



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

22nd May 2022 Easter 6

Year C with The Rev'd Debbie Garrett



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: 67

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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 16:9-15

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Second Reading:

Rev 21:10, 22-22:5

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Gospel:

John 14:23-29

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Sentence: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," says the Lord. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." *John 14.27.*

Prayer for the Day

Creator of the Universe,

You are far-seeing, far-reaching, far-beyond our wildest imagination.

Call us into your vision, to seek what you desire for us,

which is to be one with you.

In the love of Christ, may we love one another.

In the wisdom of the Spirit, may we serve one another.

In your vision, O God, may we dwell with one another in your peace.

In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Today's reading from Acts 16: 9-15 features Lydia, a "God fearing" woman who was lived in Thyatira which was one of the Macedonian colonies. She was a wealthy businesswoman who dyed and sold high quality purple cloth. It's not certain that she was of Jewish descent, but she worshipped according to the Jewish faith and each day she would go to the riverside where she met with other women for prayer and other Jewish dyers. It was there she met Paul and his companions. Although Lydia was not a Christian, she had a hunger for a deeper spiritual experience so listened intently to Paul's teaching. The Lord opened her heart, and she and her household were baptised. Lydia was Paul's first European convert. She continued with her business and much of her profit was used to aid the work of the gospel. She also offered hospitality to missionaries and cared for Paul and Silas when, bruised and battered, they were released from prison.

The Gospel reading from John 14: 23-31 focuses on love and obedience to God. It also speaks of the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things and reminds us of what Jesus has said. The gift Jesus gives is peace, the kind of peace the world can never give. "Called to follow him, we are to act in such a way that the 'world' will know that we love him." (*John for Everyone* by Tom Wright)

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Oropi, The Lakes, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont 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 the Hospital Chaplains; Seafarer's Chaplain; Police & Fire Chaplain; St John's Ambulance Chaplain, Chaplain to Retired Clergy and Spouses; School Chaplains and their staff and students.

Our World: Today we pray for the province of Southern Africa. 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: If we have people available to be the chalice bearer we are now offering the common cup. The priest will stand in the centre aisle, with the chalice over to the far left of the church so that people taking masks off to drink can be distanced. Those who do not want to receive the chalice can go the right and return to their seats. Intinction of the bread into the chalice is forbidden. Please sanitise your hands before coming up.



Tauranga Civic Choir are performing *Dvorak Mass in D*

Saturday 28th May 3pm, St Peter's in the Coty, 130 Spring Street.
\$20 per adult, children free when accompanied by an adult.

Order tickets from www.taurangacivicchoir.org.nz/tickets or talk with Bonnie



Parish Planning Day: Saturday 18th June, to plan goals for the coming year – what we want to see happen and review the last year. If anyone has ideas or suggestions please come along. Church Lounge 9am-12.30pm.



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



PARISH WEB now seeking articles. Please email or drop into office asap.



N.J.B

Senior chef classes start on Friday 27th May 9-1 for 8 weeks in the church lounge and kitchen. Classes are FREE! If you would like to register, please contact Faye Mayo asap on 07 5433369.



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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).



Thank you for offering to serve on Sundays. We have a 5th Sunday next week so please put your name on the roster if you can help out.

This week in the Parish:

Monday	23rd May
Tuesday	24th May 9.30am Mid-Week Communion Service
Wednesday	25th May Vestry meet
Thursday	26th May
Friday	27th May Senior Chef classes begin
Sunday	29th May 8.30am and 10am Holy Communion

Service Next Week 29th May

Easter 7 “That they may be one”

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Psalm: 97

Acts 16:16-34

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



Dates to note in your Diary

Vestry meet: Wednesday 25th May

Taizé Service: Sunday 12th June 7pm

Parish Planning Day: Sat 18th June 9-12.30

Harvest Festival: Sunday 19th June

Communion Meeting: Sunday 19th June after 8.30 service

Pastoral Care meeting: Sunday 19th June after 10am service

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