



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

2nd February 2020

The Rev'd John Hebenton

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea in the church lounge after the 9.30am service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Service: 456 NZPB

Psalm: 84

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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: Malachi 3:1-4

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Second Reading: Luke 2: 22-40

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Gospel: Matt 5: 1-12

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Sentence: What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6.8

Prayer for the Day

Living God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature

by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your glory,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

one God, now and forever. 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

In the worldwide Anglican calendar this Sunday is the Presentation of the Lord at the Temple or Candlemas. The name Candlemas comes from the tradition that all the candles that were to be used in the church during the coming year were brought into church and blessed. So it was the **Festival Day** (or 'mass') **of the Candles**. Candles were very important as the main means of providing light – in every way we can understand that. Candlemas also marks the end of the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is, as I said last week, the season of shining light on Christ. It is when we are invited to wrap our minds around God is with us, God is with us all, God is with all. It's that last bit we often struggle with. The presentation story is one more revelation of who Jesus the Christ is, and through that who God is and the nature of God's ongoing work in the world today.

The gospel reading for the fourth Sunday after Epiphany is Matthew 5: 1-12, the Beatitudes. These provide the key to how Matthew portrays Jesus. This is what the kingdom of heaven - the reign of God looks like. As in Luke Jesus asks who we see as important – who are our celebrities and notables, and through them what kind of person we aspire to be. Then he offers a very challenging list of who he suggests we might aspire to be like. It is a slightly different list from that offered in Luke but the end result is the same. When we live the beatitudes poverty will end, violence will end, domination of the poor for the rich will end, and the reign of God will be realised. What are you being invited to wrap your mind around this Sunday?

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 Centrepont, 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, and any others you hold in your hearts currently.

Our Church: Today we pray for the people of St John's Cathedral Parish. The People of Napier South Parish & their clergy.

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

Notices:



Free Summer Public Lectures – Tonight: Sunday 2nd and 9th February 7-9 pm here at St. Georges

Invite your friends and neighbours to hear the story of The Anglican Apology to Ngai Tamarawaho and Ngati Tapu (*Sunday 2nd Feb*) with the Most Rev'd Sir David Moxon and The Place of the Treaty of Waitangi in Aotearoa today. (*Sunday 9th Feb*) with Buddy Mikaere

Midweek services will resume on Tuesday 4th February at 9.30am



Tauranga Moana Waitangi Day Dawn Service 6th February at 6.30am, Hopukioire - Mount Drury

Tauranga Moana Waitangi Day Festival 2020 - 6th February from 10am – 6pm at Historic Village, Tauranga



Prayer Group will resume in the Lady Chapel **Friday 7th February, at 9.30am.**



AAW Meeting 12.00 pm Tuesday 11 February 2020

Welcome to all new and existing members. Our next meeting is a potluck picnic lunch to be held on the deck outside the lounge. Please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided. Subscription of \$20 or \$27 if you would like the Circle magazine for a year will be collected on the day unless you are 90 years young, you are then classed as Honorary members and AAW will pay your sub and you need only pay \$7 for the Circle magazine. There will also be a bring and buy sales table and raffles so any unwanted items would be appreciated.



Parish Pub Night – Friday 14th February Oasis Bar and Grill Corner Chadwick and Cameron Roads. 5pm. All welcome to come chat and share a drink/meal



First Taizé of the New Year – Sunday 23rd February, 7pm

Come and join us for a quiet contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France

KiwiBank customers – Kiwibank is not issuing or processing cheques from the end of February. If you are a Kiwibank customer and using a cheque your giving envelope, and you would like to discuss giving via direct debit or automatic

payment, or online banking please see Patricia in the office. Otherwise you will need to use cash.



PARISH WEB We need you and your contributions!



This week in the Parish:

Monday 3rd Feb

Tuesday 4th Feb 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th Feb

Thursday 6th Feb Waitangi Day – **Tauranga Moana Waitangi Day Dawn Service at 6.30am**, Hopukioire - Mount Drury

- **Tauranga Moana Waitangi Day Festival 2020** at Historic Village

Friday 7th Feb Prayer Group 9.30am

Sunday 9th February 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion Service

AAW Sunday Service at the 9.30am Service

Service Next Week 9th February -

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Psalm: 112:1-9

First Reading: Isa 58:1-9a

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-12

Gospel: Matt 5:13-20



Dates to note in your Diary

✠ Taizé Service on 23rd February at 7pm

✠ Shrove Tuesday on 25th February

✠ Ash Wednesday 26th February 9.30am

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