



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

15th March 2020 with **The Rev'd John Hebenton**
Lent 3



There is morning tea in the church lounge after the 9.30am Service.
Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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Psalm: Psalm: 95

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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 17:1-7 Bible Page 8

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 Bible Page 917

Gospel: John 4:5-42 Bible Page 864

Sentence: God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5.8

Prayer for the Day

Fountain of life,

We your desert wanderers come to you
thirsty and parched.

Become in us a spring of living water,
bubbling and brimming over to eternal life,

in the power of the Holy Spirit

and through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with us 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 for the Week

Bill Loader¹ describes this morning gospel reading as a wonderful piece of drama with many levels of meaning. “As always in John its central character is God and God’s gift of life through the invitation to live in the holy space of love, the true worship in the Spirit, which is also the living space of the Father and the Son. That love, embodied, cuts across racial and cultural prejudice, affirms women, engages and loves sinners. In a man’s world a woman is the supreme example, exercising ministry, but doing so with the fragility and hesitancy and perhaps inadequacy which happens when ordinary human beings engage in ministry. That is also cutting across a prejudice of perfectionism with which we plague ourselves. The fruit of such faithfulness is the setting free of others from what binds them (including us). It is bringing to birth and caring with that as the goal. The stereotype, Nicodemus, the teacher, will not see this either.”

I wonder how this unnamed Samaritan woman, pushed to the edge by everyone but Jesus speaks to us this Lent?

Prayer

Our community - We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We pray for those who live without hope, and all those who seek to bring your hope. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepoin, Whanau Aroha Centre 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. We especially pray for any others you hold in your hearts.

Our Church: Today we pray for the people of the Taupō Parish & their clergy: Jenny Chalmers (Vicar), The people of the Turangi Co-operating Parish & their Ministry Support Team members and the people of the Reporoa Co-operating Parish.

Wider Church: Today we pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) and its work in development, training and resource sharing of its international members: American Indians, Indigenous Alaskans, Canadians, and Hawaiians, along with Maori, Australia Aboriginals and Torres Strait islanders.

NOTICES:



There will only be **ONE service next** Sunday 22nd March at **9.00am** and the AGM will follow morning tea. **The AGM Report books will be emailed out and available in the church foyer for parishioners to read beforehand.**

¹ <http://www.staff.murdoch.edu.au/~loader/MtLent3.htm>

Lenten Studies: This year our Lenten studies will be exploring **Life in the Garden**. In a world sensitive to changing climate and consequential challenges concerning care of God's creation, these studies offer inspiration to action as well as illumination of God's message to the church today. From 11.30 – 12.30 you are invited to attend a discussion in the lounge. The practices to be covered are: **The First Garden, Life Outside the Garden, The Promised Land, Exiled from the Garden, The Blessings of the Land, From Death to Life in the Garden**

Nomination forms for Church positions of People's Warden, Parish Vestry, Alternative Synod Representative, Regional Representative, are in the church foyer and close today. They need to be in to the office by **Sunday 15th March** please.



2020 Lenten Appeal. Please use the envelopes to donate to the Anglican Missions Appeal. This year it will support:

- The Penman Medical Centre in Zababdeh
- The Jerusalem princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities
- Roofing churches in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania

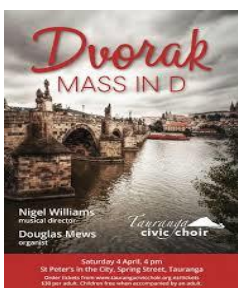


Lay Learning Days in March 2020 - Theme: Mission – what does this mean for us? Bay of Plenty: Friday 27 March – Holy Trinity Tauranga
Saturday 28 March – St Barnabas Ngongotaha
9.30am-2.30pm, BYO lunch. (Begins with tea/coffee)

All lay people are very welcome to come along. Attendance is required for those with a Lay Ministry Licence (of whatever type).



Parish Coffee Meet: Tuesday 24th, at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us at Le Chat Noir, Chadwick Road, Greerton. Any queries or need transport - please phone Ainsley (Ph: 579-5172)



The Tauranga Civic Choir is presenting a late afternoon concert of the wonderful music composed by Dvorak for his Mass in D. The choir is accompanied on the organ by Douglas Mews.

The concert is at 4.00 pm at St Peter's in the City, Spring Street on **Saturday 4th April**. Tickets available at \$25 from Bonnie, Ann, Carole or Vaughan. Also available at the door for \$30. Children free when

accompanied by an adult.



John is looking for people who have ideas for a 5th Sunday interactive service, Palm Sunday or Good Friday. If any would like to meet on Tuesday 24th March at 12 noon, after the coffee meet

This week in the Parish: 16th March – 22nd March

Monday	16 th March	
Tuesday	17 th March	9.30am Holy Communion Service
Wednesday	18 th March	Vestry Meet 7pm St. George's Lounge
Thursday	19 th March	
Friday	20 th March	9.30am Prayer Group
Sunday	22 nd March	9.30am Holy Communion Services

AGM MEETING AFTER 9.00AM SERVICE

Service Next Week 22ND March – Lent 4

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Psalm: 23

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



Dates to note in your Diary

- **Vestry** Wednesday 18th March, 7pm, St George's Lounge
- **Parish Coffee Meet:** Tuesday 24th at 10.30am at Le Chat Noir
- **Meeting to organise 29th March, Palm Sunday and Good Friday** – 12 noon
- **Taizé Service,** 7pm Sunday 5th April

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