



# St George's

**Anglican Parish of Gate Pa**

*All who enter here be reconciled*

25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Yr B with Rev'd John Hebenton** presiding

**Andrea Andresen** preaching



There is morning tea in the church lounge after the 9.30am Service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

## **Liturgy Page 476 NZPB**

**Sentence:** "I am the living bread that came down from heaven", says the Lord. "Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh". *John 6.51*

## **Prayer for the Day**

Generous God,  
you show compassion to the hungry and needy,  
grant us the grace to share feely of our limited resources.  
Help us to value every contribution offered  
and to give and receive graciously of your love.  
For you are alive and reign with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **Psalm 14**

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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:	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Bible Page 248
Second Reading:	Ephesians 3:14-21	Bible Page 950
Gospel:	John 6:1-21	Bible Page 867

**All are welcome to receive Holy Communion**

**Prayers and anointing for healing are available during communion in the chapel, at the back of the church.**

## Theme for the Week

Today in our church's calendar it is Social Services Sunday. A day to remind ourselves of the work that we in this diocese do through *Anglican care* Waiapu. In this parish that means the work of Merivale Whanau Aroha Childcare. *Anglican care* Waiapu seeks to deliver quality Christian social services that strengthen and develop communities. Bishop Andrew Hedge states that *Anglican care* is one of the main means by which Waiapu is able to reach beyond the walls of the Church and provide caring and loving service in response to the needs of the wider community<sup>1</sup>. Social services is one of the five strands of mission. It is integral to who we are, and *Anglican care* Waiapu is a central to our living out this part of our mission. But the mission belongs to us all, and we cannot just leave it to *Anglican care*.

In the readings from the New Testament this morning, from Ephesians and John, we are reminded of God's unbounded love and limitless generosity. We are invited to not only be grateful for all this but to also be people shaped by this love and generosity. When we are marked by the cross at baptism, we become people of unbounded love and limitless generosity, and are called to live in such a way that human need is met and the good news is proclaimed. Responding to human need by loving service<sup>2</sup> is an integral part of our understanding of mission.

What then might we need to let go of to be further marked by this love and generosity?

## Prayer

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

**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 and any others you hold in your hearts at this time.

**Our Church:** Today we pray for the Diocesan Mission Committee, Anglican Missions Board, NZ Christian Missionary Service, NZ Anglican Pension Board, Social Justice Commission, Missions to Seafarers and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**Our World:** Today we pray for the Sisters and Brothers of the many religious orders of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.anglicanrewaiapu.nz/>

<sup>2</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> strand of the 5 Strands of Mission - <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/identity/marks-of-mission.aspx>

## Notices

Parish Administrator. We welcome Nevi Fernandez as are new Parish Administrator. She has had one week in the role and is slowly working out what it all entails. Thank you, Paula, for taking the time to help her into this position.

I am Nevi Fernandez. It is a great honour to be a part of this joyful Parish. When I was a child, I was praying to work and serve in a Parish. Little did I know, New Zealand St George's Gate Pa was the answer to my prayer. I am happily residing in Parkvale with my husband and 18-year-old son. I was a Hotel Events Marketing Manager in the Philippines. A Chef and an Office Manager in Auckland.



Join us at Taizé Tonight, Sunday 25 July at 7pm for a quiet, candle lit, contemplative service.



Rosters for August – out now in Foyer



**Parish Coffee Meet: Tuesday July 27th 10:30am.** This month we are meeting at Le Chat Noir in Greerton, All welcome. Phone Ainsley if you need a lift. (579 5172)



**Meeting** to organise the St. George's Day service. **Sunday 1 August** after the 9.30 service

Next Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> August) – **TWO services 8:00am and 9:30am**

**Parish Social Night**, Oasis Bar, Corner Cameron Road and Chadwick Rd, Friday 13th August at 5pm.



**St. George's Day. Sunday August 15th** is our annual St. George's day celebration. And it will be great. Book that date in. More details next week

**Blossom Festival Market Day: Saturday 25th September from 9am** until noon. Centrepark carpark as part of the Greerton Blossom Festival. Contributions will be accepted for good quality books, bric-a-brac, clothing & accessories, toys, games, furniture, cakes, produce and sweets. Donations of sugar and jars would help with jam and preserve making. There will be a carton in the foyer for these. More information will come nearer the time. Thank you, the Fundraising committee.

**Volunteer Hospital Chaplaincy Assistant Training 2021** – to join those who offer a vital part of the hospital chaplaincy ministry. A new comprehensive training programme to equip those interested is beginning in September 2021. If interested in engaging in this ministry, please see John.

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

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am Holy Communion  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August

### **Service Next Week 1<sup>st</sup> August (OS18)**

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Psalm 51:1-12  
2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13  
Ephesian 4:1-16  
Gospel: John 6:24-35

### **Dates to note in your Diary:**

- **Taizé** Tonight Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm
- **Parish Coffee Meet** 10:30am, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, Le Chat Noir
- **Vestry Meeting – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at St George's**
- **St George's Day celebration**, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August
- **SPCA Animal Blessing Service** - 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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