

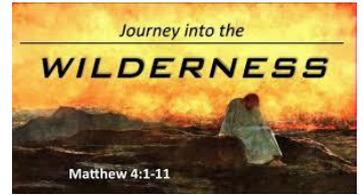


St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

1st March 2020 **Lent 1** Rev'd John Hebenton tssf



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea in the church lounge after the service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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Psalm: 32

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First Reading- Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

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Second Reading- Romans 5: 12-19

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Gospel- Matthew 4: 1-11

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Sentence: We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4.4

Prayer for the Day

God of the desert,
you lead us by day and by night,
Be with us when we are tested;
may it be your bread we eat,
your world we serve,
and you alone we worship.
through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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

As this Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent, we hear again of Jesus' testing time in the wilderness. Because we are in the year of Matthew, we get his version. Jesus is baptised and is declared to be the God's Beloved Son. The Spirit then takes Jesus into the wilderness to face the big questions. What kind of beloved son will he be? How will he live that out?

The wilderness is a harsh place where there is no hiding. Here he fasts and prepares. He is anchored in God. And at the end he is tested in this identity. How will he respond? Will he put his own needs first or trust that God will provide? Will he succumb to the dramatic and lure of fame, or will he trust God and meet the needs of those who encounter him on the way? Will he seek power and fortune, or seek nothing for himself and live in response to God's compassion and justice?

We too are beloved children. But too often, like Adam and Eve, we forget, and we strive for what is ours already. They strove to be like God when they and we are already created in God's image. They are we forget who we are with dire consequences for how we live.

Lent is a time when we are asked "who are we as beloved children?" We are invited to anchor ourselves in God as we reflect on how we live that out. This Lent I wonder if we need to particularly wonder how we live that out in our relationship to God's creation.

Prayer

Our community

We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We pray for those who live without hope, and all those who seek to bring your hope. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepoint, Whanau Aroha Centre and Merivale Community Centre.

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 Bishop of Waiapu: Andrew Hedge, Raewyn and their children. Archbishops: Philip Richardson, Don Tamihere, & Fereimi Cama. For Retired bishops of Waiapu.

Wider Church: Today we pray for Anglicare Polynesia, the social welfare and development agency of the Diocese of Polynesia and the focal point for disaster response and rehabilitation activities.

Notices:

Thank You Shirley and family would like to offer sincere thanks, especially to Gaylene, Ainsley and the social committee for the wonderfully appreciated reception. Also to everyone who offered so much, with the organisation of Friday, their time, prayers and help during last week. Please accept this thank you with the deep gratitude it is given.

Lenten Studies: This year our Lenten studies will be exploring **Life in the Garden**. In a world sensitive to changing climate and consequential challenges concerning care of God's creation, these studies offer inspiration to action as well as illumination of God's message to the church today. From 11.30 – 12.30 you are invited to attend a discussion in the lounge. The practices to be covered are: **The First Garden, Life Outside the Garden, The Promised Land, Exiled from the Garden, The Blessings of the Land, From Death to Life in the Garden**



World Day of Prayer 2020– March 6th 9.30am The Salvation Army, Cnr Cameron Road and Fifth Avenue, Tauranga. (contact: Violet Stock/Miriam Peevor for more details)



AGM Reports in by Sunday 8th March please, so they can be collated into books for Sunday 15th March. There will only be **ONE service on Sunday 22nd March at 9.00am** and the AGM will follow morning tea. **The AGM Report books will be available in the church foyer for parishioners to read beforehand.**

Nomination forms for Church positions of People's Warden, Parish Vestry, Alternative Synod Representative, Regional Representative, are in the church foyer. They need to be in to the office by **Sunday 15th March** please.



All Saints Maori Anglican Church – 8th March. 10am

We welcome the congregation and parishioners next Sunday to 10am service. **Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea.**



Titoki Retreat Weekend: Two-day Retreat, on Friday and Saturday, March 27/28 or April 24/25 or May 1/2nd.

Location: Titoki Christian Healing Centre,

Cost: \$115 p.p. shared facilities: \$130p.p. or \$195 couple private facilities

All meals included. Register of Interest NOW. Faye Mayo



AAW Notice: For the AAW Meeting on March 10th, Field-Trip

To the Katikati museum (The Old Fire Station 32 Main Road, Katikati) with a conducted tour commencing at 12 o'clock. The **\$10 cost** includes a Devonshire tea. For those requiring transport and those offering to drive please ring Miriam (543 2935) who will arrange carpooling

2020 Lenten Appeal. Please use the envelopes to donate to the Anglican Missions Appeal. This year it will support:



- The Penman Medical Centre in Zababdeh
- The Jerusalem princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities
- Roofing churches in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania.

This week in the Parish: 2nd March – 8th March 2020

Monday 2nd March
 Tuesday 3rd March 9.30am Holy Communion
 Wednesday 4th March 9.30am Morning Prayer
 Thursday 5th March 9.30am
 Friday 6th March 9.30am Prayer Group
 Saturday 7th March
 Sunday 8th March 8.00am and **10.00am** Holy Communion Service
 with All Saints – Maungatapu.

Service Next Week 8th March

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Psalm: 121

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4a

Second Reading: Rom 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3: 1-7



Dates to note in your Diary:

- **Lenten Studies** – 1st March @ St George's
- **World Day of prayer** – 6th March @ Salvation Army Tauranga
- **AGM** - 22nd March

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