

All who enter here be reconciled
31st March 2024 with The Rev'd John Hebenton

**EASTER Sunday Year B** 



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

Please turn off your mobile phone.

There is morning tea in the church lounge after the 10am Service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

### **Complete Service is in Service Booklet**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

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Mark 16:1-8

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Sentence: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

# **Prayer for the Day**

Alleluia!

God of new beginnings, your resurrection brought darkness into the fullness of your light; shed that light into the dark places of our lives, that we may grasp the promise of eternity and live as your resurrection people, created, redeemed and empowered through you. For you are alive and reign with the Father 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**

We walk in their footsteps those women so afraid of loss and grief. Afraid of life lessened and dulled. Past dreams shattered amidst uncertainty and death. We walk in their footsteps. They were afeared and yet they followed all the way to the darkest places Gethsemane, Antonia Golgotha, the tomb. They followed in despair farewelling life as hope unravelled. At the end Jesus was not there. Too much life to be lived, too much hope to be to be held. They were afraid those women as life erupts in love. He has gone ahead! We walk in their footsteps.

## **Prayer**

**Our community:** We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Oropi, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepoint, Whanau Aroha Centre, Hodgson House, 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 at this time.

**Our Church:** We pray for Ngati Porou; Ngā Pariha Kawakawa Mai Tawhiti, Waiapu, Hikurangi, Tokomaru.

**Our World**: We join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension & Pentecost (9<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> May) for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

### **Notices**





Working Bee on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am. We would like to tidy up the place for the 160<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Battle on 29<sup>th</sup> April. We need the gardens and grounds tidied up, windows washed in & out, the Church dusted, hall floors washed and other small jobs. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.



**Coffee with the Vicar (Coffee Meet):** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am at Columbus Café in Mitre 10 at Gate Pa.



**Parish Pub Night**: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm at World's End, Fraser Cove shopping centre. All welcome.

**2024 Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal:** This year they are supporting projects in **Uganda and The Middle East.** You can donate on the website **www.anglicanmissions.org.nz** 



**Tauranga Civic Choir** present Fauré Requiem on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm at St. Peter's in the City, Spring St, Tauranga. Tickets \$20 available from Jan or Bonnie.

**The Friday Parish Prayer Circle** for prayer for yourself or another, please contact Rev'd Joyce Crawford (5794363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please let them know when prayer is no longer needed.

#### This week in the Parish:

Monday 1st April Office closed

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Communion Service 9.30am

Saturday 6th April Working bee 9.30am

Sunday 7th April 8.30am Communion Service

10am Family Service & Baptism of Odette ....... (Paul Higson's Daughter)

## **Service Next Week 7th April**

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Psalm 133

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

### **Low Sunday**



## **Dates to note in your Diary**

Coffee with the Vicar Tuesday 9th April 10.30am

Pub night Friday 12th April 5pm

160th Commemoration of the Battle (60 Bells Service) Monday 29th April 4pm

Safeguarding Training Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th May Church lounge

Vicar John's last service and Parish farewell Sunday 12th May 9.30am

Vicar John's liturgical farewell with Bishop Andrew Sunday 26th May 3pm

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