



# St George's

**Anglican Parish of Gate Pa**

*All who enter here be reconciled*

16th August 2020

with **Rev'd John Hebenton tssf OT20**



Worship This Sunday

10am Holy Eucharist will be broadcast live via Zoom and pre-recorded via You Tube

**Service: 476 NZPB**

Psalm: 67: 1-7

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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-

Genesis 45:1-15

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Psalm-

Psalm 67: 1-7

Gospel-

Matthew 15:21-28

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**Sentence:** Thus, says the Lord, maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

*Isaiah 56.1*

## **Prayer for the Day**

God of compassion,  
you love every person without exception.

Turn our hearts so that we may love our neighbour.

Remove from us everything we use to exclude our sisters and brothers.

Guard the door of our lips so that what we say may be worthy of our calling  
as your people.

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

It is hard to know what to write this week. Life has suddenly become very uncertain. It is hard to even know what church will look like. And in all that I am supposed to come up with a theme. Maybe the theme this week is learning to live in God in all this uncertainty. And we have two sources of help in this week's readings.

The first (Matthew 15: 10-28), is the Canaanite woman who out taught the Teacher. This story looks back to when Jesus taught about the abundance of God in feeding the 5000+. It begins with Jesus teaching his disciples that the important thing about actions is not whether we are obeying external rules for a perceived reward, but what they reveal about our hearts. Who we are is more important than what we do. And then Jesus goes into Gentile-land where he is confronted by one of the locals whose heart is full of faith. She is not a Jew. She does not behave properly. She is unclean. But she knows who Jesus is and needs his help. Out of her heart filled with persistent and unwavering caring for her daughter she confronts Jesus with her persistent and unwavering trust that he could help her she. And many would say she taught him that there is more than enough grace for both the House of Israel and those seen as dogs.

The Psalm (67) takes this a little further. It invites us to be people who know God's abundant blessing. We do not earn this blessing. we simply are invited to receive it. Even in these uncertain and hard times, God's gracious activity is all around us. So, let us be like that un-named women and be persistent and unwavering in knowing we are blessed. May we be icons of God's ongoing blessing and help all we meet know that they too are blessed.

## 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. We especially pray for any others you hold in your hearts.

**Our Church:** Today we pray for the people of the *Te Puke Parish* & their clergy: Ruth Dewdney (Vicar), Retired: Doug St George, Ruth St George.

**Wider Church:** Today we pray for the mission in New Zealand. We also pray for those who lead the Anglican Church in our region.

## Notices

PLEASE REMEMBER...

- you may wish to use a non-contact method to share the peace
- that communion is complete in one kind (intinction – dipping of wafer into wine – is not permitted).
- do not come to church if you are unwell
- good personal hygiene remains highly important: washing your hands frequently, use hand sanitiser, cough into your elbow.



**Lay Ministry Licences** - the licences have expired but these will stand until the new process is completed. Please return your form a.s.a.p. to the office.



**Duty Rosters for 9.30am September/October is out in the foyer.** If you see a blank space and can assist, please put your name forward. Many hands make light work!



**Art Show: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October** – A donation towards the purchase of wine for the Gala night will be appreciated.

**Bishop's Announcement** – I have pleasure to announce the Rev'd Alan Burnett has accepted the position of Vicar of the Parish of Taradale. Alan is currently the School Chaplain at Hereworth School in Havelock North and, together with his wife Hayley and young son Isaiah, is looking forward to moving to Taradale.



**Adult Beanies!** Calling all knitters: The Seafarers Mission again need large beanies, preferably in darker colours, for the men and women who work on the ships.

Another quarter has whizzed by and I need new material for our September Web. *Spring is in the Air*, so anything you as a parishioner or something that pertains to our parish in song, poem, artwork, book, or film “springs” to mind, would be fantastic. Have you been somewhere memorable when it was Springtime? Email or drop your articles into the office before 29<sup>th</sup> August please.



**PARISH WEB**

*He has made  
everything beautiful  
in its time.*

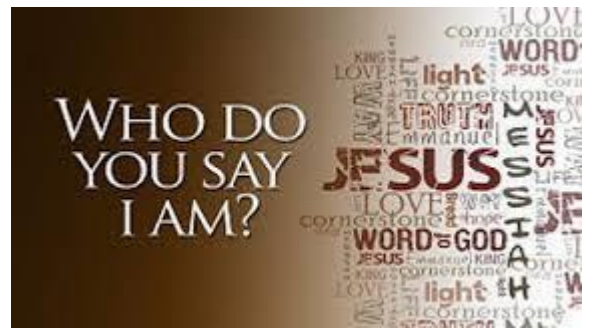
ecclesiastes 3:11

## This week in the Parish:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am Holy Communion  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 9.30am Morning Prayer  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 8.00am & 9.30am Holy Communion

## Service Next Week 24<sup>th</sup> August (OS21)

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Psalm 124  
First Reading: Exodus 1-8-2:10  
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



## Dates to note in your Diary:

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

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