

### About People

**Brenda Deed** was commissioned as an area Chaplain for St John - Northern region – Ngatea on Saturday during the Awards Ceremony and Rededication Service.  
**Arthur Mead** is to have minor face surgery on Thursday.

### Christmas Flowers

Calling all volunteers from the flower roster. We plan to decorate the church on Saturday 24th December at 9.30 am. If you can help on the day or even do an arrangement the day before please let Fiona Harden know as soon as possible. Donations towards buying some special flowers are also most appreciated.  
*Many thanks, Fiona*

**The Vestry AGM P1 was held last Sunday. We now have the following office holders:**

**Vicar's Warden:** Kate Jones  
**People's Warden:** Finlay Clements  
**Vestry:** Raewyn Grey, Natalie Geary, Ray Deed, Margaret McKay, Paul Jennings, Denise Norris. Brenda Deed (Minute Secretary)  
**Synods Representative** Sue Lewis-O'Halloran.

*We are grateful for these people being willing to serve the church in this way.*

Christmas gifts of the ATWC appeal. Thank you for helping to 'Spread the JOY this Christmas.' Your generosity has resulted in over 70 gifts being donated for the ATWC Christmas Appeal 2016. Catherine will hand these to the Trust on our behalf when she goes to Auckland this coming week.

**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.*

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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.**

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### THIS WEEK: 4 - 11 December 2016

Today: 2pm St Georges Choral Present Vivaldi's Gloria Concert

Wed: 9:30-12 noon Selwyn Group, Hall MT/Hostess - Raewyn Struthers

Thurs: Office Attended 9am to 12noon 10am Holy Communion (1662)

Saint Georges Chapel (Peter) Bible Study 2pm at 704 Tararu Road at Rosemary Levesque's this week only.

Fri: Office Attended 9am to 12noon.

Sun: 9:00am at Saint Georges, NZ Eucharist Theme - Song of Joy and Justice

Presider & Preacher: Joyce Marcon

#### Readings:

**Isaiah 35 v 1-10** Lynda Pryor

**Matthew 11 v 2-11**

**James 5 v 7-10** George Haffenden

Intercessor: Brenda Deed

Liturgist: Catherine Mackereth

Server: Jessica Juby



**Music Ministry:** Lynne Mounsey

**Welcome Team:** Raewyn Grey, Kate Jones, Ray Deed

**Morning Tea:**

**Sanctuary Guild:** Dianne Hill, Lorraine Philips

**The Bible Study** will be held at Rosemary Levesque's house at 704 Tararu Road for *this week only*.

### INSPIRE ROSTER

Mon 5th: Finlay Clements,

Bob & Diana Cox

Tue 6th: Rosemary Levesque, Judy Babe

Wed 7th: Claire Twentymen,

Heather Gordon

Thur 8th: Lynda Pryor, Natalie Geary

Fri 9th: Denise Norris, Colin Bayliss

Sat 10th: Kate Jones



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

## Welcome TO THE Thames Anglican Church



### Sunday 4 December 2016 Advent 2 - Peace

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

**Theme:** Growing Together

**Sentence:** [Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:] Shake yourself from the dust, says the Lord, arise, O captive Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. *Isaiah 52 v 2*

### Call to worship

Jesus said 'Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does.'

**We come seeking this peace; peace within and between ourselves, peace for our neighbour, our land, and for the earth. Peace where there is dissension.**

**Let us worship God, the giver of peace.**

### Lighting the Candle

The second Advent candle is lit for Peace. The candle, with its gentle flame, bringing quietness, warmth and light, is an emblem of peace. As this flame burns before us, may it enable us to become bearers of that peace which is Christ's gift to us. And, as the light shines in the darkness, may we carry the light of peace wherever we go. 'Where there is hatred, let us sow love, Where there is injury, pardon, Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope, Where there is sadness, joy.'  
 We light this candle for peace.



*Look for where Mary and Joseph have journeyed on their way to the Bethlehem Manger.*

### AM 27 On Jordan's bank

C. Coffin, J Chandler

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thy hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free, whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*S. George's Choral performs*

*Vivaldi's*  
**GLORIA**

**Here  
TODAY  
2PM**

Last Show

Programme includes Christmas carols and songs  
Conductor Jono Dunlop - Accompanist Francis Cowan

## Prayer of Confession

God forgives and heals us.

**We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

## Assurance of Pardon

God forgives you.  
Forgive others;  
forgive yourself.  
*Silence*

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

## Sentence

[Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:] Shake yourself from the dust, says the Lord, arise, O captive Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. *Isaiah 52 v 2*

## Collect

**Loving God, you send prophets to warn, disturb and revive your people. Help us listen to those who prepare us for your kingdom. Give us courage to remove the chaff from our lives so that we may be ready to meet the Lord. We ask this through him whose coming draws near, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### Versicle & Response

Come to us, Lord:  
**we know our need of you.**



## AA149 We wait for you

1. We wait for you,  
We long for you to come  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
We covet peace,  
the curing of the earth,  
but not the pain  
that carries you to birth.
2. We wait for you,  
we long to see you come  
released from Pilate's hall  
to upper room.  
We covet truth,  
the triumph of the good,  
but not the nails,  
the torture and the blood.
3. We wait for you,  
beside the Easter tomb,  
Lord Jesus Christ  
we long for you to come.  
We covet life  
relieved of hurt and loss,  
but not the weight  
of carrying the cross
4. You wait for us.  
you long for us to be  
a birthing place for peace,  
a justice tree,  
an energy for life,  
a flag! a sign!  
a fragrance in the air ~  
fresh bread, new wine!

*Music c Colin Gibson Words c Shirley Murray*

## Prayer for Darfur

For this land and people, where disputes over ethnicity and resources have caused great suffering, we pray. We pray especially for peace. The years of warfare have been long and painful. The people plead for peace. They plead too for food and water. We pray for the people attempting to meet these needs in the most difficult and dangerous circumstances. Grant peace and comfort to all who have lost loved ones in this ongoing conflict. From all that has caused great suffering deliver the people O God. May peace reign in hearts, communities and assemblies and may the God who is worshipped bring healing, wholeness and unity to all the people. Amen.

## Today's Reflection

As we seek to understand and live into God's deep vision of peace this Advent, we get a sense that we need to engage our whole selves: mind, heart, and body. There is movement as we journey on this path of peace. What are the old habits that do not serve the good of ourselves and others that we need to unlearn? What are the beliefs, words, and actions that we want to learn and practice together? The prophets, old and new, guide us in wisdom as we draw near to God's vision.

## Thank You

*to all who have brought food and/or toys for the local needs in Thames.*

## SHC22 In Christ, God of Truth

In Christ, the God of truth will help us know the way to grow: the Spirit helps us learn to work and play in turn; and, opening ears and eyes, God's love will make us wise. In Christ, the God of truth will help us know the way to grow.

In Christ, the God of grace will help us be community: God's family and friends know love that never ends, so leave your fear behind! God feeds us, heart and mind. In Christ, the God of grace will help us be community.

In Christ, the Holy One will help us pray in faith each day: the church's life is strong; Christ calls us to belong, and sends us out to tell how God has loved us well. In Christ, the Holy One will help us pray in faith each day.

In Christ, the living God will help us build a better world: God's justice we must do till peace is flowing through the nations of the earth, and people know their worth. In Christ, the living God will help us build a better world.

*Words: Elizabeth J Smith*

## NJ 126 Song for Human Rights

**Refrain: Light a candle in the darkness, hope and freedom must not die!**

1. Sing a song for peace and justice, speak for those that cannot speak! Claim the world for peace and justice let the strong support the weak.
2. You who live in happy places, who can laugh and speak and sing, listen for the other voices mute with fear and suffering.
3. Thousands cry in nameless prisons plead with powers who hold the key: plead that human rights be honoured that the innocent go free.

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## Today's Readings & Ministers

First Testament: **Isaiah 11 v 1-10**

Reader: Margaret MacKay

Gospel: **Matthew 3 v 1-12**

Reader: Raewyn Grey

Presider & Preacher: David Cooper

Intercessions: Fiona Harden  
then to **page 470** in NZ Prayer Book

Liturgist: David Juby

Server: Brad Sayer

After Communion: **Romans 15 v 4-13**

Reader: Kate Jones

**Music Ministry:** Finlay Clements

**Welcome Team:** Winnie Sheehan,  
Alex Juby

**Morning Tea:** Margaret MacKay

**Sanctuary Guild:** Lois Robinson,  
Vivian Bathurst

## Sending Forth

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *(Romans 15)*  
**AMEN**

## What's Happening

Next Sunday **Advent Three Joy** gives us the opportunity to think of those people or

situations where the grace of a messenger from God will help.

**Blue Service** Thursday 15th. We need a helper(s) to wrap blue sweets for a gift for attendee's. Encourage neighbours, friends and relatives to come 5:30pm

**Advent 4** December 18th 9am - Lessons and Carols and Communion, Christmas Morning Tea.