



# St George's

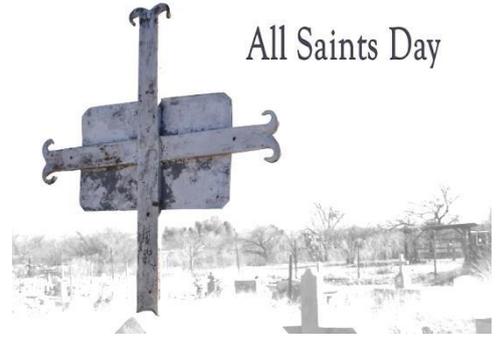
Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

*All who enter here be*

*reconciled*

1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 –

The Further Shore – A Time to Grieve



*There is morning tea in the church lounge after this Service.*

*Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.*

**Service:** That Further Shore - A simple liturgy for remembering **someone who has died.** *Simon Taylor*

We seek God's help and strength ...

Verses from the Bible:

*The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27 (NIV)*

*Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.'*

*John 14:1–3 (NRSV)*

## Theme

Today we gather with Christians all around the world who will light candles and remember loved ones who have died over the last year. We do this because November 1st has for at least 12 centuries been All Saints Day. This is the day Christians have remembered all those who firstly died as martyrs, and then all those great people of faith (saints) who the rest of us look up to and are inspired by. From the twelfth or thirteenth centuries All Souls Day was held on November 2 to remember ALL people of faith, especially those we grieve. Today we remember all those who have gone before us, who have paved the way for us, and especially those we have loved and who loved us, and those who inspire us. As we honour their memory and give thanks for the ways they have blessed

us over our lifetimes, we take another step in letting them go, trusting that they now rest in God, as they have always.

This year All Souls is particularly poignant. For many 2020 has been a hard year. Life as we knew it has changed. Some for the better. Some for the worse. While there is much to feel relief at when we look overseas, there is still a lot to grieve. This is true for those who have had friends or loved ones die, and is especially true for those unable to attend the funerals.

With Covid's impact on the world this year, our usual ways of working through a bereavement have been upended. We are offered this opportunity to pause and take time to remember those who have died, and to acknowledge what their lives have meant to us and the impact of their loss on those who remain.

We do this reflecting on the gospel reading for today; Matthews's version of the Beatitudes. We have referred to this a lot this year. In these and the whole sermon on the Mount Jesus teaches us that these people are the most honoured; they are the ones we look up to and aspire to be like.

Today we are invited to recall those we might call saints and how they inspire us in our lives today. We honour their lives and give thanks for all they meant to us.

## **Prayer**

**Our community** - We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, The Lakes and Merivale, especially for those badly affected by Covid-19, either through the death of a loved one, ill-health, or changes to employment. We pray for all those seeking to bring healing and hope, particularly health workers and organisations like Awhina House, Te Tuinga Whanau, and Foodbank.

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.

**Our Church:** *Bishop of Waiapu:* Andrew Hedge & Raewyn including their children, Jessica, Ethan & Caitlin.

*Archibishops:* Philip Richardson (Tikanga Pākeha), Don Tamihere (Tikanga Māori) & Fereimi Cama (Tikanga Pasefike).

*Retired Bishops of Waiapu:* Peter Atkins, Murray Mills, George Connor, John Bluck, David Rice

**Wider Church:** Today we pray for Anglicare Polynesia, is the social welfare and development agency of the Diocese of Polynesia and the focal point for disaster response and rehabilitation activities. .

## Notices:



**Kai Aroha – 6th November.** 5.45pm at the Greerton Hall. Donations of Home Baking are required urgently and can be dropped into the parish office during the week. Anyone who would like to donate towards this meal, or help physically at the meal, please contact the office.



**AAW meet Tuesday 10th November 1.00pm.** This month is our AGM and we are grateful to have John Hebenton presiding and our guest speaker will be Janet Ross with stories of her career in nursing. We will have the usual Bring and Buy sales table and any contributions gratefully received, raffle and lovely afternoon tea for Patsy's birthday

Pub Night Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Home Communion Meeting** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November after the 8am service for all those involved in this ministry. If you would like to be involved in this ministry please talk to John



**Pastoral Care Meeting** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November after the 9.30am service for all involved in offering pastoral care.



Bonnie would appreciate you saving cardboard rolls and small boxes for her class. There will be a box in the foyer.

**Tauranga Community Foodbank** need donations. The weekly offerings in the basket have been very small. Please consider putting an extra item in your shopping basket and bring to church.



**JOIN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS SINGING!** I hate to draw your attention to Christmas while we are still in October, but it does take time to prepare our wonderful selection of carols before the service on 20th December. So - are you in? I really hope you are. Maybe you could even bring a friend. We could do with a couple more sopranos and a few good men, to complement the ones we already have. We start practising on the week beginning 9th November.



**Excess Wine FOR SALE:** Purchase your Christmas supplies now. \$15 A BOTTLE: Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris. First in, first served. Available from the Parish Office (8.30am - 12.30pm). \$15 each or \$80 for 6 bottles (mixed is fine).



**Volunteer Banking Assistant Required:** Patricia requires help once a week (preferably on Monday morning), to count and bank the freewill and mission giving's. About an hour is all it takes. If we have 1 – 3 helpers, we can have one month on and two months off.

Please let Patricia know asap if you can help.

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

Patricia is Away from the Office:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Aphasia Group

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November –

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November –9.30am Prayer Circle  
5.45pm Kia Aroha

### **Service Next Week 8<sup>th</sup> Nov (OS32)**

Psalm 78: 1 -7

First Reading: Josh 24: 1-3A, 14-25

Second Reading: 1 Thess 4: 13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13



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