

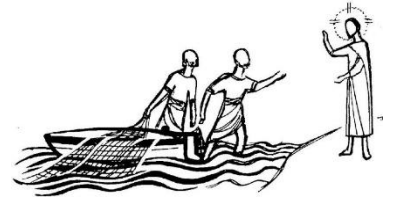


St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

22nd January 2023 with The Rev'd John Hebenton
Year A – 3rd Sunday of the Epiphany



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea in the church lounge after the service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Please remember to turn off your phone during the Church Service.

Liturgy 456

Psalm: 27:1,4-9

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First Reading: Isa 9:1-4

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Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-18

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Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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Sentence: Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4:23

Prayer for the Day

Living God,

your Son Jesus Christ called the fishermen to follow him.

Embolden us to lay aside everything that distracts us.

Give us focus and resolve to follow 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.

Theme

Epiphany is a time to reflect on the revelation of God breaking in once again in human history. It continues the Christmas story with the Persian Magi – (astrologers who are condemned by Torah) coming to anoint a child from a poor Jewish family as king. God's gracious love breaking into the darkness of this world. This is not how things were normally done then or now. Amy G. Oden says "the apparent powers of the world are unmasked, revealed to be a sham for all their bluster and posturing. During Epiphany, we recognize God's inbreaking in Jesus Christ, setting in stark relief the false, worldly powers that claim so much authority in our lives: success, productivity, dominance, self-reliance. They do not have the last word."

(www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revise-common-lectionary/third-sunday-after-epiphany/commentary-on-isaiah-91-4-5)

This Sunday we hear Matthew 4:12-25. In response to John's arrest Jesus withdraws and begins his ministry inviting people to repent. Too often we read repent as a moral command to turn from immoral living to more righteousness. But as I have said before the Greek "metanoieite" is more accurately understood something like "Be of a new mind!" or "Change your way of thinking!" or, "Wrap your mind around this!" Epiphany is about letting go of our assumptions about how the world works and seeing the world, God's action in the world and ourselves in a whole new light. We hear the story of Peter and Andrew, James and John changing their way of thinking, their way of understanding themselves in the world, and leaving all that made sense of their lives. Epiphany invites us to remember our own moments of call, of changed thinking; to note the cost of that and the gift of that; and to know God's inbreaking love in all that.

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, Oropi, the Lakes and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha, Hodgson House.

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.

Our Church: The people of the West Rotorua Parish & their Ministry Support Team, the people and clergy of the Rotorua Parish, Waiapu Kids St. Francis Whanau Aroha Manager, Growing Through Grief Coordinators.

Our World: The Province of Alexandria, a new Province incorporating the Episcopal Dioceses of Egypt, Gambella, North Africa and the Horn of Africa.

Notices



The **Aotearoa Bike Challenge** is happening again and you are invited to join the Anglican Parish of Gate Pa team. Register at www.lovetoride.net/bop and throughout February hop on our bikes and ride towards a cleaner, greener, happier Aotearoa New Zealand! Plus, we'll be riding to build up points and win prizes! It doesn't matter if you haven't ridden in years or you're a committed commuter, everyone's welcome. Every ride you do counts!



The Parish Picnic is on Sunday 29th January after the 9am service. All food and drink provided \$10 each. Let office know if attending.

Pukehinahina Summer Lectures:

We are again offering a series of free talks/lectures this summer. **Please promote these amongst your friends and communities.** There are posters and handouts in the Church foyer.

1. The Northern War 1845-46

Sunday 22nd January, 7pm with Dr Cliff Simons

2. Treaty of Waitangi: He Tatau Pounamu-viewing the Treaty through a reconciliatory lens

Sunday, 29th January 7pm with Dr. Alistair Reese

3. The Battles of Gate Pā- Pukehinahina and Te Ranga

Sunday 12th February 7pm-9pm, with Dr Cliff Simons



Past AAW members monthly morning tea at Chat Noir Greerton Friday 27th January 10.30 am.

ROSTERS

The roster is in the foyer for the remaining 9am services throughout January 2023. Please add your name if you can assist.



The Friday Parish Prayer Circle If you would like prayer for yourself or a family member, please contact the Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450).

PUB NIGHT!

Parish Pub Night: Friday 10th February at 5pm at Oasis Bar and Grill, corner of Chadwick and Cameron Roads. All welcome.



First Taizé of the New Year: Sunday 19th February at St George's - a contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France.



Contributions now being welcomed by the office.



First Aid Course with The Red Cross on Saturday 11th March
8.30am – 5pm in the Church lounge. \$50 each. Please register with Charmaine in the office. You could save a life!

This week in the Parish:

- Sunday 22nd Jan Lecture One 7pm in the Church
- Tuesday 24th Jan No Tuesday service
- Wednesday 25th Jan Vestry meets Church Lounge 7pm
- Friday 27th Jan Morning Tea for **AAW past members:** 10.30am
- Sunday 29th Jan Parish Picnic after 9am service, Lecture Two 7pm.
- Monday 30th Jan **OFFICE CLOSED** for Anniversary Day

Service Next Week 29th January 2023 Presentation of Jesus / Candlemas One service only at 9am

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Psalm: 84
First reading: Malachi 3: 1-4
Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



Dates To Note in your Diary

- **Lecture Series:** January 22nd & 29th, February 12th
- **8.30 & 10am services** resume Sunday 5th February
- **Taizé Service:** Sunday 19th February 7 pm
- **Shrove Tuesday:** Tuesday 21st February
- **Ash Wednesday:** 22nd February

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