



St. George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pā

All who enter here be reconciled

17th September 2023 OS24 Year A
with The Rev'd Adrienne Bruce



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea after the 10am service. Please join us.

Visitors are very welcome.

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Psalm: 114

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First Reading: Exodus 14: 19-31

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Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

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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

God of infinite mercy
grant that we who know your pity
may rejoice in your forgiveness
and gladly forgive others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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: Forgiveness – easy or hard?

One of the key actions, common to every human being, is the challenge to be forgiving. And that is not always easy.

I used to say to my children, when they did something unkind to each other, that they needed to say 'sorry'. This they would do sometimes, even if somewhat begrudgingly, but being human, not always.

And there were occasions when I caught myself telling them, 'sorry means you won't do it again'. I must have taught them well – the other day I heard my daughter saying the same thing to her daughter!

But saying sorry and forgiving goes much deeper than the words, doesn't it? And how realistic was I that they 'wouldn't do it again'.

Today's theme calls us to dig deeper. It calls us to understand, firstly how we work as human beings, and then how other people – those we need to forgive - work too. And where God fits in.

Jesus' invitation to us to learn the process of forgiveness reminds us that it is not about counting. He puts it graphically – but what does it say about us if we kept count and after forgiving someone 490 times we then say, sorry buddy this is 491 and I am not forgiving you anymore! Who would we really be harming? Yet God still offers us forgiveness.

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Oropi, Pyes Pa, the Lakes and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha, Hodgson House.

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: We pray for RSA (Mt. Maunganui); RNZAF; Training Ship Chatham Sea Cadets (Tauranga) Chaplain; Anglican Financial Care – Te Maru Mihinare: Board & staff.

Wider Church: We pray for mission in Aotearoa New Zealand and for those who lead the Anglican Church in our Province.

Notices



Daylight saving starts next Sunday 24th September at 2am. So when you go to bed on Saturday night, put your clocks FORWARD 1 hour.



Giving envelopes: We can no longer find anyone who can print giving envelopes so from now on you need to use a plain white envelope. The office has some if you need them. Don't forget to write your number on it if you use your own 😊



We are now gathering content for the next Parish Web. If you have never contributed, we would welcome your input. Please send items to the office; Stories, poems, jokes, recipes, photos of events, gardening tips... This will be our final Web of the year, published just before Advent.

ROSTERS

Thank you to those who have put their name on the roster to assist at the Sunday services. You can find the roster in the Church foyer each Sunday morning or give Charmaine a call in the office 075787916



Together in Prayer during the week- You continue to be invited to join in praying at 9.30 each morning in our own places. You can use the gospel readings from the Lectionary or the readings are emailed out and posted on Facebook and our website weekly.



Food for the Foodbank: Non-perishable items are gratefully accepted, thank you.



The Friday Parish Prayer Circle for prayer for yourself or another, please contact Rev'd Joyce Crawford (5794363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please let them know when prayer is no longer needed.

This coming week at St George's

Tuesday 19th Sept 9.30am Holy Communion

Wed 20th Sept Vestry meets by ZOOM 7pm

Sunday 24th Sept 8.30 and 10am Holy Communion Services.

Service Next Week 24th Sept (OS25)

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Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-15

Second Reading: Phil: 21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16



Dates to Note in your Diary

Vestry Meets 20th September 7pm ZOOM

Sea Sunday 15th October

All Souls (All Saints) 5th November

Blessing of the Animals 19th November

Taize 3rd December

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