



St George's

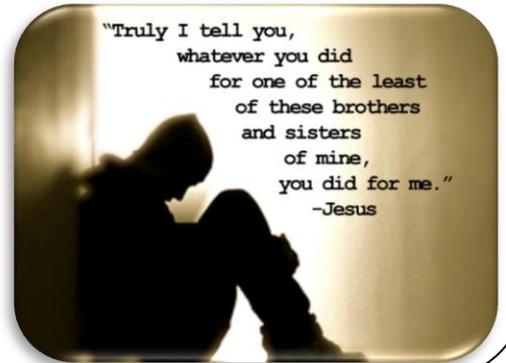
Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

22nd November 2020

with **Rev'd John Hebenton** OT34

Christ the King



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

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Service: 476 NZPB

Psalm 100

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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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Bible Page 702

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 Bible Page 949

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 Bible Page 807

Sentence: O Shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. *Psalm 100.1*

Prayer for the Day

God of power and love,

who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,

resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:

free the world to rejoice in his peace,

to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.

Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,

who lives 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

This week churches around the world are marking the end of another liturgical year and celebrating Christ the King or the Reign of Christ Sunday. For us it is also Aotearoa Sunday, which really reminds us of how slow we were in this land to live out the reign of Christ with ngā iwi ō Aotearoa and the first Anglican Church in this land. And it is Stir-up Sunday – all of this stirs us up, I hope.

What is the deal with Christ the King or Reign of Christ Sunday? One of the people I read says it is a day to affirm God's reign over empires that do not hunger and thirst for God's righteousness. It is a day to remind ourselves that the reign of Christ as described in the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount is what we are invited to work toward. And no political entity can ever bring that about.

As we end our church year this Sunday it is an opportunity for us as God's people to look back and ask how did we the church live out God's reign, what have we done to further the kingdom of God here and now and where do we see in our ministry?

As we look forward to a new year and Advent we can take time to consider that God's kingdom will come in this little child born in a manger and to ask what will we do to be citizens in this kingdom. What are some of our aspirations as we look ahead?

As we finish our time with Matthew, we are offered his version of Jesus final piece of teaching – the story of the sheep and the goats. Being part of Matthew's community should change how we see ourselves, each other and all people. Christ the King does not mean we can lord it over people, but follow Christ's way of servanthood. And we are offered Ezekiel's great line – "feed them on justice."

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, Merivale Community Centre, 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, and any others you hold in your hearts.

Our Church: *Hui Amorangi ki Te Tairawhiti:* Bishop Don Tamihere, and Rohe of Ngati Porou, Turanga/Whangara, Kahungunu ki te Wairoa

Wider Church: Today we pray for Pakistan.

Notices:

One service on Sunday 29th at 9am!!!!!!!

Huge thanks to Patricia, Faye, David and Mihi for work on Art Exhibition and Gala night. We raised \$1000 for Awhina House and about another \$1900 for the parish?



Duty Rosters for 9.30am services – We need people who are willing to fulfil a range of ministries in our Sunday services. John is willing to help you with what the roles entail. Please talk to John or fill in the roster.



Working Bee, Saturday 28 November, from 9.00am. Come and help do a bit of tidying up around the church site & indoors. (gardening etc) Many hands make light work and the job done quickly.



5th Sunday -29th November: After the 9.30am service on the **22nd** there is a meeting to organise the extra Sunday of the month. All welcome to attend and contribute your wonderful and inspiring ideas.



Bonnie **does not need** any more cardboard. Thank you for your wonderful response.



The St George's Singers will be rehearsing every Thursday at 7.00pm until our **Carol Service, Christmas Movie** on Sunday 20th December



On **Christmas Eve** we offer a short 7pm service for families. It is interactive so the children are involved in the story. Last year Bonnie and John had to run it on their own. If you are around that night and unencumbered by visitors, it would be great to have some helpers. Please contact John or Patricia if you can help.



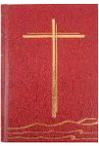
Parish Coffee Meet: (Last for this year) November 24th, at 10.30am Meeting in Zest Café, 187 Chadwick Road, Greerton, (opposite Centrepoint). All welcome.



Taize Service, Sunday 29th November, 7pm.



Lectionaries are in for Year B - 2021! \$8.00 a copy. Please collect from the office during opening hours.



Prayer books - New books have arrived at \$30.00 each.

This week in the Parish:

Monday 23rd November

Tuesday 24th November 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Coffee Meet: (Last for year) 10.30 Zest Cafe

Wednesday 25th November 12.00 Franciscan Benedictine Eucharist

Thursday 26th November - **Christmas Singing practice 7.00 pm** in the Church.

Friday 27th November 9.30am Prayer Circle

Sunday 29th Nov One service at 9.00am Holy Communion Services
Taize 7.00pm

**Service Next Week 29th Nov Advent 1
Only a 9.00am service**

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Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37



Dates to note in your Diary:

- **Parish Coffee Meet: (Last for this year)** Tuesday November 24th, at 10.30am at Zest Cafe. All welcome
- **Taize**, Sunday 29th November at 7.00pm
- **Family Carol Service**, Sunday 20 December at 6.30pm
- **Parish Picnic** – January 31st
- **Lecture Series** – January 24th, 31st, February 7th & 14th

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