



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

29th November 2020 with **The Rev'd John Hebenton**
Advent 1 - Year B



There is morning tea in the church lounge after this Service.
Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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First Reading:	Isaiah 64: 1-9	Bible Page 606
Gospel:	Mark 13: 24-37	Bible Page 825

Sentence: Heaven and earth will pass away”, says the Lord, “but my words will not pass away”.

Prayer for the Day

Holy God,
Throughout the generations
The prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah.
Prepare us to receive him,
Turn us from darkness to the glorious light.
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

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

Theme for the Week

Happy New Year! We have survived. Some of us are a little stressed and strained. Most of us are tired. But here we are in a new church year! What new year's hopes and resolutions do you bring into the year ahead?

Despite what the shops and media are telling us, it is not Christmas yet. It is Advent – the four Sundays before Christmas. We often see these as a time to prepare for the coming of Christ in Christmas, but it is so much more. Advent is preparing for and celebrating the coming of Christ in history (Christmas) mystery (now) and in majesty (when God's will be finally done on earth as in heaven).

During these weeks we are offered time to reflect on how we have experienced the crucified and risen Christ over this last time, and out of that what we look and hope for as followers of Jesus as we look ahead.

Our gospel reading (Mark 13:24-37) picks up one of the themes of the last few weeks in Matthew; actively waiting. Starting with the story of the ten virgins we are reminded that waiting, hoping, and looking are not passive activities. Traditionally in Advent we focus our preparation on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. This first Sunday in Advent is a time to ask ourselves where we see God at work bringing hope into our community and our world. More than that, we are invited into active watching, to join in that work of hope building. Advent reminds us to live as if our hopes are realised and the reign of God is among us. Because it is – if not fully.

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, Merivale Community Centre, 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, and any others you hold in your hearts.

Our Church: *Diocesan Mission Committee, Anglican Missions Board, NZCMS/SAMS, Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia, Church Army, NZ Anglican pension Board & Staff, Social Justice Commission, Religious Orders, Mission to Seafarers, Oceania Region.*

Wider Church: Today we pray for the Sisters and Brothers of the many religious orders in the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

NOTICES

One service on Sunday 29th at 9am!!!!!!!



Duty Rosters for 9.30am services – We need people who are willing to fulfil a range of ministries in our Sunday services. John is willing to help you with what the roles entail. Please talk to John or fill in the roster.



The St George's Singers will be rehearsing every Thursday at 7.00pm until our **Carol Service, Christmas Movie** on Sunday 20th December



On **Christmas Eve** we offer a short 7pm service for families. It is interactive so the children are involved in the story. Last year Bonnie and John had to run it on their own. If you are around that night and unencumbered by visitors, it would be great to have some helpers.

Please contact John or Patricia if you can help.



Taize Service, tonight - Sunday 29th November, 7pm.



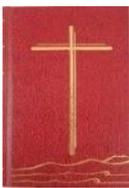
Parish Social Night at Oasis Bar and Grill – Friday 11th December at 5pm. All Welcome. Come for a chat. Oasis Bar and Grill is at 1334 Cameron Road, Greerton, ,



Family Carol Service and Nativity Film, Sunday December 20th, 6.30pm. There will be coffee and cake (if you bring it) in the Lounge after the service. **We need readers please**



Lectionaries are in for Year B - 2021! \$8.00 a copy. Please collect from the office during opening hours.



Prayer books - New books have arrived at \$30.00 each.



Christmas Rosters: We will be needing volunteers to do Liturgist/readings/prayers/clicker/healing and kitchen help for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services, and for the 6 Sundays Dec 27, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. If you can help, please add your name to the Christmas Roster in the foyer. Last year it was left to a few to do every week. Can we do this better this year?

Parish Web– out now for collection. Please take yours and others you can drop off or leave in their letter box. This small gesture helps save us a lot in postage.

This week in the Parish:

Sunday **29 November** at 7pm Taize
Monday 30 November
Tuesday 1 December 9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 2 December
Thursday 3 December

Choir Practice 7pm Church

Friday 4 December – Prayer Circle 9.30am

Kai Aroha Greerton Hall 6pm

Sunday 6 December 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion Service

Service Next Week 6 December Advent 2

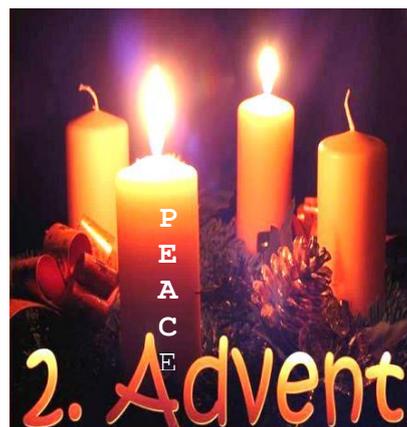
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Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



Dates to note in your Diary

- **Taize Service**, Sunday 29 November, 7pm
- **Family Carol Service**, Sunday 20 December at 6.30pm
- **Parish Picnic** – 31 January
- **Lecture Series** – January 24th, 31st, February 7th & 14th

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