



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

16th February 2020 - The Rev'd John Heberton tssf



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea in the church lounge after the 9.30am service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Service: 404 NZPB

Psalm:	119:1-8	NZPB Page 338
First Reading:	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Bible Page 163
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 3: 1-9	Bible Page 927
Gospel:	Matthew 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.

Please keep this time quiet for those who are praying

Theme

For the last few weeks we have been immersed in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. It is set right at the beginning of Jesus ministry, and is important for the rest of what Matthew offer. In it Jesus offers a theological foundation both for what he has done so far, and what he will say and do for the rest of the gospel. He begins by inviting his disciples to imagine an entirely different world from the one they were looking out on, and from what we experience. A world where the measure of who is deemed important, notable, eminent and influential was not the rich, the powerful, the high born; but the wretched, despised, and the meek. He goes on to say that when we live this, we will become salt and light, helping bring in the kingdom of heaven or the long-promised reign of God.

That last line is important. 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. But he has just said that he has not come to replace, and instead invites us to go beyond the words and literal reading of the law and the prophets and to wrestle with the intention - the heart of the matter. This is what happens when we apply the beatitudes to the law and prophets. We are invited into God's deepest desire for humanity and how we live with each other and all creation. This is not rule keeping but loving relationships where all thrive. What do you want to say in response?

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 Centrepont, 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, and any others you hold in your hearts currently.

Our Church: Today we pray for the people of the Te Puke Parish & their clergy: Ruth Dewdney (Vicar).

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

Notices:



Pastoral Care meeting this Sunday 16th February



It is now time to return your last year's Palm Crosses for recycling into Ashes. Basket in the foyer for your returns.



Please note that the Lounge carpets are being cleaned on **Tuesday 18th** (next Tuesday) therefore access to the office should be through the Parish Office door on Church Street side of building. Thank you



First Taizé of the New Year – Sunday 23rd February, 7pm Join us for a quiet contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community.



Parish Coffee Meet: The first coffee get together for 2020 will be at the Whipped Baker (Historic Village) at 10.30am on Tuesday, **February 25th**. Everyone is very welcome. See you there.

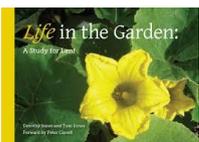


Tuesday 25th February 2020 is Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Party time! at St George's Anglican Church Lounge at **5.30pm for the meal starting at 6pm.**

\$7.00 per person. This year we will be having a selection of hot and cold fillings, sweet and savoury, for you to stuff your own pancakes. All food & drink supplied. To help with catering please fill in **The Attendance List**–in the Foyer. The **\$7**, payable to the office or drop into the church plate in an envelope marked “Pancake Party” and your name.



Ash Wednesday 26th February: We will hold our Imposition of Ashes Service at 9.30am, and there will be an ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's Catholic Church, Cameron Rd, at **7pm.**



Lenten Studies - *Life: In the Garden* - Our Lenten Study Group will commence after 9.30am service on **Sunday 1st March Lent 1. Lent Study Books** available now from office: A donation towards the cost of the book please would be appreciated.



Book Borrowing: There will be a bookcase in the lounge after Sunday services, with a selection of John's books for you to borrow.

Titoki Retreat

A two-day Retreat, on a Friday and Saturday, is being planned for parishioners at Titoki near Whakatane. Facilities are: 10 rooms with shared bathroom for \$115, 5 ensuite rooms at \$130 or \$195 for a couple; meals included per night. The possible dates are: March 27th & 28th, or April 24th & 25th or May 1st & 2nd.

A list is in the office for people to register their interest. Registrations of interest will close **Sunday 1st March**. We will take the dates that the majority select. If you would like to see the facilities offered go to their website www.tioki.org.nz. Any further questions please contact Faye Mayo, Peoples' Warden, or see me at church. 5433369 fayemayo06@gmail.com

This week in the Parish:

Monday 17th Feb

Tuesday 18th Feb 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 19th Feb Vestry

Thursday 20th Feb

Friday 21st Feb 9.30am Prayer Group 9.30am

Sunday 23rd Feb 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion Service

Service Next Week 23rd February

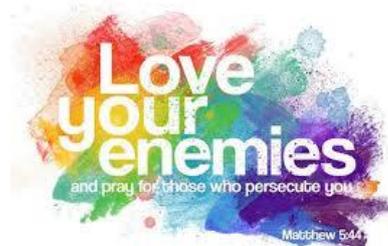
Ordinary Sunday 7

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



Dates to note in your Diary

- **Gate Pa Gala Day on 23 Feb, at Anzac Park from 1-4pm**
- **Taizé Service** on 23rd February at 7pm
- **Coffee Meet** - Tuesday 25th February 10.30 at Whipped Baker
- **Shrove Tuesday** - 25th February-Pancake Party - 5.30 in the Lounge
- **Ash Wednesday** 26th February 9.30am at St. Georges
 - Ecumenical Service at St. Mary's at 7pm
- **Lenten Studies:** 1st March after 9.30am service
- **AGM Meeting,** Sunday 22nd March after 9am Service (only 1 service held)

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