



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

21st June 2020 – OS12 with The Rev'd John Hebenton



There is morning tea in the church lounge after the 9.00am Service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

AGM meeting to follow at 11am.

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Psalm: 86:1-10, 16-17

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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: Genesis 21:8-21

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Second Reading: Rom 6:1b-11

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Gospel: Matt 10:24-39

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Sentence: Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus sake will find it. *Matthew 10.39*

Prayer for the Day

Caring God,

Even a sparrow is protected by you.

Imprint upon our hearts,

that because we belong to you,

No one can pluck us from your hand;

And because we fear you,

We need fear no other.

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.

Theme for the Week

Last Sunday as part of our joyous regathering we celebrated our Church constitution – Te Pouhere, which weaves us together like a whāriki or woven mat, Māori, Pasfika and Pākehā. Like the flax strands in ngā whāriki, each Tikanga or cultural strand takes part in the life and mission of our church knowing their voice and way of living the gospel is as important as anyone else's. It is a gift of God.

At the same time Anglicans in Auckland were gathering for prayer led by ADJust, the Diocese of Auckland Young Anglicans for Social Justice. They prayed that all lives would matter around the world, not just the lives of the dominant, or of men, or the powerful. They prayed that in USA and other European dominated countries like our own, that Black Lives would Matter as much as white lives. They prayed for God's justice to prevail. And then, behind a cross, they joined the Black Lives Matter march. Part of what that march called for in this land is that we honestly address our history and our treatment of ngā iwi o Aotearoa in particular.

On Sunday morning we are invited to gather at Te Ranga and remember the battle fought there 166 years ago. We will remember injustice of both those events and the land confiscations that followed, and the ongoing effects of that today. Māori lives did not matter then. How do we make them matter today?

Not all will be happy about this. Some of you may not agree with what I have just written. In our gospel reading last and this week we have heard Jesus' mission instructions to his disciples. Jesus invited them to share in and carry on the task he had begun, of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven into the midst of humanity. He made the invisible visible; the sick, the widows, the orphans, the tax collectors and sinners, the poor – all whose lives did not matter in the least. His life and actions declared that in God's eyes their lives did matter. They were precious and cherished. Good news for some. He named the powers of evil that sought to silence and dehumanise. And for that he joined these outsiders on a cross, as if his life did not matter. In the resurrection and ascension God declared that all lives matter, especially those who Jesus had lived among. And the disciples understood that they had to continue this task and knew that not all would welcome this.

Who lives in our society matter less than others? Who are deemed less important, or an obstacle to our prosperity, or a tool in our economy? If we are to believe the gospels, this is where the crucified and risen Jesus is to be found. What does it mean for us then to continue the task of living the kingdom of heaven?

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 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. We especially pray for any others you hold in your hearts.

Our Church: Today we pray for *Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke*: Bishop Ngarahu Katene and the Rohe of Murupara, Ruatoki/Whakatane & Te Kaha

Wider Church: Today we pray for the Province of South East Asia, which is made up of the Diocese of Singapore, West Malaysia, Sabah and Kuching.

NOTICES

AGM is this Sunday. Please bring your reports with you.

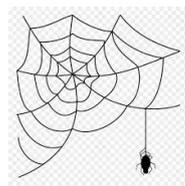
 John is proposing to **livestream the services** for the next three weeks as a trial. If you have concerns about that please talk to him. They will be on Facebook.



Marian Verhagen's Funeral will be **Saturday 4th July**, starting at 11am. Further notices will be sent out regarding catering.



Harvest Festival will be celebrated SUNDAY 28th June. Please bring food items when you come to church on Sunday to add to the display.



Parish Web – Articles required by June 26th. Deadline date for publication on June 30th.



Tai Chi –in the Hall on Wednesday mornings, 9.30 – 11.30. \$5.00 casual attendance or \$40 for ten sessions. Contact David Parker: 027 222 2824



Lay Training Days - Mission - what does this mean for us?

By Zoom, 25 to 27 June. All lay people are very welcome to take part. Attendance is required for those with a Lay Ministry

Licence (of whatever type). This learning event will be split into **two zoom sessions** (each 1 ½ to two hours long) and each session will be offered twice. You will need to attend a session A and a session B, in that order. The sessions are:

Thursday 25 June Session A - 2pm-4pm, **Friday 26 June Session B** - 2pm-4pm

Saturday 27 June Session A 10am -12noon - **Session B** 2-4pm

Please register for with Sandra Gifkins, office.manager@waiapu.com.



Faith Thinking on Zoom

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago is offering another series of “Faith Thinking on Zoom” - one-hour FREE sessions on Zoom, these will involve input on a topic followed by facilitated discussion

To join in one of these sessions you need to register by going here:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html> and clicking on “Register online” at the bottom.

Tuesday 23 June, 7.30-8.30 with Lynne Taylor, Pastoral care: our stories matter

Tuesday 30 June: 7.30-8.30pm with David Tombs, James Cone, the Cross and the Lynching Tree

This week in the Parish:

Monday 22nd June

Tuesday 23rd June 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 24th June

Thursday 25th June -

Friday 26th June 9.30am Prayer Circle @ 9.30am

Saturday 27th June

Sunday 28th June 9am Service OS12 – Harvest Festival

Service Next Week 28TH June Harvest Festival OS 13

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Psalm 13

First Reading: Gen 22:1-14

Second Reading: Rom 6:12-23

Gospel: Matt 10:40-42



Dates to note in your Diary

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