



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

15th January 2023 with **The Rev'd Debbie Garrett**
Epiphany 2 Year A



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea in the church lounge after the service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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

Liturgy 456

Psalm: 40:1-11

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First Reading: Isa 49:1-7

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Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-9

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Gospel: John 1:29-42

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Sentence: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9

Prayer for the Day

God for whom we long,

you know what each one of us is looking for.

You sent your Son Jesus to help us find your way.

enable us to respond to his invitation to come and see,

so that we may truly hear him and follow him.

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.

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

The theme of God's faithfulness and God's call is repeated in this morning's readings from Isaiah and John's Gospel. We are reminded as Christians when we read these passages that our calling is to be servants of God and to live the life Christ has given us. We are called to be the light to the world and to share the good news of God's love in Christ Jesus to everyone. It's not an easy task. Mainstream denominations all around the world are struggling with dwindling numbers attending church services. Covid has caused some people to stay away, but the drop off has been happening for decades. We seem to have lost the way – the ability to say “come and see”. Andrew, firstly a disciple of John the Baptist and then a disciple of Jesus introduced his brother Simon to Jesus. “We have found the Messiah – come and see!” Andrew was a man with a missionary heart and spent his life introducing others to friendship with Jesus. The best way to share our faith, if we are ever asked, is simply to say how friendship with Jesus has changed our lives.

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, Pyes Pa Country Lodge.

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.

Our Church: The people and Clergy of the Taradale parish. The people of the Waikohu Co-operating Parish and their Ministry Support Team & visiting clergy support.

Our World: The women in Aotearoa New Zealand and from our Church Province who provide endless support for overseas mission.

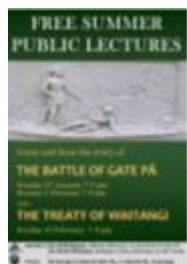
Notices



To the St. George's Singers – thank you for your preparation and presentation of a beautiful selection of carols. If you have not already done so, please remove the music from the folder and then return both to Bonnie or the office.



The Parish Picnic is on Sunday 29th January after the 9am service. All welcome – further details to follow shortly.



Pukehinahina Summer Lectures:

We are again offering a series of talks/lectures this summer.

The Northern War 1845-46

Sunday 22nd January, 7pm with Dr Cliff Simons

Treaty of Waitangi: He Tatau Pounamu-viewing the Treaty through a reconciliatory lens

Sunday, 29th January 7pm with Dr. Alistair Reese

The Battles of Gate Pā- Pukehinahina and Te Ranga

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

ROSTERS

The roster is in the foyer for the five 9am services throughout January 2023. Please add your name if you can assist.



Altar Guild: Your new roster has been emailed to you and there is a paper copy in the foyer. Thank you for your care of our place.



The Friday Parish Prayer Circle will continue to pray over the holiday period. 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).



First Taizé of the New Year : Sunday 19th February at St George's - a contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France.



PARISH WEB Contributions now being welcomed by the office.



First Aid Course with The Red Cross on Saturday 11th March 8.30am – 5pm in the Church lounge. Details to follow.

Summer Together

During January there will be **one** Sunday service at **9am** followed by morning tea.

No Tuesday morning Communion during January.
8.30am and 10am church services will resume from
Sunday 5th February 2023

Service Next Week 22nd January 2023 Epiphany 3 One service only at 9am

The Rev'd John Hebenton

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Psalm: 27:1,4-9

First Reading: Isa 9:1-4

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



Dates To Note in your Diary

- **Vestry Meet:** January 25th, 7pm Church lounge
- **Parish Picnic:** January 29th after 9am service
- **Lecture Series:** January 22nd & 29th, February 12th
- **Taizé Service:** Sunday 19th February 7 pm
- **Shrove Tuesday:** Tuesday 21st February
- **Ash Wednesday:** 22nd February

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