



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

13th September 2020 with Rev'd John Hebenton tssf
OT24 and 2nd Sunday in the Season of Creation



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

Service: 456 NZPB

Psalm 139: 1, 7-11

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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:

Exodus 14:19-31

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Second Reading:

Romans 5: 12-17

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Gospel:

Matthew 18:21-35

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Sentence: If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord,
who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may
be revered.

Psalm 130.34

Prayer for the Day

O God, the ground of being,

Who formed this world and all creation,

we celebrate your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation,
especially in the soil, the fields, and the land.

Help us to empathise with your creatures who are suffering.

Lift our spirits to rejoice with the land,

the flowers of the field

and all the creatures of the countryside.

through Jesus Christ our liberator

who took on our flesh,

and with you and the Holy Spirit,

lives and reigns, forever and ever.

Amen.

Theme:

Last week we explored how the Season of Creation is an annual opportunity to stop and take stock of our relationship with God's creation and climate change. We read again the vision of the Kingdom of Heaven, God's reign of justice and peace for all, found in the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. This year we are gathering in our homes because of the far-reaching effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic which is a symptom of this broken relationship. In too many places the ones paying the heaviest price are the poorest and most vulnerable. This last year has revealed the need for just and sustainable systems built on God's compassion, generosity, and justice. We are invited to yearn for the moral imagination that accompanies both the beatitudes and the Year of Jubilee. Last week we were invited to celebrate the Forests of the earth, and this week the theme is Land. In an article exploring the sacredness and goodness of creation as affirmed in scripture, Barbara Rossing talks about the wonder of astronauts as they saw Earth for the first time from space, and their grief on recent visits as they saw the vastly reduced ice caps, the scars on the land from the felling of forests for short term economic gain, and the brown water fanning out to sea filled with irreplaceable soil. She concludes, "God's love for creation in Genesis 1 invites us to explore complex ethical questions, to listen to one another, and to take bold, prophetic action to care for the whole of creation as our neighbour. Creation is endangered by human sin, as astronauts are seeing. "How good!" expresses God's love for each element of creation. That love that sees the earth in all its brokenness and beauty is the same love that compels us to act today."¹

Prayer

Our community - We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, The Lakes and Merivale, especially for those badly affected by Covid-19, either through the death of a loved one, ill-health, or changes to employment. We pray for all those seeking to bring healing and hope, particularly health workers and organisations like Te Tuinga Whanau, and Foodbank.

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: The people of the *Southern Hawke's Bay Parish* & their clergy; The people of the *Central Hawke's Bay Parish* & their Clergy; and the people of the *Woodville LSM Parish* & their *Ministry Support Team*.

Wider Church: Today we pray for all Mission Agencies around the world and give thanks for the amazing work they do.

¹ And God Saw That it was Good: Reflections on Theology of Creation by Barbara R. Rossing

Notices:

OUT NOW: Please collect your copy and any others you may be able to deliver (saves on postage).



PARISH WEB Tauranga Community Foodbank need donations. With church closed, you may like to donate on-line via their web site.

Please donate online: <https://taurangafoodbank.co.nz/> During Level 2 Foodbank will still be operating as we have been so far.



St George's Art Show - Friday 9th & Saturday 10th October
Tickets on Sale NOW: \$25.00 per person (includes beverages and finger food)

Mark these dates in your diaries. The Social Committee has been working hard on planning for St George's very first Art Exhibition as the major fundraiser for this year. We are also supporting Awhina House with a portion of all sales going to this very worthwhile community initiative. Over 30 professional and amateur artists - Friday night is our Gala evening 7.00pm-9:30 pm. There will be refreshments provided by Happy Puku catering, raffles, and a Mystery Auction, plus a chance to get your glad rags on! Tickets are \$25 from the office, selling soon.



We will now meet on **22nd Sept.** if we are in level 1. Vicar John Hebenton will take an AAW service for us In the Church and Faye Mayo and Patsy Arlidge will be guest speakers, giving us an insight into The Lions Club they belong to. We will also have our bring and buy sales table, raffle, and afternoon tea. If we are unable to meet we will miss September altogether.

Online services only will continue until further notice and/or we are back in Level 1. Our facilities are also closed to outside groups. The parish office will remain open.



Lay Ministry Licences – For the process to continue, would those who have not completed their forms, drop them into the office or email to Patricia. I also require the original certificate from 3 years ago being returned.



In Honour of St. Francis of Assisi - A next Taizé Service of Song, Prayer and Contemplation will be held on **Sunday 4th October at 7.00pm.**, if we are in Level One.

This week in the Parish:

Monday 14th September Praying together then stay safe

Tuesday 15th September Praying together then stay safe

Wednesday 16th September Praying together then stay safe

Thursday 17th September Praying together then stay safe

Friday 18th September Praying together then stay safe

Saturday 19th September Praying together then stay safe

Sunday **20th September** online service on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/GatePaAnglican/> , or on YouTube at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA

Followed by **zoom morning tea**– Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88100362839> - Meeting ID: 881 0036

Service Next Week 20th Sept (OS25)

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Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

Second Reading: Phil 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



Dates to note in your Diary:

- Blessing of the Animals 4th October
- Art Show 9th /10th October
- Week of Prayer for World Peace 11th – 18th October
- All Souls (All Saints) 1st November
- Carol Service 20th December

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