



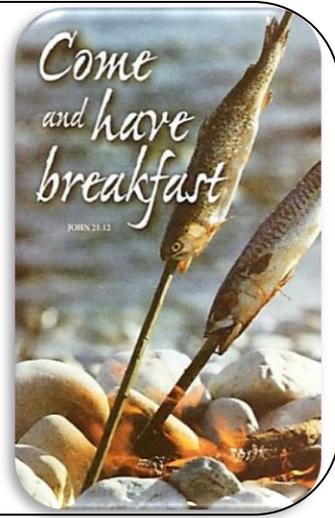
# St George's

**Anglican Parish of Gate Pa**

*All who enter here be reconciled*

1st May 2022 Easter 3

**Year C with The Rev'd John Hebenton**



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

Don't forget to mask up. Please keep your nose covered.

Please join us for morning tea after the 10am service.

Psalm: 30

Psalm Response: Glory to God – Creator, Word and Spirit.

**As God always was, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6

Second Reading: Rev 5:11-14

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

**Sentence:** To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. *Revelation 5.13.*

## **Prayer for the Day**

Alleluia, God Eternal,

Jesus restored disheartened friends  
at breakfast on the beach.

Alert us to your presence,  
restore us when we falter or despair,  
and let us always hope in you;

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

**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 silent for those who wish to pray***

## **Theme: Call**

Today we hear two stories about “call”. We hear Paul’s call to let go of all his fear and follow this Jesus he chased to Damascus. He understood the consequences of what Jesus taught more than just about anyone else then or since. His yes led him to be the great planter of Christianity among those he would once not even eat with. His eyes are opened in so many ways. His yes turns him into a very unpopular radical.

Peter too is called although we often miss that. Around a charcoal fire he had denied his call to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus. While Jesus’ resurrection was amazing, it changed nothing. His call was still denied. He didn’t know how to respond to a risen Jesus. So with no way forward he went home with some others, and tried to make some money. And even that bore no fruit, or fish. In the darkness of his despair and lostness Jesus meets him around another charcoal fire. Three times Jesus invites him to be his disciple – “feed my sheep”. Peter is invited to live a resurrected life and be God’s agent of change, to live as Jesus had lived – washing feet, living love, sharing justice with food for all symbolised with this meal of bread and fish – honouring all who ate.

As we hear these stories, I wonder what Jesus is saying to us as individuals and as a church. How do we answer the call to love? As we look ahead to a world changed by covid, how are we invited to live a resurrected life and “feed my sheep”?

## **Prayer**

**Our community:** We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, The Lakes, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepoint and Whanau Aroha.

**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:** Today we pray for our own people and Clergy here at Gate Pa Parish.

**Our World:** Today we pray for the Diocese of Polynesia’s Water for All projects for 2019. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

## **Notices:**



**All services are ‘no vaccine pass required’.** The Covid scanning posters will remain on display for those still using them.

**Communion of two kinds** – Before Easter Bishop Andrew sent out an email saying that the celebration and sharing of the Eucharist in both kinds is encouraged at the Orange Level. In response to this the vestry has decided to begin offering the chalice for those who wish to receive it, starting from this Sunday, if we have people available to be the chalice bearer. I will stand in the centre aisle, and with the chalice over to the far left of the church so that people taking masks off to drink will be distanced. This will allow those who do not want to receive the chalice to go the right and return to their seats that way. Intinction of the bread into the chalice remains forbidden. Please sanitise your hands before coming up.

**LAY TRAINING IN LITURGY : SATURDAY 7 MAY 1.30—4.30pm All welcome!**  
**St John the Baptist, Te Puke**

A training offered by the Diocesan Ministry Educator, the Rev'd Deborah Broome, for those involved in Leading worship, Leading Morning Worship, Being Liturgist at Eucharist  
**Homily options for non-preachers**, Leading the prayers, Reading



**Food bank:** Please bring non-perishable items for Foodbank.

**The Race Unity Speech Awards** were initiated by the New Zealand Bahá'í Community in 2001 in support of Race Relations Day (21 March). The speech topic this year is Ngā **matimati nō te ringa kotahi – The fingers of one hand**. Come along and listen to the young competitors giving their speeches at St. Georges Church Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7pm



**Facemasks:** Please wear your facemask correctly during services and when you are walking around to keep others and ourselves safe. It needs to cover your mouth and nose securely!



**Fund Raising Committee** - 2022 is the year for our second **Art Show**.

The event will be our major fundraiser for the year. We need people to help organise this event. We meet once a month. Our first meeting will be next month on a day of the week that's suits the most people. If you have been on this committee before or have an interest in the arts this could be the project for you. More details to come. Your help will be much appreciated. Contact Faye [fayemayo06@gmail.com](mailto:fayemayo06@gmail.com) or ph 5433369 or mob.02108754782



**Parish Planning Day:** Saturday 7th May, to plan goals for the coming year – what we want to see happen and review the last year. All welcome - Church Lounge 9am-12.30pm.

