St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

4 October 2026 OT 27
with The Rev'd Debbie Garrett

Welcome to worship at St George's.
Today we have a communion service at 8.30am and our Animal Blessing Service with the SPCA at 10am.
There is morning tea after the 10am service. Please join us.
Visitors are very welcome.

Liturgy Service Page 476 NZPB (8.30am only)

Psalm 19		NZPB Page 216
First Reading:	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20	Bible Page 58
Second Reading:	Phil 3:4-14	Bible Page 954
Gospel:	Matthew 21:33-46	Bible Page 803

Sentence: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
Matthew 21:42

Prayer for the Day
Merciful God,
in Christ you make all things new;
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion.
Prayers and anointing for healing are available during communion in the chapel, at the back of the church.

Prayer

We pray for those who are dying, sick, in hospital or in any other kind of need; for parishioners in rest homes and those who receive home communion and any others you hold in your hearts.

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, Oropi, the Lakes and Parkvale/Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepoint, Whanau Aroha, and Hodgson House.

Our Church: We pray for diocesan staff and managers: Jenny Cawston (Corporate Services Manager); Neville Smith (Chief Financial Officer); Steve Orme (Property Portfolio Manager). Waiapu Anglican Centre staff. Chaplains to retired clergy and Spouses: Hawke's Bay – Alister Hendery; Bay of Plenty – Adrienne and Arthur Bruce; Eastland – vacant.

Waiapu Diocese: God of past and present, yours is the Spirit that fires the life of your Church and yours is the work we are given to do; bless our diocese with a courage to pray for that which seems inconceivable, a tenacity of hope that sees your kingdom even in the ashes, and a grace that knows we are all brothers and sisters in your love.

Wider Church: We pray for The Moana Community of St. Clare in Fiji, and all those who are in similar communities that care for the vulnerable and marginalised.

Notices

Our annual Animal Blessing Service in conjunction with the SPCA will be held at 10am on Sunday 4 October - TODAY. The money from the collection plate will be donated to the SPCA to support them in the work they do. Please bring a plate of delicious fare to share for morning tea. As the SPCA service is a morning worship service open to the public with no Holy Communion, there will be a short Holy Communion Service at 8.30am.

Planning Day: Saturday 31 October 9.30am - 12.30 in the church Lounge. This is part two of the previous planning day. Please come back!

ROSTERS

The new roster is out for October. Please add your name to a duty if you can. Thanks 😊

The parish social night is on Friday 9 October, 5pm. Would someone like to host this evening? Bring along something for a shared potluck dinner and a wise saying or quote. Drinks and nibbles 5-6pm then dinner at 6pm onwards.

St George's Carol's on the Lawn is a well-known Christmas event which is well attended by the public. We assemble a choir to sing special Christmas music as well as the carols that everyone sings. The choir rehearsals are on Wednesday nights beginning 14 October at 7pm. The Carol Service is 13 December at 4pm. If you would like to sing with us please talk to Bonnie.

All Souls Day Remembrance Service, Sunday 1 November, 8.30am and 10am services. A time to remember those we love who have died over the last year and give thanks for all they meant to us. We light a candle for them, to represent the light of their life, and our belief we have in the resurrection to eternal life.

Here to Help U: Are you 65+ and stressed out with not having enough food? Your household is eligible for **FREE** food support, ready-made meals and basic pantry items that can be delivered right to your door.
www.heretohelpu.nz Phone 0800568273
Our Unique Code is "St. George's Church".

Food for the Foodbank: Non-perishable items are gratefully accepted, thank you.

Together in Prayer during the week- You continue to be invited to join in praying at 9.30 each morning in our own places. You can use the gospel readings from the Lectionary, or the readings are emailed out and posted on Facebook and our website weekly.

The Parish Prayer Circle: If you require prayer for yourself or another person, please contact The Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363). Please let Joyce know when prayer is no longer needed.

This week in the Parish

Tuesday 6 October 9.30 am Holy Communion Service and morning tea
Friday 9 October Parish Social Night from 5pm
Sunday 11 October 9.30 am Holy Communion Service and morning tea

Service Next Week 11 Oct (OS28)

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Psalm: 106: 1-6,19-23
First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14
Second Reading: Phil 4:1-9
Gospel: Matt 22:1-14

Dates to Note in your Diary

Parish social night Friday 9 October from 5pm
Christmas choir practice starts Wednesday 14 October 7pm in the church
Vestry meets Wednesday 21 October **4pm**
Office closed Thursday 22 October
Planning Day part two Saturday 31 October 9.30am - 12.30 Church lounge
All Souls Day (All Saints) Sunday 1 November 8.30am and 10am services
Taize Service 6 December 7pm
Carols on the Lawn Service Sunday 13 December 4pm

Church Office hours: Monday to Thursday, 8.30am -12.30pm.

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