



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

19th June 2022 Harvest Festival

Year C with The Rev'd John Hebenton



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.

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Psalm 100 NZPB Page 312

Psalm Response: Glory to God – Creator, Word and Spirit.

As God always was, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Bible Page 158

Second Reading: Gal 3:23-29 Bible Page 947

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 Bible Page 841

Sentence: By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.
Galatians 5:22-3

Prayer for the Day

God of seed and growth and harvest,
creator of need, creator of satisfaction;
give us, we pray, our daily bread,
sufficient and assured for all.

Give us also, we pray, the bread of life,
and we shall have a care to feed the hungry,
and to seek for peace and justice in the world.

Help us, then, to remember and to know
that you are our life today and every day;
you are the food we need, now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**All are welcome to receive communion of both kinds
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

Last week some of us struggled to keep up with St. Patrick once he gave up on his bad analogies. What he said was, "The Trinity is a mystery which cannot be comprehended by human reason but is understood only through faith and is best confessed in the words of the Athanasian Creed, which states that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity, neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the substance, that we are compelled by the Christian truth to confess that each distinct Person is God and Lord, and that the deity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coequal in majesty." (St. Patrick's Bad Analogies -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQLfgaUoQCw>) Whew!

For many, one of the important features of traditional Trinitarian theology is the relationship between the three persons. I wonder what words we might use to describe this relationship. For me words like mutuality, love, generosity, and compassion come to mind. I am invited to be open to meet God in these kinds of relationships. And I am invited to live in ways that I build those kinds of relationships with others. This is what it means to live our Trinitarian theology.

Today is our harvest festival; a day to give thanks for God's ongoing generosity in the harvest. We might also give thanks for those who work in this land and overseas providing the food we eat. It is also Matariki which is, among other things, a time for preparing the soil for the next crop. There is no harvest without the earth. Harvest festivals remind us of the need to cherish the land and water.

How then might we describe our relationship with the earth which provides us our food? And what about those who work the land here and overseas, those who work transporting the food – too often in appalling conditions, and those who work in the stores we buy from. What kinds of relationships do we have with them or do we take it for granted? Today offers a chance to put our Trinitarian theology into practice, and to take stock of how we see and treat all these people and this good earth. What might we do differently so that our dealings with all these, either directly or indirectly, mirror the relationship at the heart of the Divine?

Prayer

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 Hui Amorangi ki Te Tairawhiti.

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.

Our World: Today we pray for the Church in Asia. We continue to pray for the Ukraine.

Notices

Communion meeting: This Sunday 19th June after 8.30 service

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



All services are 'no vaccine pass required'. The Covid scanning posters will remain on display for those still using them.



PARISH WEB Parish Web Out Now. PDF versions have been emailed. If you requested a printed copy, it is now available in the church foyer.



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

Te Ranga Planting Project: Join our community planting to help create a scenic outdoor space at the corner of Pyes Pa and Joyce roads and to acknowledge an important part of Tauranga's history. The Te Ranga landscape plan is a project to redevelop the area where the Battle of Te Ranga took place in 1864. Please bring your own spade, water and snacks - we'll provide some catering too. Covered footwear is essential and please wear a fluro top or vest if you're able to. Parking is available on site with entry from Joyce Road.

🌱 Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June – 9am to 12pm, 2pm to 5pm

For more information on this project, visit www.tauranga.govt.nz/te-ranga



The AGM of the AAW is on Tuesday 28th June 1pm in the Church Lounge. A discussion will be held on the future of the group so it would be great for as many members as possible to attend.

Religious Diversity and Overcoming Bias Workshops facilitated by the Religious Diversity Centre of NZ. Topics covered are identity, cultural awareness, examining issues, overcoming bias.

DATES: Friday 1st July OR Saturday 2nd July TIME: 10 am – 4 pm

VENUE: University of Waikato, Durham St, Tauranga. 25 people per workshop.

COST: \$ 25 per person (includes morning and afternoon tea) BYO lunch.

Register now: tmifc2014@gmail.com



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).



The roster for June is out in the foyer. Thank you for offering to serve on Sundays. Please fill in the blank spaces if you can help.



The office is closed this Friday 24th June – Matariki holiday

This week in the Parish:

Monday 20 June
Tuesday 21 June 9.30am Mid-Week Communion Service
Wednesday 22 June Vestry meets 7pm ZOOM
Thursday 23 June
Friday 24 June Matariki public holiday. Office closed.
Saturday 25 June
Sunday 26 June 8.30am and 10am Holy Communion

Service Next Week 26th June

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Psalm: 19
Genesis 1: 1-25
Revelation 3: 14-22
John 1: 1-5

Dates to note in your Diary

Vestry meet: Wednesday 22nd June by ZOOM
Matariki Public Holiday: Friday 24th June- office closed
AAW AGM: Tuesday 28th June 1pm Church Lounge

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