 11 v 16-19, 25-30 George Haffenden

Romans 7 v 15-25a Percy Golding

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth

Server: Jessica Juby

Intercessor: Rae Hinton

Music Ministry: John Mounsey

Welcome Team: Colleen Jones,

Robin Plummer, Ray Deed

Morning Tea: Diana Cox

Sanctuary Guild: Anna Juby, Fiona Sayer



To The
**THAMES
ANGLICAN CHURCH**

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



Sunday 2014 - 29 June - Pentecost 3

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

Theme: Holy Welcome

Sentence: Clap your hands, O peoples. Shout out with loud songs of joy. *Psalms 47.1*

Call to worship

We gather in this worship space, welcomed by God.

Let us gladly welcome the Holy One into our worship and our lives.

God provides room for all
to find a place and a calling in community.
Let us make room for the Holy One to move graciously among and through us.

If we truly welcome God here,
how can we not welcome all who are made
in God's image?

Opening Prayer

If all are welcome in this place,
let us now offer that welcome to children.
In the name of Christ, welcome.

If all are welcome in this place,
let us now offer that welcome to all who
have been
part of this community for many years.
In the name of Christ, welcome.

If all are welcome in this place,
let us now offer that welcome
to visitors and newcomers with doors
open to all.
In the name of Christ, welcome.

If all are welcome in this place,
let us now greet one another with the
peace of Christ.
Amen.

*Services Roster July 13
through to September
now available.*

NJ 134 Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

1. Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on us
Melt us, mould us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on us

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Tonight's INTERCHURCH SERVICE

at the Church of Christ, Parawai Road will forward the collection to the Interchurch Food Bank.



The Interchurch Foodbank (run by the Baptist Community Ministry paid and volunteer staff) distributes around 20 Food Parcels each month. They have half the financial resources that they need at this time of the year to be able to top-up food parcels from purchases (we are one of 2 or 3 congregations that regularly contribute food items). At last Wednesday's ICC meeting it was decided to ask for financial support by regular Aps into the Interchurch foodbank account. If, for instance, 100 people had a monthly AP for \$10 (the cost of 2-3 loaves of bread for the month) they'd have \$1000 a month which would give the cash flow that part of our Interchurch activities needs. The Anglican Auckland City Mission contributes a bulk food distribution to the Thames Food Bank every second month.

Prayer of Confession

How long, O God? Will I be forgotten forever?
With these words, the psalmist yearns
to be remembered, to be welcomed.

Love's touch is known through our hands
and spoken through our words.
Divine welcome is expressed
through our graciousness,
and remembered by our mindfulness.



**Holy God, forgive us
when we have missed opportunities
to offer welcome.
Perhaps we did not see the need.
Perhaps we did not care enough.
May we extend the welcome we receive
through your Spirit.
And may we remember that,
in the holy act of welcoming others,
we welcome you.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

I will sing to God,
because the Holy One has dealt bountifully with me.
With these words, the psalmist celebrates
that God does indeed remember,
and does indeed welcome, with bountiful grace.
✠ Be assured of the welcoming grace
of God's presence and providence.
Thanks be to God!

Sentence

Clap your hands, O peoples. Shout out with
loud songs of joy. *Psalm 47.1*

Collect

**Welcoming God,
giving space for creation
to return your love:
make us apostles
of the open table,
a place of hospitality
to challenge the world
with the gift of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ,
who offered himself for us. Amen.**

AM 161 Christ is our Corner Stone

J Chandler

1. Christ is our corner stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.
2. O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
glorious name.
3. Here Gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day
thy blessings pour.
4. Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

V: Heal us, Lord:
R: and use us to your glory.

Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Genesis 22 v 1-14**
Abraham tested Reader: Natalie Geary
Gospel: **Matthew 10 v 40-42**
Take up your cross
Reader: Sue Lewis-O'Halloran
Presider & Preacher:
Saint Georges: Graham Colley
Te Puru: Peter Philip
Intercessions: Denise Norris
then to **page 465** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Fiona Harden, Server: Brie Crofts

After Communion: **Romans 6 v 12-23**
Slaves to righteousness

Reader: Max Baggaley

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

Welcome Team: Max & Vivienne Baggaley

Morning Tea: Margaret Smith

Sanctuary Guild: Colleen Jones,
Vivienne Baggaley

Today's Reflection ... The scriptures urge us to extend a holy welcome and tend to the needs of others. Whom do we welcome? Who are the people who are made to feel - even inadvertently - that they are not welcome in the church? These are the people Jesus calls us to seek out, to welcome, and to care for, in response to the way God has loved and welcomed us.

AA 132 Tell my people I love them

Leonard Barlotti, Guy Jansen

**Refrain: Tell my people I love them;
tell my people I care.
When they feel far away from me,
tell my people I am there.**

1. Tell my people I came and died
to give them liberty;
as they abide in me
they will be really free!
2. Tell my people where-e'er they go
to claim my risen power;
my peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.
3. Tell my people who grieve and mourn
that I allowed the night
of darkness to descend,
but I am still the Light.
4. Tell my people to share their wealth
and fight the sin of greed;
care for the refugee;
the hungry they're to feed..
5. Tell my people throughout the world
to strive for peace today,
show love for enemies,
be servants of the Way.

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PS 149 From the very depths of darkness

Michael Forster/Christopher Tambling

**Refrain: The Lord is risen indeed!
Christ is risen! Hallelujah!
Christ is risen! Hallelujah!**

1. From the very depths of darkness
springs a bright and living light;
out of falsehood and deceit
a greater truth is brought to sight;
in the halls of death defiant,
life is dancing with delight!
2. Jesus meets us at the dawning
of the resurrection day;
speaks our name with love, and gently
says that here we may not stay;
'Do not cling to me, but go to all
the fearful ones and say,
'The Lord is risen indeed!'
5. To the tyrant tell the gospel
of a love he's never known
in his guarded palace tomb,
condemned to live and lie alone;
'Take the risk of love and freedom;
Christ has rolled away the stone!
The Lord has risen indeed!'
6. When our spirits are entombed
in mortal prejudice and pride;
when the gates of hell itself
are firmly bolted from inside;
at the bidding of his Spirit,
we may fling them open wide;
The Lord has risen indeed!



Confirming the
Messenger and
Blessing the Recipient

Matt. 10:40-42

Sending Forth

Let us be a blessing,
by sharing love generously.
Let us be a people gracious,
in our welcoming of God
and others into holy community.