

Notes from last week's AGM



- This year's AGM will be Sunday November 22 from 9am.
- The year's three quarter budget comparisons show a \$5000 deficit against a \$12,000 prediction for the end of September. Since the 3/4 comparisons over \$10,000 has been added to the account from Investment income!
- We are awaiting responses from three funding outfits with regard to Applications for the LINK project.
- Responses to the Spring Fling have been good.
- The Consolidating of Accounting through the Diocese sees Thames starting on the road to having Parish Accounts dealt with mainly by Trust Management (a Diocesan owned business in Parnell) – more at the AGM next month.
- If you haven't caught up with it, there's a new (2nd hand) fridge/freezer in the Hall kitchen. Vestry's just had the doors re-swung for easier access.
- Cooking for Baptist Community Ministries **Tasty Tuesday** lunch ministry; Kate Jones is prepared to head a team to do an Anglican turn 2 or 3 times a year. Could you join that extension of Baptist Community Ministry's with her. Tell Kate direct.
- We are investigating buying a roller blind for the east window in the Hall. We're trying to find an economical way to repair the leak in the Church roof by the north-west porch. And some of the hall spouting is growing things!
- LINK – as the preparations draw towards putting the job out for tender (once the Building Consent is through – and that could take the Council a year or two) the excitement is tempered with anxiety and caution around fundraising and so Vestry spent some meeting time talking through a Plan B or C at Wednesday's meeting!
- It was reported that our Mothers Union branch is to evolve into a Fellowship Group in the New Year – more at next month's AGM.

THIS WEEK: 25 Oct - 1 Nov 2015

Today: 4.30-6pm Choral Group practise Church and Hall.
 Mon: **Labour Day Public Holiday**
 Tue: 11am-2pm Saint Georges Heritage Trust meets Committee Room
 Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall MT/Hostess - Helen White
 5pm Saint G. Choral Management
 7pm ICC meets Baptist Centre
 Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon
 10am Holy Communion (1662)
 Saint Georges Chapel (Vicar)
 2pm Weekly Bible Study Group at 3 Wakatere Place, Totara Palms.
 Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.
 Fri through to Sun, Vicar at CAIRA trainers Conference Hillsborough.
 12:15 TMG lunchtime concert
 Sun: 9:00am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist *Theme - All Saints Day*

Prisider & Preacher: David Cooper

Readings: Isaiah 25 v 6-9 Finlay Clements

John 11 32-44 Beth Philip

Revelations 21 v 1-6a Jenny Colley

Intercessor: Rae Hinton, Liturgist: David Juby
 Server: Raewyn Grey

Music Ministry: Finlay Clements

Welcome Team: Robin Plummer, George Haffenden, Alex Juby

Morning Tea: Diana Cox, **Sanctuary Guild:** Lois Robinson, Denise Norris

INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 26th: Jenny Colley, Joe Fawcett
 Tue 27th: Phyl Devcich, Moi James
 Wed 28th: George Haffenden, Jo Gregory
 Thur 29th: Colley, David Juby
 Fri 30th: Joe Fawcett, Colley
 Sat 31st: Colley



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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.

A safe place for the LGBT Communities

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WELCOME TO THE Thames Anglican Church

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



Sunday 2015 - 25 October

Service: 9:00am at Saint Georges - NZ Eucharist

Theme: Take Heart

Sentence: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually. *Psalm 105 v 3-5*

Call to worship

Lost in the crowd,
left behind in the rush.

Silenced by shame,
crippled by fears.

This is the human experience,
oftentimes, this is how life is.

And so we come –

not to parade,
not to perform –
but simply to be heard.

And to be dignified in the hearing,
to be re-valued for the living,
to be inspired for the giving.

Opening Prayer

God of Jesus, come our way,
with ears of attentiveness
and words of hope
so that we, too, might rise up
and follow in the steady
footsteps of Jesus,
taking shelter within
the healing shadow of Christ. **Amen.**



Their AGM last Monday decided to close the group at the end of the year.

It'll be replaced by a Parish Fellowship Group in the new year.

AA 51 God Defend New Zealand

God of nations, at thy feet,
in the bonds of love we meet;
hear our voices we entreat,
God defend our free land!
Guard Pacific's triple star
from the shafts of strife and war,
maker her praises heard afar;
God defend New Zealand!

*E Ihoa Atua,
o nga Iwi Matoura,
ata whakarongona;
me aroha noa.
Kia hua ko te pai;
kia tau to atawhai;
manaakitia mai
Aotearoa.*

Thomas Bracken

Today's Reflection ...

We take heart in the God who hears us and exercise power for good. So encouraged, let us call upon God for ourselves and others in need. Who are the ones that others try to "shush" into silence; why? For whose sake might we risk persistent words and actions, in the pursuit of mercy or justice?

hear **Canon Rod Oran** speak on
 'How small change can make BIG change'
29th Oct 5:30pm at St Matthew-in-the-City
 See noticeboard for more details

Christian World Service
Celebrates 70 years



Prayer of Confession

Many voices shout out...

BE QUIET!

To the one who is homeless and says to Jesus, "I want a place to call my own; a table for my bread and meat, a warm blanket to sleep under and some work to sustain my daily living." (pause)

Many voices shout out...

BE QUIET!

To the youth who's delinquent and says to Jesus, "I want some peace of mind; an end to the angry voices that drive me to paths of self-destruction. I need someone to say I am worth something in this mess of a world" (pause).

Many voices shout out...

BE QUIET!

To the one who is gay and says to Jesus, "I want to come out of this closet, long shut by misunderstanding and fear; I want to honestly love someone in a way that is life-giving and free" (pause).

Many voices shout out...

BE QUIET!

Yet Jesus says, "Come here."

Many voices shout out...

BE QUIET!

And the silent spring up and run.

Many voices shout out...

BE QUIET!

And Jesus asks, "What can I do for you?"

Many voices shout out...

BE QUIET!

Yet the grace of Christ rises above the clamour and fearlessly strides on before us.

Assurance of Pardon

Here the words of the psalmist:

"This poor soul cried and was heard by God, and was saved from every trouble."

Friends, before and within our bountiful God, you are made whole and given renewed strength for faith's uncertain journey.

All praise be to God. Amen.

Versicle & Response
What do you want God to do for you?
Lord, we want to see.



NJ 158 We have this Ministry

1. We have this ministry, and we are not discouraged. It is by God's own power that we may live and serve. Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe, praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive' we have this ministry, O God receive our living.
2. O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning, we grow to the fullest flower when rooted in your love. Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace, different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place, We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.
3. The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish. We daily take the cross, the burden, and the joy. Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded, bruised and bowed with pain, Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again. We have this ministry, O God receive our loving.

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The Thames Music Group is hosting students from Thames High School Music Department here at Saint Georges Church, for a lunchtime concert on Friday 30 October. We hope you will be able to come to support our own local talent.

Collect

Beggar God,
you call us from the roadside
to see ourselves in you:
let us take heart
and come to you,
though your road leads
to Calvary
and absent sun,
to love revealed
for lightless eyes;
through Jesus Christ, the image
of the invisible God. Amen.

(Mark 10.46b-52)

NJ 89 Let there be peace on earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

1. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With god our Creator we're one family. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
2. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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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.

Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Job 42 v 1-6, 10-17**

Job

Reader: George Haffenden

Gospel: **Mark 10 v 46-52**

Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus

Reader: Natalie Geary

Presider & Preacher: The Vicar

Intercessions: Denise Norris

then to **page 484** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth

Server: Margaret MacKay

After Communion: **Hebrews 7 v 23-28**

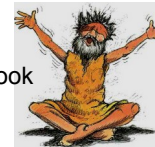
Christ's priesthood Reader: Lois Robinson

Music Ministry: John Mounsey

Welcome Team: Steve Darwell, Rex Geary, Lois Robinson

Morning Tea: Margaret Smith

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



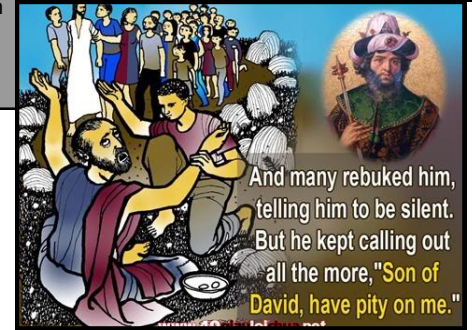
AM 471 Holy Spirit

Brian Foley

1. Holy spirit, come, confirm us in the trust that Christ makes known; we have faith and understand through your helping gifts alone.
2. Holy spirit, come, console us, come as Advocate to please, loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live, holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One, Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

About People: Selwyn Edwards

celebrated his 90th birthday last Sunday and **Rose Rumble** is 83 today.



Sending Forth

As the cherished of God we have gathered and as the renewed of God we now depart. Friends, cry out to be heard, giving voice to yours and others' needs. In all you say and do, seek always the kindness of Christ and follow with your whole heart. Be filled with Spirit and be led into the daily challenges of life by Spirit's rare and enduring beauty. Go in peace, and live into wholeness, now and always. **Amen.**