



St George's Anglican Parish of Gate Pa



All who enter here be reconciled

19th April 2020 with **The Rev'd John Hebenton & Bonnie Hebenton as Preacher**
LOW SUNDAY

There is a Zoom morning tea after the 9.30am Service.

Please join us, using this link code from 10.30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88100362839>

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Psalm: 16

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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: Acts 2:14, 22-32

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sentence

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1.3

Prayer for the Day

God of mystery,

you affirm our right to question

what we find hard to know.

Grant us the maturity of faith

that knows when to question

and when to trust.

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.

Theme for the Week

The gospel readings this week and for today are all about Jesus' encounters with his disciples after his resurrection. Jesus is constantly reassuring everyone and helping them put aside their fear and anxiety. He keeps saying, "Peace be with you." This is an important reassurance for all of us in the midst of a pandemic, and our current isolation from one another.

God has given us peace John 14:27 My peace I leave you, my peace I give you and it is ours to claim at any time. But, just like the disciples, we can easily be overwhelmed and not feel at peace at all. Being at peace is something we can practice. Now seems to be a good time to get in some practice! **Amen**

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 Centrepoint, 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. We especially pray for any others you hold in your hearts at this time.

Our Church: Today we pray for the Parish of Whakatane & their clergy: Linda King, Superintending Minister, Tessa Keene (p), Jim Greenaway (p), Philippa Hales (d). Retired: Olwen Fitzgerald, Robert Bru re

Wider Church: Today we pray for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

NOTICES:

Patricia is still working from home during these weeks of lock down. You can ring the parish office and leave a message. The phone system in the office will send the message through immediately to her computer. Or you can email her at admin.gatepa@waiapu.com. Her personal mobile is 021 0292 1498.

John is also working from home. You can contact him on 021679202, or by emailing john.hebenton@waiapu.com.

Phone contact - Hopefully everyone has been rung now. If you would like more regular communication, please contact John.

You are invited to join us in your home for the Sunday service on the Parish Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/GatePaAnglican/>. You do not need to be a Facebook member to join us



Together in Prayer - Even though we can no longer physically gather, we can pray together. You are invited to join in praying at 9.30 each morning in our own places, knowing that although we are apart, we are together in prayer. We are using the Daily Devotions for the day from A New Zealand Prayer Book | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa. You can find these starting at p. 104 in the Prayer Book, or on the internet at <https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/104.html>. Or you can email Patricia for the Service Booklet of Daily Devotions.

Praying with our Province and the Communion. The Archbishops and bishops have joined the Archbishop of Canterbury in asking us all to join them in prayer at 7pm every Sunday that worship services are suspended. Please light a candle in your home and pray with and for others. Pray for your families, your neighbours, our country, and those ill with the virus. Pray for our health professionals and all those on the frontline who are working tirelessly to care for our community. Pray for the lonely and the frightened. Pray for the courage and grace to be a comfort and a light to the world.

In light of this Bishop Andrew Hedge invites you to join him on Zoom each Sunday and Wednesday night for Night Prayer. (Zoom is an online way of holding meetings and teleconferencing). People can feel free to join him in the ZOOM meeting from 6:50pm onwards, or to follow us on Facebook on either the Bishop Andrew Hedge page <https://www.facebook.com/BishopAndrewHedge/> or the Diocese of Waiapu page (<https://www.facebook.com/Anglican-Diocese-of-Waiapu-1412385835721850/>). Please feel free to circulate to your family and friends.

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/494425649>, Meeting ID: 494 425 649

“I roto i te pōuri te mārama e whiti ana; heoi kihai i mau i te pōuri / The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:5

For more information about the COVID-19 Alert Level 4

For updates on council services during COVID-19 Alert Level 4 please visit:

Tauranga City Council: <https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/business/health-and-safety/covid-19>

Western Bay of Plenty District

Council: <https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/community/covid-19>

For official advice on essential services, self-isolation, looking after your mental wellbeing, vulnerable communities and other information visit the NZ Government website <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

If you are unable to find what you need, and are not sure who to contact for help, call the free government helpline on 0800 779 997 or on 0800 22 66 57 (8am–1am, 7 days a week).

For more resources from the Diocese – go to the Facebook page or the Waiapu Diocesan website at <http://www.waiapu.com/>

Battle of Gate Pa Commemorations: We are having to at least postpone our commemoration event on April 29th. It has been suggested that we might be able to do it on Sunday June 21st, the anniversary of the Battle of Te Ranga.

Tax Receipt Envelopes – due to the Lockdown, these will be emailed out to parishioners when completed.

This week in the Parish:

Monday 20th April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Tuesday 21st April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Wednesday 22nd April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Thursday 23rd April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Friday 24th April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Saturday 25th April ANZAC DAY – Lest We Forget
Sunday 26th April online service at



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Followed by zoom morning tea– Join Zoom Meeting

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Service Next Week 26th April - Easter 3

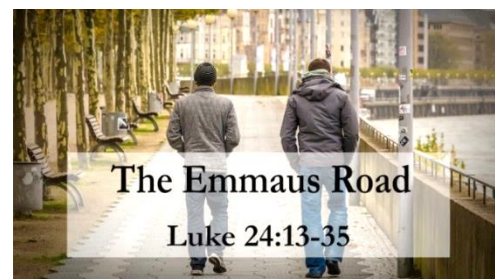
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Psalm: 116:1-4, 12-19

First Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



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