



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

12th February 2023 with The Rev'd John Hebenton
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea after the 10am service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Please remember to turn off your phone during the Church Service.

Liturgy 404

Psalm:	119:1-8	NZPB 338
First Reading:	Deut 30:15-20	Bible Page 163
Second Reading:	1 Cor 3:1-9	Bible Page 927
Gospel:	Matt 5:21-37	Bible Page 786

Sentence: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119:1

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you and 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

For the last few weeks we have been listening to Matthew 5 and Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. One way to read this is Jesus giving words to what he has already done and laying a theological foundation and what he will say and do for the rest of the gospel. In all this he is reminding his listeners of what Torah and the Prophets have always taught about what the Empire of Heaven looks like, what life looks like (Deuteronomy 30).

In the Beatitudes Jesus says that amongst the most important, those at the centre of the Kingdom of Heaven are those whose ongoing grinding poverty has crushed their spirits, those who mourn, and those who long for God's justice. He goes on to say that his disciples are those whose lives are shaped by this hope and who will sow the seeds of God's reign – they will be salt and light.

In Matthew Jesus wasn't doing something new. He was not replacing the old. He was fulfilling the ancient and trustworthy traditions that come from God. That is important when we read Matthew 5: 21-37. These can easily be read as Jesus offering a new law. Instead, we hear how this life, living the Reign of Heaven, does not come from obedience to rules, or even from focussing on just action. This life comes from allowing yourself to be transformed by these commandments, allowing them to change your motivations, desires and needs. This transformation allows us to see all people as honoured, created in the image of God, to be treated with care and respect; not as objects of our anger, lust and desires.

All of which invites us to ask ourselves, do we hunger and thirst for God's righteousness or something else?

Prayer

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

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. We pray for families and individuals whose lives have been devastated by the loss of their homes and belongings in the floods around Te Ika-a-Maui (the North Island) in the past two weeks.

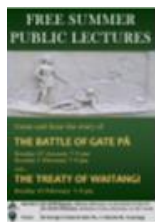
Wider Church: The people & clergy of Te Puke Parish, The Kauri Centre Manager, Growing Through Grief Coordinator; NZ Police Chaplain in Tauranga & Hawke's Bay.

Our Church: The staff and Board of Anglican Missions, who help enable global missions.

Notices

**PUB
NIGHT!**

Parish Pub Night: Friday 10th February at 5pm at Oasis Bar and Grill, corner of Chadwick and Cameron Roads. All welcome.



Pukehinahina Summer Lectures: The Last one...TONIGHT. Please promote this amongst your friends and communities. There are posters and handouts in the Church foyer.

Lecture 3. The Battles of Gate Pā- Pukehinahina and Te Ranga

Sunday 12th February 7pm-9pm, with Dr Cliff Simons



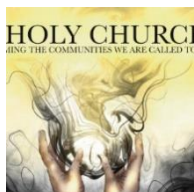
Taizé Service: St. George's Gate Pa is again offering a quiet contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France. As we enter Lent, you are invited to join us at 7pm on Sunday 19 February. There are posters in the foyer for you. We would really appreciate your help in advertising and promoting this service.

Please invite any others who might enjoy our Taizé worship.



Tuesday 21st February 2023 is Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Party time! at St George's Anglican Church Lounge 5.30pm for drinks, 6pm dinner.

Pancake Party Attendance List is in Foyer for people to sign. **Cost is \$10**, payable to the office or drop into the church plate in an envelope marked "Pancake Party" and your name. This form helps us with catering amounts.



Lenten Studies: A HOLY CHURCH – BECOMING THE COMMUNITIES WE ARE CALLED TO BE. This is a six-week bible study on living up to our calling as God's Church. Each chapter focuses on the lessons we can draw from scripture about how we should live as Christian communities. To be held from 26th Feb after the 10am service and morning tea.

Please send your contributions to the office before 15th Feb.



PARISH WEB Stories, poems, jokes, recipes, photos of happenings, gardening tips...

First Aid Course with The Red Cross on Saturday 11th March



8.30am – 5pm in the Church lounge. \$50 each. Please register with Charmaine in the office. You could save a life! 5 spaces left.

2023 Hospice Superhero Challenge: Show off your superhero spirit and honour the heroes in your lives. Whether you want to walk, run, bike, swim, or something else, it's all up to you! You can even make it a team challenge with friends and family.

If you sign up before February 12th, you'll get a free ticket to our fun walk on March 25th and a free large T-shirt (while stocks last). Plus, the registration fee is waived!

To sign up, simply head to the [2023 Superhero Challenge](#) website, choose your challenge, share it on social media, and start fundraising. You can even make it a team challenge with friends, family or coworkers. Then join us to celebrate on March 25th at Coronation Park in Mount Maunganui for a family celebration walk with music and spot prizes up for grabs.



Thanks to the people who give generously of their time to care for our gardens. They look amazing!



The Friday Parish Prayer Circle 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). Please also let them know if prayer is no longer needed.

This week in the Parish:

Sunday 12th 7pm Lecture 3 in the Church
 Tuesday 14th Feb 9.30am Communion Service
 Sunday 19th Feb 8.30am & 10am Holy Communion Service
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Service Next Week 19th February 2023 8th Sunday Ordinary Time

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 Psalm: 119:33-40
 First Reading: Lev 19:1-2, 9-18
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23
 Gospel: Matt 5:38-48

The best way to get even is to **forgive** as you have been **been forgiven.**

Dates To Note in your Diary

- **Taizé Service:** Sunday 19th February 7 pm
- **Shrove Tuesday:** Tuesday 21st February - Pancakes
- **Ash Wednesday:** 22nd February 9.30am & 6.30 pm Service
- **Vestry Meet:** 22nd February 7pm in the Lounge
- **AGM:** Sunday 12th March after the 9am service

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