



# St George's

**Anglican Parish of Gate Pa**

*All who enter here be reconciled*

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with The Rev'd John Heberton

**Ordinary Sunday 6 Year B**



**Compassion for the Untouchable**

Welcome to worship at St. George's.  
There is morning tea after the 10am service.  
Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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Psalm 30

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First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

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Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:24-27

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Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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**Sentence:** Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones!  
Give thanks to God's holy name! *Psalm 30:4*

## **Prayer for the Day**

Exalted God,  
you care for all who suffer,  
remind us of our shared humanity,  
move us with your compassion to the outcast and lost.  
May we never turn away from those in need,  
but share with generosity and joy the love we have received.  
Through Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. 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

Here we are on the edge of Lent. Our last week in ordinary time or epiphany (depending on which calendar you are using). And we continue in Mark's faced past story. The story is moving rapidly. "Now is the time. God's kingdom has come." (Mark 1:15)

After the intimate healing of Peter's mother-in-law, and then praying in the wilderness in the night, Jesus leaves Capernaum to preach to all the towns of Galilee. Not all were healed, but his mission is to all in Galilee. On his way he encounters a man with a skin disease. It is a strange story. The translations vary – is Jesus filled with deep seated compassion or anger? It is intimate, Jesus touches the man. He encounters people face to face. And it raises all kinds of questions about what Jesus is ordering people not to tell? At the end Jesus and the man trade places and Jesus returns to the wilderness, where it all began, and the man is restored to his whanau and community and is free to enter any town he likes.

Healing stories are difficult. Many of us struggle with them. Even in the stories not everyone got healed. Those that got healed still got sick again and died. Healing was important. But it's not the point. The point was "Now is the time. God's kingdom has come. Let that blow your mind. Trust this good news." (Mark 1:15) These stories, especially those at the beginning of the gospel, set out what that kingdom looks like. They teach us about the markers of the reign of God. They teach us about who God is. In this story Mark offers "an image of a God who is compassionate; reaches out to touch us in love; is so willing and eager to embrace us in healing, forgiveness, and grace; and eagerly embraces the pain and sin of the world out of love for us, for us and the whole wide world we live in." (David Lose < <http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=1561>>)

So a question to ask for the gospel as a whole – what does this teach us about God who we meet in Jesus? How do those qualities shape our life as a community? How do we live in response? Good questions as we enter into Lent this year.

## Prayer

**Our community:** We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Oropi, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepoint, Whanau Aroha Centre, Hodgson House 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:** We pray for the people of the Clive Co-operating Parish, their Ministry Support Team and visiting clergy; The people & clergy of Holy Trinity Gisborne; Waiapu Kids te Hapara Whānau Aroha Manager & Family Services Manager.

**Our World:** we pray for the youth and children of our Province-Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

## Notices



**Home Communion meeting** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February after the 8.30am service (9.30am) in the Lounge.

**Pastoral Care meeting** - same day after the 10am service (11.30am)



**First Taizé of the New Year** : Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at St George's at 7pm. As we prepare for Lent enjoy this quiet contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France

**Mid week services** start on Tuesday 13 February – 9.30am



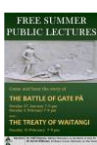
**Coffee with the Vicar:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30am at Columbus Café in Mitre 10 at Gate Pa.



**Shrove Tuesday** notice and menu on back page. There is no cost for this meal.



**Imposition of the Ashes Services** are on 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am and 6.30pm. Please bring in your palm crosses from last year by Tuesday.

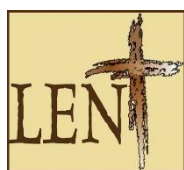


**Historical Talks: Sundays 7- 9pm in our Church**

**3. Faith as resistance: Pai Mārire & Tauranga Moana**, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February presented by Graham Cameron



**AGM Reports** need to be in by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February please, so they can be collated and out in the foyer on Sunday 3rd March ready for the AGM on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March after the one service at 9am.



**2024 Lenten Study: This is Us – Who we are as Anglicans.**

Join us after the 10am service during the 6 weeks of Lent for a time of study and reflection as we engage with our identity as Anglicans – the values that have shaped us and our way of being in the world.

A donation towards photocopying of the booklet would be appreciated. Please let the office know if you would like to join us.



**We are now gathering content for the next Parish Web.** If you have never contributed, we would welcome your input. Please send items to the office; Stories, poems, jokes, recipes, gardening tips...



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

**The Friday Parish Prayer Circle** for prayer for yourself or another, please contact Rev'd Joyce Crawford (5794363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please let them know when prayer is no longer needed.

### Service Next Week 18<sup>th</sup> February - Lent 1

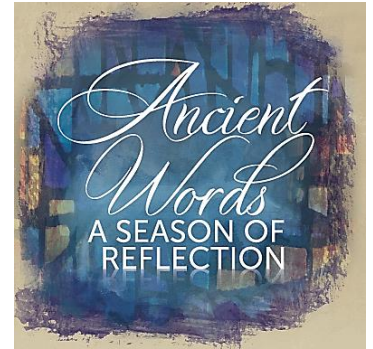
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Psalm 25:1-9

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15



### Dates to note in your Diary

- **Home Communion and Pastoral Care meetings** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February
- **Taizé** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7pm
- **Communion Service** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am
- **Coffee with the Vicar** Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am
- **Shrove Tuesday** (Pancakes!), Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 5.30pm
- **Ash Wednesday** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- **Final Lecture** 18th February with Graeme Cameron 7pm
- **Vestry meet** Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February 7pm Church Lounge
- **AGM** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March after 9am service (only 1 service held)
- **Good Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> March
- **Easter Sunday** 31<sup>st</sup> March

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***Knowing Jesus and making Jesus Known***

*SHROVE TUESDAY  
Pancake Evening  
Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm (no cost)*

*MENU:*

*Savoury pancakes with a choice of:*

- 1. Savoury chicken filling*
- 2. Mushroom filling*
- 3. Mince bolognaise filling*

*Served with a scrummy green salad*

*Dessert Pancakes:*

- 1. Traditional lemon and sugar*
- 2. Apricots and chopped nuts*
- 3. Blueberries/strawberries with maple syrup*

*Served with ice cream or cream.*



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