



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

10th October 2021

Yr B with The Rev'd John Hebenton



This Sunday there is an online Service at 9:30am on Zoom or Youtube.

Cliff Simons is speaking about Synod

Join us for a zoom morning tea after the service.

Sentence: No one who has left house, or brothers or sisters, or mother or father, or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Mark 10.29-30

Prayer for the Day

God of the possible, and the impossible,
when we come to you with questions
and struggle with your answers,
grant us faith in believing as we await the treasure from heaven,
which is your faithful promise.

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.**

Psalm 22:1-15

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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: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

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Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

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Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

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Theme for the Week

It might be that the last year and a half have raised some big questions for some of you. Questions about why this has happened. Questions about what

being a follower is really about. Today's readings, especially the readings from Job and Mark, are full of some of these big questions.

We can join with Job in his absolute bewilderment at what is happening with him. Or more precisely in his pleading ' "why O God have YOU done this to me?" ' How often have we heard people ask that question? How often have we asked that question? At the heart of this question is our understanding of God, and God in our lives. It is such a fundamental question. And we will have to wait another week to hear how God responds. As we wait and ponder that question it might be helpful to remember that the lectionary has led us from the initial story of Job's misfortune and completely missed his friends' unhelpful attempts to aid him. They live in a very narrow theological world and they invite us to wonder in what way our narrow theological world is being challenged in this story.

Jesus too is confronted with another of those questions that come out of our understanding of God and the world and holds our hopes and fears; "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" At so many levels this is such a flawed question. To inherit contains a large element of entitlement. Yet eternal life is a gift. We can never earn it like this man was trying to do. Again, narrow theological views leading to big questions that can lead us down the wrong path.

This passage also asks another question that is asked less often – what does life look like when we have eternal life? Eternal life starts now. Eternal life is living God's compassion as part of new ways of being community, especially compassion for the poor. In this story Jesus is showing compassion to the man. He invites him into a new relationship with others especially the poor. But he cannot lay down his status and power. So where do we see ourselves in this story? We who are among the richest in the world.

With all the uncertainty around Covid, what big questions are we asking? What do they reveal about us? What might we be invited to let go of as we read these readings?

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, Merivale and Oropi. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha Centre, Hodgson House, Pyes Pa Country Lodge 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.

Our Church: Today we pray for the people of the Papamoa East Anglican Mission & Beachaven Projects & their Clergy, Waiapu News Editor, and association of Anglican Women leaders & members

Our World: Today we pray for the volunteer staff who assist the office work, everyone who helps at the Office of Wellington, Te Ara Hou and the interns who have brought new skills and commitments.

Notices



Join us for our online Sunday service. On Zoom. Meeting ID: 438 753 8725; Passcode: 1864 or by clicking on this link <https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/4387538725?pwd=US9ibGNncHI3V25oRFI4S0RhWTd3QT09> or watch the YouTube live stream https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA/videos. There will be a "zoom morning tea" after the service.



The Parish Office is open from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The Lounge and Hall are available for hire under strict Covid-19 Level 2 rules and guidelines.



The Parish Prayer Group meet each Friday at 9:30am. If you would like prayer for yourself or a family member, please contact the Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450)



If you know anyone without an internet or computer access, please inform the Parish Office at 578-0112.



Tauranga Community Foodbank need donations. Please donate online at <https://taurangafoodbank.co.nz/> The foodbank is still operating during Covid-19 Level 2



Tauranga Faiths come together to support World Peace through Prayer Event. The Tauranga Moana Interfaith Council invites you to its eighth annual *Prayers for World Peace* event in support of the *International Week of Prayer for World Peace*. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be hosting an online experience followed by a time of sharing via Zoom. Join us via our Facebook page **7:00pm Tuesday 19th October** and experience harmony in diversity. For further information see <https://www.facebook.com/TaurangaMoanaInterfaith/>

Unite against COVID-19

This Saturday, 15th October- National Day of Action to get more people vaccinated. **Vaccinating against COVID-19** -reduces the risk of the virus to you, your whānau, and your community. The more people that vaccinate the stronger we will be.

Book online at www.BookMyVaccine.nz or call the COVID Vaccination Healthline on 0800 28 29 26 to book.



The 'Get one. Give one.' Campaign has exceeded its target of \$80K!! THANK YOU for your generosity. We are able to support more than 8,700 people. But here so many more of the poorest and most vulnerable that need access to vaccines in developing

countries to become fully vaccinated against the Covid virus. You can still give at <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/get-one-give-one>



Waipuna Hospice have created Give Up to Give Back, an online shop that allows you to donate your lockdown savings towards the ongoing work of the hospice. Due to

the recent alert level changes, Waipuna Hospice has a potentially devastating loss of income and need to raise over \$94,000 per week to make up the \$4.9 million shortfall in our operating costs. Please click here to

donate <https://www.waipunahospice.org.nz/donation-shop/>



CWS appeals for Afghanistan - Afghanis urgently need food, non-food items like hygiene materials, shelter materials and healthcare. The [Afghanistan Emergency Appeal](#) will fund

mobile phone cash transfers to some of the neediest families who have fled their homes. With cash, they will be able to buy what they want and need.

Donations to the Afghanistan Emergency Appeal can be made by phone: 0800 74 73 72 or at <https://cws.org.nz/donate-now-afghanistan/>.

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