



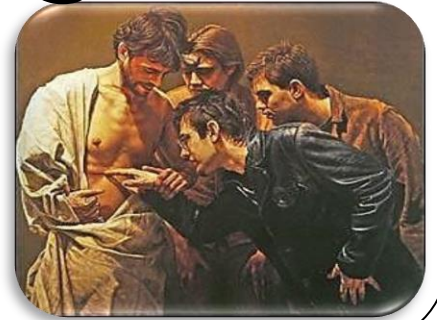
St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

11th April 2021

Low Sunday Yr B with Andrea Andresen



There is morning tea in the church lounge after this Service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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Psalm 133

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Psalm Response: Glory to God – Creator, Word and Spirit

As God always was, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Bible Page 888

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 Bible Page 989

Gospel: John 20:19-31 Bible Page 883

Sentence: *“Peace be with you”, says the Lord. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” John 20.21*

Prayer for the Day

Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence fills us with hope:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe,
that we may be raised with you,
to whom belong honour and glory,
for ever and ever. **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.

Theme:

"When thinking about the readings set for this Sunday, the word which soaked into my mind and was "Unity". Two of this week's readings have the opening lines with this theme: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity" Psalm 133 v1 and "All the believers were one in heart and mind" Acts 4: 32

On page 419 during The Ministry of the sacrament the Priest charges us with "Keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace", to which we respond "We are bound by the love of Christ"

Until now I do not think I have ever contemplated exactly what we're being tasked with here.

Unity and being united appears in a few places in our liturgies.

What might unity look like? What doesn't it mean?"

Noho ora mai,

Andrea

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, The Lakes, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont and Whanau Aroha.

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

Our Church: Today we pray for the people of the *Clive Co-operating Parish*, their Ministry Support Team & Visiting clergy Support. The people of *Holy Trinity, Gisborne Parish* & their clergy. *Waiapu Kids Te Hapapa Whanau Aroha Manager, Te Hapara Family Services Manager, Arohaina Centre Manager, Growing Through Grief Coordinator.*

Our World: There are many people who need to be thanked for their commitment to Anglican Missions, for without them we would cease to exist. Today we pray for and give thanks for these people.

Notices:



AAW April Meeting: 13th April, 1pm. Please try to attend as numbers are decreasing with the very unfortunate deaths of two of our loyal members in March, Helen Terry and Barbara Carden. May they Rest In Peace and rise in Glory. There will be the usual raffle and bring and buy sales table.



Lay Learning Days – April-May 2021; Friday 16 April – Bay of Plenty: Holy Trinity Tauranga or Saturday 17 April BoP: St Barnabas Ngongotaha. All lay people are warmly invited to come and be part of this day. for ***those who hold a Lay Ministry Licence attendance is a requirement.*** Anyone unable to attend should submit their apologies via the Bishop's PA sandra.gifkins@waiapu.com



Gate Pa Day Commemoration- Sunday 29th April.

To commemorate Gate Pa Day, we are holding a service at 4pm, remembering those who fought and died here; the consequences for ngā iwi o Tauranga Moana; and to offer prayers/karakia for the future.

Puhirake Ihaka, chairperson of the Otamataha Trust, will offer some reflections on the battle and its place in the story of Tauranga Moana today. All are welcome.



Social night at Oasis Bar and Grill, cnr of Chadwick and Greerton Roads. Friday 16th at 5pm



Whanau Aroha staff are using our facilities for the month of April. There will be an increased number of vehicles using the car park, but the car parking behind the church will be open, so plenty of room for all to access the church. If attending Mid-week Eucharist, AAW, or Prayer Circle please drive up the driveway, and park closer to the church for your convenience.

This week in the Parish:

Monday	12 th April	
Tuesday	13 th April	9.30am Holy Communion 1.00pm AAW Lounge
Wednesday	14 th April	7.00pm Vestry Lounge
Thursday	15 th April	
Friday	16 th April	9.30am Prayer Circle
Sunday	18 th April	8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

Service Next Week 18th April Easter 3

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Psalm 4

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke:24: 36b-48



Dates to note in your Diary:

- **AAW April Meeting: 13th April, 1pm.**
- **16th April** – Pub Night – 5pm
- **29th April** – 60 Bells Service – 4pm
- **22nd May** – 11am – 2pm St George’s Antiques Roadshow
- **30th May** – Taize
- **27th June** – Harvest Festival
- **25th September** – Greerton Village Blossom Festival Gala Stall

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