



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled



25th October 2020 with **Rev'd John Hebenton tssf OS30**

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

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Service: Liturgy page 404 NZPB

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

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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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:1-8

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Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46

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Sentence: You shall love you God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:37.40

Prayer for the Day

O God,

whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law:

stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,

and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,

so that we may love you with our whole being,

and our neighbours as ourselves;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and 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

On April 3, 1968, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was in Memphis to help galvanize striking sanitation workers. He was asked at the last minute to speak at Mason Temple church. As he spoke, he joined Moses on mountain top, and looked over to the promised land. He invited those who listened that night to not lose hope but to keep working for that land. We are invited to join that work too. So, what does that land look like for us?

Our gospel today, Matthew 22:34-46, is another one of these familiar readings. Jesus was not the first rabbi to offer this “new” way of understanding Torah. But it is central to what Jesus taught. By bringing together two texts: Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, he makes them equally important, and the basis for reading the whole of Torah (Law). Many understood them as separate requirements. Loving the Lord their God was done through obedience to the Law. Loving our neighbour was then a second requirement – with the added questions around who my neighbour might be. But Jesus makes them equally important and makes loving our neighbour how God is loved. The requirements of the law become how God’s people love God by loving their neighbour and is fulfilled when God is loved through the loving of neighbours. The temptation to separate the two is great. The church has regularly drifted back to separating the two commandments and developing a whole new list of requirements by which we make ourselves worthy of God’s love – all of which is way too hard. This Sunday is also remembered by some as **Reformation Day**. When Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, he was challenging many of those new requirements imposed by the Catholic church. If we were to join Moses on the mountain top, like Martin Luther King Jr., what would we see, and what stops us living in the promised land. What needs reforming in our lives today?

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, Te Tuinga Whanau, and Foodbank.

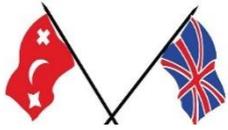
We pray for those who are dying, sick, in hospital or in any other kind of need, parishioners in rest homes and those who receive home communion.

Our Church: *Diocesan Administration:* Waiapu Anglican Centre staff & the Registrar, Colleen Kaye, *Standing Committee* members: *Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees:* Michael Morgan (Chair), *Waiapu Bishopric Trustees:* Michael

Morgan (chair), Diocesan Chancellor: Evan Turbott and *Waiapu News Editor*: Simon Hendery .

Wider Church: Today we pray for education and the educators in Tanzania; and for New Zealanders who are serving in the schools and universities in Tanzania.

Notices:



Remembering the Battle –4pm on October 28th, a short service to commemorate the Battle of Gate Pa; to remember those who fought and died here as part of the wider conflict; to reflect on the consequences of these military engagements for ngā iwi o Tauranga Moana; and to offer karakia/prayers for the future of Tauranga. October 28th is Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara; the national day of commemoration of the New Zealand Wars and conflicts. Please invite people to come and bring delicious food so that we can offer hospitality and refreshments in the lounge after.



All Souls Day Remembrance Service, Sunday 1st November – there is ONE service at 9am. It will be a time to remember those who have died and to acknowledge the impact of their loss. Please invite people to come with you. You are invited to bring a photo of those you wish to remember and that there will be remembrance activities suitable for all ages. If unable to attend please forward details, full name, to the Parish Office, admin.gatepa@waiapu.com. A plate to share would be appreciated.



Kai Aroha – 6th November. 5.45pm at the Greerton Hall. Donations of Home Baking are required and can be dropped into the parish office during the week. Anyone who would like to donate towards this meal, or help physically at the meal, please contact the office.



Parish Coffee Meet: Tuesday October 27th, 10.30am. We are meeting this month at Le Chat Noir, 144 Chadwick Road, Greerton, All welcome. Phone Ainsley (579 5172) if you would like a lift.



Pastoral Care Meeting: Sunday 15th November could there be a meeting of those involved in Home Communion after 9.30am for those involved in Pastoral Care



Bonnie would appreciate you saving cardboard rolls and small boxes for her class. There will be a box in the foyer.

Tauranga Community Foodbank need donations. The weekly offerings in the basket have been very small. Please consider putting an extra item in your shopping basket and bring to church.



JOIN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS SINGING! I hate to draw your attention to Christmas while we are still in October, but it does take time to prepare our wonderful selection of carols before the service on 20th December. So - are you in? I really hope you are. Maybe you could even bring a friend. We could do with a couple more sopranos and a few good men, to complement the ones we already have. We start practising on the week beginning 9th November.



Excess Wine FOR SALE: Purchase your Christmas supplies now. \$15 A BOTTLE: Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris. First in, first served. Available from the Parish Office (8.30am - 12.30pm). \$15 each or \$80 for 6 bottles (mixed is fine).



Volunteer Banking Assistant Required: Patricia requires help once a week (preferably on Monday morning), to count and bank the freewill and mission giving's. About an hour is all it takes. If we have 1 – 3 helpers, we can have one month on and two months off.

Please let Patricia know asap if you can help.

This week in the Parish:

Monday 26th Oct Labour Day – church closed

Tuesday 27th Oct 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Coffee Meet: 10.30am Le Chat Noir

Wednesday 28th Oct Dawn service at Pukehinahina/Gate Pa (6am-ish)

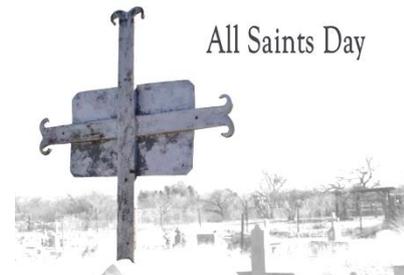
Remembering the Battle/60 Bells 4pm

Friday 30th Oct 9.30am Prayer Circle

SYNOD Weekend

Service Next Week 1st Nov (OS31) Only One at 9.00am

All Saints Day/All Souls – non-eucharistic service



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