



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

LENT 2

8th March 2020

Rev'd John Heberton tssf

Welcome to Worship

TODAY THE SERVICES ARE AT 8.00 AM and 10.00am

We welcome All Saints Maori Anglican Church in joining us at 10.00am

Please remember to turn off your cellphone during the church service

Service: 476 NZPB

Psalm: 121

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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: Gen 12:1-4a Bible Page 8

Second Reading: Rom 4:1-5,13-17 Bible Page 916

Gospel: John 3: 1-17 Bible Page 863

Sentence: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16

Prayer for the Day

Holy Spirit of God,
you blow where you will.
blow once more through us your chosen people.
enliven us with your power,
and move us with your strength,
that we might be born of the spirit into eternal life.
With the Father and the Son,
you live and reign,
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:

It begins with Abram and Sarai being invited to leave everything behind. Everything that shaped who they were and their place in the world. Their maunga, awa, marae, iwi and hapu. They were invited to become the people through whom God would restore humanity and all creation to all that God had originally intended.

Nicodemus is an inheritor of this identity. But over the centuries his people had forgotten, and it had become all about maintaining your place in the tribe, your privilege and power. Jesus invites Nicodemus to leave everything behind and join the people through whom God is restoring humanity and all creation to all that God intended.

We too are inheritors of this identity. And like Nicodemus we too have forgotten who we are as people of God. We too are invited to leave our old ways of understanding ourselves and join the people through whom God is restoring humanity and all creation to all that God intended.

This Lent, may we be granted the wisdom to change our priorities and to live in such a way that this planet is not just treated as a resource to use, but as God's gift to us that we are invited to live on in such a way that it may flourish and all who in this world may thrive. May we have the will to live into and out of the values portrayed in the Beatitudes, persistently resisting the values of this world, and living persistently into the way held in God.

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 currently.

Our Church: Today we pray for the people of the Hastings Parish & their Priest-in-charge, Alister Hendery, Lynette Gordon (Deacon Associate), Margaret Thompson (Priest Associate).

Wider Church: Today we pray for those who are heading out in 2020 and give thanks for the work past teams have been able to do. Pray for the parishes, groups and individuals heading out on short-term missions around the world this year.

Notices:



AGM Reports in by **TODAY** 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.



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, form in foyer-NOW. Faye Mayo



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



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

AAW meeting March 10 is a visit 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 and an opportunity to dress up in clothing from the past and be photographed. For those requiring transport and those offering to drive please ring Miriam who will arrange carpooling. Please give your driver \$5 petrol money.



Lay Learning Days in March 2020

Theme: Mission – what does this mean for us?

Bay of Plenty: Friday 27 March – Holy Trinity Tauranga
Saturday 28 March – St Barnabas Ngongotaha
9.30am-2.30pm, BYO lunch. (Begins with tea/coffee)

All lay people are very welcome to come along. Attendance is required for those with a Lay Ministry Licence (of whatever type).

This week in the Parish: 9th March – 15th March 2020

Monday	9 th March
Tuesday	10 th March 9.30am Holy Communion AAW field trip to Katikati
Wednesday	11 th March
Thursday	12 th March
Friday	13 th March 9.30am Prayer Group 5.00pm Pub Night
Saturday	14 th March
Sunday	15 th March 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion Service Week 2: Lenten Studies 11.30 – 12.30

Service Next Week 15th March

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Psalm: 95

First Reading: Exod 17:1-7

Second Reading: Rom 5: 1-11

Gospel: John 4: 5-42



Dates to note in your Diary:

- **AAW Meeting** – 10th March Katikati field trip
- **Pub Night** – 13th March
- **Lenten Studies** – 15th March @ St George's
- **Nominations Close** - 15th March
- **Vestry** – 18th March
- **AGM** – 22nd March
- **Coffee Group** – 24th March 10.30am @ Le Chat Noir

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