



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

28TH June 2020 with The **Rev'd John Hebenton**



Today we celebrate Harvest Festival
There is morning tea in the church lounge after the 9.30am Service.
Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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Psalm: 13

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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: Genesis 22:1-4

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Second Reading: Rom 6:12-23

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Gospel: Matt 10:40-42

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Sentence: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Psalm 24.1

Prayer for the Day

Creator God,
You made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Today is our harvest festival. Harvest festivals have been around for as long as humanity has been growing food. They are important times as communities give thanks for the harvest that will sustain them for another year. We give thanks to God for the harvest, and for those who work in this land and overseas providing the food we eat. We are reminded of God's ongoing generosity and of the invitation to be as generous with what God has provided.

It is also Matariki. In Tauranga Moana this is 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 and protect the land and water we need to grow the crop.

This week a number of Anglican bishops from around the world published an international response to the Black Lives Matter movement entitled **ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM – WHEN #BLACKLIVES DON'T MATTER**¹. As we give thanks for our harvest let us keep these wider issues in mind.

“Black lives are disproportionately affected by police brutality; COVID-19 sweeps through crowded vulnerable communities unable to socially distance; toxic dump sites are placed next to poor communities of Black people; indigenous people are forced off their land.

The world is slow to respond to climate change, hanging on to an increasingly precarious and unjust economic system. It is predominantly Black lives that are being impacted by drought, flooding, storms and sea level rise. The delayed global response to climate injustice gives the impression that #blacklivesdontmatter. Without urgent action Black lives will continue to be the most impacted, being dispossessed from their lands and becoming climate refugees.

We stand at a Kairos moment - in order to fight environmental injustice, we must also fight racial injustice.

In the words of Archbishop Tutu “If you are neutral in times of injustice you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”

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 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. We especially pray for any others you hold in your hearts.

¹ <https://www.wtanglican.nz/page/social-justice/#blm>

Our Church: Today we pray for the residents & staff of Aged Care Homes with an Anglican chaplaincy memorandum of Understanding - Carter House, Te Puke (Chaplain – Ruth Dewdney), Hodgson house, Tauranga (Vacancy – Chaplain), Te Wiremu House, Gisborne (Sheryl McGrory, Chaplain), Waiapu House, Havelock North (Jan Tapper, Chaplain), Colwyn House, Hastings (Bruce Allport, Chaplain)

Wider Church: Today we pray for the Church in Melanesia. The Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACoM) became a separate province from the NZ church in 1975. It includes Vanuatu, Solomon Island and New Caledonia.

NOTICES



John is **livestreaming the services** for the next two weeks as a trial. If you have concerns about that please talk to him. They will be on Facebook.

Home Communion meeting – July 26th after the 8 am service



Marian Verhagen's Funeral will be **Saturday 4th July**, starting at 11am. St George's Parish is hosting a light, finger food lunch for all those attending Marion's service. We thought this was a nice way to honour Marion and all she has contributed to this parish since 1962.

The social committee will provide sausage rolls, savouries, club sandwiches, salmon, chicken and asparagus rolls, bacon and egg pies, and sweets to accompany coffee. If any parishioner would like to contribute a savoury plate (eg: devilled eggs, muffins, mini quiches etc) other than those mentioned above, already being catered by the committee, it would be appreciated. Please keep the cut-up portions small for ease of distribution/preparation.

A small monetary donation towards catering costs, would be a helpful alternative. Monetary contributions can be given to Patricia at the office before July 3rd. Many thanks for making this a luncheon worthy of our wonderful Marion.

Any queries phone: Patricia (578 7916) or Ainsley (579 5172).



Parish Web – Articles required by June 29th.



Opening of **Te Pō Roa** - the new reserve at 1138 Cameron Road.

There will be a low key karakia on Tuesday 30 June - Ngai

Tamarawaho gifted the name **Te Pō Roa**, in reference to the long night at the battle of Pukehinahina, Gate Pa. Kowhaiwhai patterns have been etched into the concrete paths and there is an interpretation panel that explains their orientation.



Lay Training Days - Mission - what does this mean for us?

By Zoom, 25 to 27 June. All lay people are very welcome to take part. Attendance is required for those with a Lay Ministry

Licence (of whatever type). This learning event will be split into **two zoom sessions**

(each 1 ½ to two hours long) and each session will be offered twice. You will need to attend a session A and a session B, in that order. The sessions are:

Thursday 25 June Session A - 2pm-4pm, **Friday 26 June Session B** - 2pm-4pm

Saturday 27 June Session A 10am -12noon - **Session B** 2-4pm

Please register for with Sandra Gifkins, office.manager@waiapu.com.



Faith Thinking on Zoom. The Theology Programme at the University of Otago is offering another series of “Faith Thinking on Zoom” - one-hour FREE sessions on Zoom. Tuesday 30 June: 7.30-8.30pm with David Tombs, James Cone, the Cross and the Lynching Tree. To join you need to register at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html> and clicking on “Register online” at the bottom.

This week in the Parish:

Monday 29th June

Tuesday 30th June 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 1st July

Thursday 2nd July

Friday 3rd July 9.30am Prayer Circle

Saturday 4th July 11am – Marion Verhagen’s funeral

Sunday 5th July 8am and 9.30am Service OS14

Service Next Week 5th July OS14 8am & 9.30am

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Psalm 45: 10-17 or Song of Sol 2: 8-13

First Reading: Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Second Reading: Rom 7: 15-25a

Gospel: Matt 11: 16-19, 25-30

Dates to note in your Diary



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