

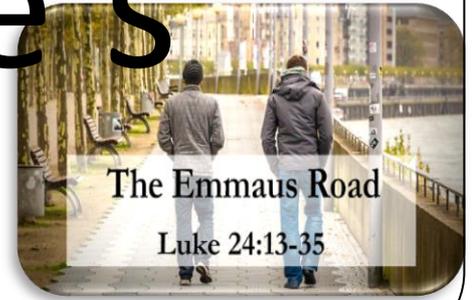


St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

26th April 2020 with **The Rev'd John Hebenton**



There is a Zoom morning tea after the 9.30am Service.

Please join us, using this link code from 10.30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88100362839>

Meeting ID: 881 0036 2839.

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Psalm: 116:1-4, 12-19

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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 2:14, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Sentence

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

O God,

your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in his redeeming work;

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God now and forever. Amen..

Theme for the Week

Five weeks ago, a small group met for our final service before we became a dispersed church community. We divided up the parish roll to help us be church as we faced an uncertain future. And now we are leaving level 4 lockdown and entering a more relaxed lockdown. For some this has not been much different from normal life, just less time at home than usual. For others this has been a good time. Some have enjoyed some aspects and struggled with others. And some feel like they are locked in a tomb awaiting liberation.

For all the Easter celebrations of resurrection have had a very different flavour. We have not been able to do the normal things we do to commemorate and celebrate.

We have tried to maintain some elements in our online services and the booklets put out. But it has not been the same. All those gatherings and rituals that normally help us see Jesus have largely not happened. For some that has been ok, while others have really struggled; missing the people, the gatherings, and the weekly receiving of eucharist. It has felt like exile.

This week we join Cleopas on the other disciple walking away from what had been normal, but with our own experiences and responses. We too are invited to honestly say how this has been for us, and amid that to name our hopes for what might be. And we are invited to gather for an ordinary meal, as Jesus did with those two. How might Jesus be present for us as we pick up the bread and using the words Jesus spoke before feeding the 5000, give thanks, break and share it. In this ordinary act we are invited to remember all the times that Jesus did that most Jesus thing, eating at the tables of the powerless and the powerful, the privileged and the outcast, breaking rules of exclusion. In this ordinary act how are our eyes opened? Where do we recognise the risen Jesus in our new normal?

Prayer

Our community - We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We pray for those who live without hope, and all those who seek to bring your hope. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepoint, Whanau Aroha Centre 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 any others you hold in your hearts.

Our Church: Today we pray for all Chaplains: Hospital, Seafarer's, Police & Fire, St John, RSA, RNZAF, Training Ship Chatham Sea Cadets, School, University Students & Staff, and Chaplain to Retired Clergy & Spouses.

Wider Church: Today we pray for the Province of Southern Africa. It is the oldest province in Africa.

NOTICES

Patricia will be unavailable from Tuesday 28th until Friday 1st May. She will not be working during this time, so will not be responding to any messages left on the Parish office phone or to any emails. She will get back to you after May 4th.

John however is still working from home. You can contact him on 021679202, or by emailing john.hebenton@waiapu.com.



Tauranga Community Foodbank are in need of donations to help them continue to support those most in need during this time. You can donate online: <https://taurangafoodbank.co.nz/>



The RSA and New Zealand Defence Force invite us to **remember ANZAC day at 6:00 am on Saturday 25 April by standing at your letterbox, at the front door, in your lounge rooms, balconies, in your driveway.** This is a time to acknowledge the many thousands of our military people who are serving or have served in times of war, conflict, and disasters. John will be saying ANZAC Day prayers at 6:00 am on the parish Facebook page.

The Poppy Day Appeal was cancelled this year. It is the major source of income for the RSA, but you can make a donation. <https://www.rsa.org.nz/>



EMERGENCY APPEAL: Tropical Cyclone Harold and Covid-19

Tropical Cyclone Harold was the first Category 5 cyclone to hit the South Pacific 2018 and was the second-strongest tropical cyclone to ever hit Vanuatu. The Cyclone has led to 30 deaths (28 in Solomon Islands) and caused catastrophic damage, especially in Vanuatu. In Fiji and Tonga, there has been widespread damage to houses and crops, and severe flooding in some areas. Although there are few confirmed cases of the COVID-19 in the Pacific, globally the pandemic is spreading fast. Many are anxious and do not have good information about the virus and how to protect themselves from it. The most vulnerable include those who do not have enough to eat and those with chronic health conditions. Anglican Missions is talking with partners here and overseas to assess the extent of damage and to assess needs. Partners are already working hard on information campaigns including the distribution of handwashing and hygiene kits to prevent COVID-19's spread and on getting people back on their feet following the Cyclone. Our Appeal seeks your support so that together we can help those who may lack resources to combat this disease or rebuild shattered livelihoods. For information, please check our website <https://angmissions.org.nz/>.

Together in Prayer on Sunday - You are invited to join us for the Sunday service on the Parish Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/GatePaAnglican/>. You do not need to be a Facebook member to join us

Together in Prayer during the week- You are invited to join in praying at 9.30 each morning in our own places. We are using the Daily Devotions for the day from A New Zealand Prayer Book | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, starting at p. 104. This can also be found on the internet at <https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/104.html>.

Praying with our Province and the Communion. The Archbishops and bishops have asked us all to join them in prayer at 7pm every Sunday while worship services are suspended. Please light a candle and pray with and for others. Bishop Andrew Hedge invites you to join him on Zoom for Night Prayer from 6:50pm onwards, (<https://zoom.us/j/494425649>, Meeting ID: 494 425 649) or to follow on Facebook on Bishop Andrew Hedge's page <https://www.facebook.com/BishopAndrewHedge/>.

For more resources from the Diocese – go to the Facebook page or the Waiapu Diocesan website at <http://www.waiapu.com/>

Battle of Gate Pa Commemorations: We are having to at least postpone our commemoration event on April 29th. There maybe something online.



Tax Receipt Envelopes – due to the Lockdown, these will be emailed out to parishioners when completed.

This week in the Parish:

Monday 27th April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Tuesday 28th April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Wednesday 29th April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Thursday 30th April 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Friday 1st May 9.30am Praying together then stay safe
Saturday 2nd May
Sunday 3rd May online service at <https://www.facebook.com/GatePaAnglican/>

Followed by zoom morning tea– Join Zoom Meeting

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Service Next Week 3rd May - Easter 4

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Psalm: 23

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10



Dates to note in your Diary

Friday 12th May, Social Night on ZOOM

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