

# THE PARISH OF THAMES

*Welcomes you to*

## ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Sunday 9th December 2018**

**The Second 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 peace, one bright candle for peace.

He brings peace to everyone, He comes, He comes.

### **Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come Emanuel**

#### **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**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1:78-79*

## **Collect of the Day**

**Praise and honour to you living God for John the Baptist, and for all those voices crying in the wilderness who prepare your way. May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**1st Reading:- Old Testament:** Malachi 3:1-4

Jill McLeod

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: For Psalm read Luke 1: 68-79**

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

**69 He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David,**

70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

**71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

**73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us**

74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

**75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

**77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.**

78 By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."**

***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:** Phil 1: 3-11

Alan Hartley

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn:** Star Child

**3rd Reading: The Gospel/NT:** Luke 3:1-6

Winnie Sheehan

This is the Gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ, the Word**

**Sermon:**

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

**Intercessions:**

Beth Philip

Then turn to service page 484 in your NZ prayer book

**Offertory Hymn:** Where Is The Room

**Closing Hymn:** Hark A Thrilling Voice

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

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

## 1 O Come, O Come Emanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:

*(refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse,  
free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe;

*Latin Advent Antiphons, tr J M Neale A&M 26*

## 3 Where Is The Room

Where is the room,  
where is the house of Christmas?  
Where shall we welcome Jesus,  
where are the signs of home?  
Where are the signs of home?

Let Christ have space,  
place at the heart of living,  
centre for birth's new breathing,  
cradle for hope and peace,  
cradle for hope and peace.

Let there be room,  
room for the friend and stranger,  
room without hurt or anger,  
room for whoever come,  
room for whoever come.

Let love be here,  
love from the Christmas stable,  
love at our open table,  
love to be shared all year,  
love to be shared all year.

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## 2 Star Child, Earth Child

Star-Child, earth-Child,  
go-between of God,  
love Child, Christ Child,  
heaven's lightning rod,

*Refrain: This year, this year,  
let the day arrive  
when Christmas comes for everyone,  
everyone alive!*

Street child, beat child,  
no place left to go,  
hurt child, used child  
no one wants to know,

Grown child, old child  
mem'ry full of years,  
sad child, lost child,  
story told in tears,

Spared child, spoiled child,  
having, wanting more,  
wise child, faith child,  
knowing joy in store,

Hope-for-peace Child,  
God's stupendous sign,  
down-to-earth Child,  
star of stars that shine,

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## 4 Hark A Thrilling Voice

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;  
'Christ is nigh', it seems to say;  
'cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;

that when next He comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with His mercy He may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

*E Caswall*

*A&M 24*

### Ministry Team

**Liturgist:** Sue Lewis O'Halloran    **Server:** Margaret MacKay  
**Intercessor/Prayers:** Beth Philip    **Organist:** Stuart du Preez  
**Welcome Team:** Christina Philip, Kate Jones, Leslie Wilkinson  
**Presider/Preacher:** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson  
**Sanctuary Guild:** Winnie Sheehan, Natalie Geary  
**Morning Tea:** Allan Judd, AnneMarie Hartley

### Parish Community News

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

### **Vestry Commissioning**

During the service on the 16th December, the new Vestry will be commissioned.

### **Sunday 16th BBQ**

**We are having a Parish Brunch BBQ after the service.**

**There will be NO morning tea!**

This will be a lovely time of friendship and fellowship over an informal BBQ and make good use of leftover sausages/chips from the gala!

### Prayer Needs

"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Please pray for Liz Wall, resident in the Booms Rest Home, Ken Hayhurst, David Juby.  
Please don't forget to pray for our dear elderly parishioners who cannot be with us.

### This week 9th-16th December

**Wed:** 9:30-12pm Selwyn Group, Hall. MT/Hostess

**Thurs:** 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel (Healing Service)

**Office Open: Tues, Wed & Frid - 9am—1pm**

**Sun:** 9:30am service at St George's - NZ Eucharist

### Sunday 16th December

#### 7 Lessons and Carols

<b>Presider</b>	The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson
<b>Music Ministry/organist:</b>	John Mounsey
<b>Readers:</b>	Beth Philip, Alan Hartley, Lyn Wilson, Allan Judd, Winnie Sheehan, Paul Jennngs, Sharon Cordery
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Denise Norris
<b>Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:</b>	Lois Robinson, Diane Stanfield
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	No Morning tea today, BBQ instead
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Dennis Norris, Christina Philip

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