



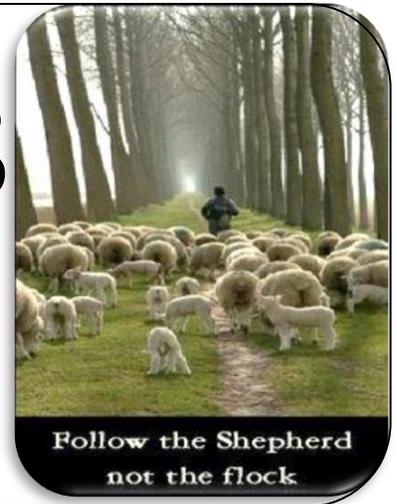
St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

18th July 2021

with **Rev'd Debbie Garrett**



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

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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Sentence: As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. *Mark 6.34*

Prayer for the Day

Eternal God,
author of our life and end of our pilgrimage;
guide us by your word and Spirit
amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
but may run our course in safety
until we come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 89:20-37

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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: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

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Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

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Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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All are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Prayers and anointing for healing are available during communion in the chapel, at the back of the church.

Theme for the Week

This week's Gospel is composed of two passages linked by their similar content: the story of Jesus and the apostles going away to a deserted place for some time on their own, but being interrupted by the crowds with their great needs. And the story of the crowds coming to Jesus in Gennesaret for healing.

Between these two passages, Mark tells the stories of the feeding of the five thousand and Jesus walking on water. Mark uses stories within stories quite frequently! In this case, he ties together stories of Jesus' teaching and healing ministry with an account of his providing bread – a story with eucharistic overtones.

I guess that we have all felt like the disciples may have felt – hurried and harried and overtaken by interruptions. Maybe also we have felt like the people who came to Jesus sick in body and sick in spirit – in desperate need of Jesus' healing touch.

Teaching, feeding and healing show Jesus' concern for people's physical and spiritual welfare, providing a model for ministry that has served the church well through the centuries. Word and sacrament constitute the core of our ministry – but bread and blankets are almost as important!

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, Oropi and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha Centre, Hodgson House, Pyes Pa Country Lodge 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 and any others you hold in your hearts at this time.

Our Church: Today we pray for the people and clergy of the Whakatane Co-operating Parish.

Our World: Today we pray for the people of Egypt and North Africa and the Horn of Africa. Please remember to pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem and the people of Gaza.

Notices

Next Sunday - **ONE morning service only at 9.00am**



Join us at Taizé on Sunday 25 July at 7pm for a quiet, candle lit, contemplative service.



Parish Coffee Meet: Tuesday July 27th 10:30am. This month we are meeting at Le Chat Noir in Greerton, All welcome. Phone Ainsley if you need a lift. (579 5172)



Meeting to organise the St. George's Day service. **Sunday 1 August** after the 9.30 service



AAW ladies have been invited to join the AAW ladies at St John's Church, Otumoetai, meeting at **12.00 noon 13th July**. There is an entry fee of \$10.00 which covers the cost of a soup and rolls lunch, a lucky chair number, donation to Overseas and Outreach and entertainment. There is a 3-prize draw raffle at \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00. We will be car-pooling once numbers are known and any new members are welcome to join us.

Blossom Festival Market Day: *Saturday 25th September from 9am until noon.* Centrepark carpark as part of the Greerton Blossom Festival. Contributions will be accepted for good quality books, bric-a-brac, clothing & accessories, toys, games, furniture, cakes, produce and sweets. Donations of sugar and jars would help with jam and preserve making. There will be a carton in the foyer for these. More information will come nearer the time. Thank you, the Fundraising committee.



Tauranga Civic Choir presents WINTER WARMERS - a miscellany of music for a winter's afternoon. Saturday 24th July, 2:30pm, Otumoetai Baptist Church, Otumoetai Road, Tauranga. Tickets: \$20. Door sales: Cash only - no EFTPOS. School aged children free if accompanied by an adult.

Volunteer Hospital Chaplaincy Assistant Training 2021 – to join those who offer a vital part of the hospital chaplaincy ministry. A new comprehensive training programme to equip those interested is beginning in September 2021. If interested in engaging in this ministry, please see John.

This week in the Parish:

Monday	19 th July
Tuesday	20 st July 9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday	21 st July
Thursday	22 nd July
Friday	23 rd July
Sunday	25 ^h July One Service only at 9.00am Holy Communion 7pm Taize service

Service Next Week 25th July (OS17)

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Psalm 14

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Ephesian 3:14-21

Gospel: John 6:1-21

Dates to note in your Diary:

- **One service at 9am on Sunday 25 July**
- **Taizé on Sunday 25 July at 7pm**
- **Parish Coffee Meet 2pm, Tuesday 27th July, Le Chat Noir**
- **Vestry Meeting – Wednesday 28th July at St George's**
- **St George's Day celebration, Sunday 15th August**
- **SPCA Animal Blessing Service - 10th October 2021**

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