

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 2nd December 2018

The First Sunday in Advent

Call to Worship

E te whanau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table; welcome to you
for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world.

Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth
and light to the world. Rejoice and be glad.

Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen. Christ is our light, and the joy of our salvation.

Candle lighting

We sing as the candle is lit

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.

He brings hope to everyone, He comes, He comes.

Opening Hymn: Long Ago Prophets Knew

Opening Prayer

Into this season of expectation

Into the bustle of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude,
into our homes and situations along with friends and families,

into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives

we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, **Messiah.**

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Please sit or kneel

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

Loving and all seeing God,

forgive us where we Have failed to serve you;

**and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours
we ask your pardon.**

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together.

Praise to God who has created us,

praise to God who has accepted us,

praise to God who sends us into the world.

Sentence Of The Day

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21:28

Collect of the Day

Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life;
Come, living Saviour, come to your world which waits for you.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen.

1st Reading:- Old Testament: Jer 33: 14-16

Lyn Wilson

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 25:1-10

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

**6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen*

2nd Reading: - The Epistle/N T: 1 Thess. 3:9-13

George Haffenden

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Come Now Lord Jesus

3rd Reading: The Gospel/NT: Luke 21: 25-36

Beth Philip

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessions:

Dorothy McRoberts

Then turn to service page 484 in your NZ prayer book

Offertory Hymn: Born In The Night

Closing Hymn: Now Unto Him

Sending Forth: Go now to love and serve the Lord; go now in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

1 Long Ago Prophets Knew

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new,
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon:

***Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?***

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human:

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected:

Journey ends: where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry.

***Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes
Jesus comes
we will make him welcome.***

F. Pratt Green

4 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,
AMEN

© Norma Wood

2 Come Now Lord Jesus

Come now, Lord Jesus,
Enter our Christmas,
Be to us no stranger
In this new-made manger.

Come, small and human,
Born of a woman,
Yet a Son much greater
Of our own Creator.

Come, cold and crying,
Comfort denying,
No place to receive You,
Few yet to believe You.

Come, poor and simple,
Our flesh Your temple,
In Your body feeling
Hurt as well as healing.

Come, gift and token,
Bread to be broken –
Star and sign still point You,
Myrrh will yet anoint You.

Words (CR) Shirley Murray

3 Born In The Night

Born in the night, Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way;
light of the world, Mary's Child,
dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's Child,
you tell us God is good;
prove it is true, Mary's Child,
go to your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's Child,
You're coming soon to reign;
Saviour of all, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.

Geoffrey Ainger

Ministry Team

Liturgist: Allan Judd **Server:** Raewyn Grey
Intercessor/Prayers: Dorothy McRoberts **Organist:** Stuart du Preez
Welcome Team: Vivienne Baggaley, Winnie Sheehan
President/Preacher: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Sanctuary Guild: Lois Robinson, Dianne Stanfield **Morning Tea:** Judy Jones

Parish Community News

The gala was a success on every level, thanks to YOU, our amazing parishioners! Your spirit of teamwork & cooperation & commitment to the event was extraordinary. Yes, the committee did most of the planning and arranging, however, we could not have pulled it off without your enthusiasm, support & many donations of items for sale. Thank you so much. We don't have a final figure for the day, however, we do believe it will around \$5,500 NET which, considering the weather & the adjustments we had to make for that, is a wonderful outcome.

Christmas Carol Singalong, 7th December 7-8pm at Te Puru School Hall, Thames Coast Road

Prayer Needs

"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." 2 Peter 1:2.

Please pray for Liz Wall, resident in the Booms Rest Home, Ken Hayhurst, Betty McCarthy and Diana Brokenshire.

Do not forget in prayer others of our elderly parishioners who cannot be with us.

Combined Church Service

This Sunday, 2nd December, 7pm at The Salvation Army

This week 2nd-9th December

Wed: 9:30-12pm Selwyn Group, Hall. MT/Hostess
Thurs: 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel
Office Open: Tues, Wed & Frid - 9am—1pm
Sun: 9:30am service at St George's - NZ Eucharist

Sunday 9th December

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4	Jill McLeod
Psalm: For Psalm read Luke 1:68-79	
Second Reading/The Epistle: Phil 3-11	Alan Hartley
Third Reading/The Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6	Winnie Sheehan
President & Preacher:	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
Intercessor/Prayers:	Beth Philip
Liturgist:	Sue Lewis-O'Halloran
Server:	Margaret MacKay
Music Ministry/organist:	Stuart du Preez
Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:	Anna Juby, Fiona Sayer
Morning Tea:	Allan Judd & AnneMarie
Welcome Team:	Christina Philip Kate Jones, Leslie Wilkinson

Vicar: The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson.

Vicar's Warden: Kate Jones

Peoples Warden: Lynne Mounsey

Ph: (07) 868 6267 Mob: 021 556 710

Email: vicar@thamesanglicanchurch.co.nz

Website: <http://www.thamesanglicanchurch.co.nz>