



# St George's

**Anglican Parish of Gate Pa**

*All who enter here be reconciled*

18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with The Rev'd John Hebenton

**LENT 1 Year B**



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 25:1-10**

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First Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17

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Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:18-22

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Gospel:

Mark 1:9-15

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**Sentence:** The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1:15*

**Prayer for the Day**

God of Heaven and Earth,  
descend on us, we pray,  
in this season of Lent;  
strengthen us in the face of temptation  
so we may proclaim the Good News and reveal your kingdom.  
Through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer,  
who is alive and reigns with you and 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

Lent has begun! And like every year our gospel reading is Jesus being tested in the wilderness. Mark's version is brief. Jesus is baptised. He hears a voice declaring him to be God's son, the Beloved. The heavens are ripped open and the Spirit descends like a divebombing dove and possesses him, casting him out into the wilderness. Here the Satan tests him. What kind of "son of god" will Jesus be? Like King David, or the emperor Tiberius? Both are sons of god. Or maybe something else. That is what this time in the wilderness is about for Jesus. A test of identity that will shape how he lives out that call for the rest of the Gospel. What of the Divine nature will be revealed in what he says and does?

Lent is offered as a similar time for us. A time in the wilderness to begin again living into being beloved children of God. Last week we used 4 words to describe Jesus and talked about what they revealed about God for us. Now we are asked "What of the divine nature is revealed in us?" How do we live that out?

## Do you want to fast this Lent?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

➡ [pietrafitness.com](http://pietrafitness.com)

## Prayer

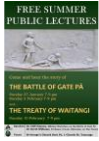
**Our community:** We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Oropi, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha Centre, Hodgson House and Merivale Community Centre.

**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 at this time.

**Our Church:** We pray for the people & clergy of Holy Trinity Parish in Tauranga and Waipaoa Parish.

**Our World:** We pray for the mission agencies that we work with in Aotearoa NZ and around the world, giving thanks for the inspiring work they do.

## Notices

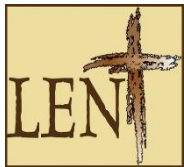


**Historical Talks: TONIGHT Sunday 7- 9pm in our Church**

**3. Faith as resistance: Pai Mārire & Tauranga Moana**, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February presented by Graham Cameron



**AGM Reports** need to be in by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February please, so they can be collated and out in the foyer on Sunday 3rd March. The AGM is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March after the one service at 9am.



**2024 Lenten Study: This is Us – Who we are as Anglicans.**

Join us after the 10am service during the 6 weeks of Lent for a time of study and reflection as we engage with our identity as Anglicans – the values that have shaped us and our way of being in the world.

A donation towards photocopying of the booklet would be appreciated.

Please let the office know if you would like to join us.

**2024 Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal:** This year they are supporting projects in **Uganda and The Middle East**. Go to this website and copy in the link to donate: [www.anglicanmissions.org.nz](http://www.anglicanmissions.org.nz) or through Internet Banking to the Anglican Missions Bank Account: **02-0585-0001796-00** Please write the name of the project you wish to support in the Reference field of your internet banking donation. They also ask that you email [accounts@anglicanmissions.org.nz](mailto:accounts@anglicanmissions.org.nz) so they can send you a tax credit receipt.



**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, gardening tips... Send to Charmaine [admin.gatepa@waiapu.com](mailto:admin.gatepa@waiapu.com) or drop into office.



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



**Small cardboard boxes and cylinders**

Bonnie is collecting for craft at school. Please save any small boxes, toilet rolls and paper towel cylinders or similar and bring to church.

There will be a box in the foyer. 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.

**World Day of Prayer Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.** The theme for the World Day of Prayer 2024 **Bear With One Another in Love**” (Ephesians 4:1-3). Written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women which calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. <https://worlddayofprayer.net>

### **This week in the Parish:**

**Sunday 18th February** Lenten Studies start after 10am Service  
(Koha) All Welcome.

**Sunday 18th February** Final Lecture 7pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** Holy Communion 9.30am

**Wednesday 21st February** Vestry meet 7pm Lounge

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** 8.30am and 10am Holy Communion Service  
Lenten Study after morning tea in the Lounge

### **Service Next Week 25<sup>th</sup> February - Lent 2**

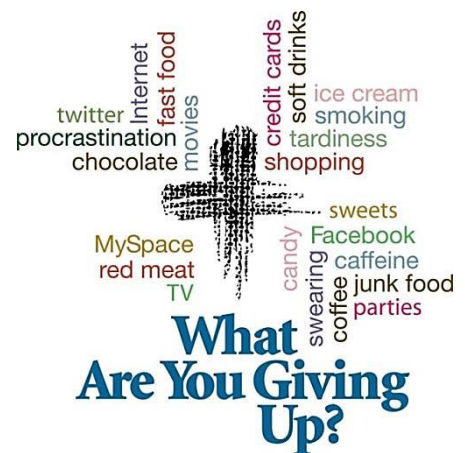
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Psalm 22:23-31

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



### **Dates to note in your Diary**

- **Final Lecture** 18th February with Graeme Cameron 7pm
- **Vestry meet** Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February 7pm Church Lounge
- **AGM** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March after 9am service (only 1 service held)
- **Good Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> March
- **Easter Sunday** 31<sup>st</sup> March

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