



# St George's

**Anglican Parish of Gate Pa**

*All who enter here be reconciled*

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

with **Rev'd John Hebenton tssf** **OT18**



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

## **Liturgy Service Page: 476 NZPB**

Psalm: 17: 1 – 7, 15

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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: Gen 32: 22-31

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Second Reading: Rom 9: 1-5

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Gospel: Matt 14: 13-21

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**Sentence:** The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

Psalm 145.18 19

## **Prayer for the Day**

Generous God,

your love is overflowing.

Enable us to trust in the abundance of your love;

help us to multiply the blessings you give,

for you are the one that fulfils all our needs.

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:

This week's gospel reading (*Matt 14:13-21*) is another well-known story. And it is one of those stories where you need to read around it – to the story before of Herod's meal where Jesus' teacher, mentor and friend, John, is beheaded. Jesus is trying to grieve. Instead he finds a crowd also filled with grief and anger, looking for hope. And here we so often miss the contrast offered between a birthday party full of depravity and all-consuming self-centeredness and greed, symbolic of all that is wrong with Herod, Rome and the Temple leadership; and Jesus meeting the poor and discarded masses with generosity and compassion. In this act we are reminded of the biblical tradition that God is faithful and the hungry are fed. And in contrast to the abuse of power encountered in the Herod's birthday bash, we are offered a reminder of God's gracious abundance and compassion. Despite the impossibility of the story, all these people were fed. Were fed until they no longer wanted, until they were no longer hungry. Their prayer – "give us today our daily bread" was answered. God is bringing in a new age where all have enough to eat.

This year is an election year. I wonder how this story with its image of God's compassion, provision, generosity, justice, and care for all will influence how we vote. What kind of society do we look for? How does this story affect our hopes for Tauranga Moana and for Aotearoa-New Zealand? Which people, which party offers us the best hope of taking a step or two towards it?

## 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.

**Our Church:** Today we pray for the people of *St John's Cathedral Parish* & their clergy: Ian Render (Dean), Dorothy Brooker, Erice Fairbrother, Jon Williams. The People of *Napier South Parish* & their clergy: Leo Te Kira (Priest-Missioner), David Day (Priest Associate)

**Wider Church:** Today we pray for those in the community who are especially vulnerable and for all who support them.

## Notices:

PLEASE REMEMBER...

• you may wish to use a non-contact method to share the peace • that communion is complete in one kind (intinction – dipping of wafer into wine – is not permitted). • do not come to church if you are unwell • good personal hygiene remains highly important: washing your hands frequently, use hand sanitiser, cough into your elbow.



**Lay Ministry Licences** - the licences have expired but these will stand until the new process is announced by the Bishop.



**TODAY: St George's Day Planning meet** after morning tea after the 9.30 am service to discuss ideas for our celebration service.



**Taizé:** A Taizé Service of Song, Prayer and Contemplation will be held on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm**. A gentle, quiet, candle lit time.



**St George's Day Lunch "The World on a Plate"**

**16<sup>th</sup> August.** After **10.00am service**. Join us at lunch

celebrating multiculturalism with international cuisine and

beverages. Price: **\$15.00 per adult. Under 10's \$8.00**. Tickets available from the office only.



**AAW Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1pm** This month we are having an outing, firstly to 414 Pyes Pa Road behind Four14 café, Secondhand Avenue who do house clearances and have linen, china, furniture etc, then afterwards we will move into Four14 Café to have afternoon tea. Michelle the owner is allowing \$1 off if purchasing cake or slice with coffee ie 2 items. Please ring me if transport is required. Miriam



**Art Show: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October** – A donation towards the purchase of wine for the Gala night will be appreciated.



A Message from John: Some of the teams are struggling to fill the gaps at 9.30 services. We would like to suggest that for September and October we trial having a roster and inviting people to put their names down in the gaps. The Roster is now in the church foyer. This will allow people who are unable or unwilling to commit to a particular Sunday, every month, to be able to offer to be part of the ministry team. Those who like to be committed to a particular Sunday can continue to put their names down for that Sunday.

