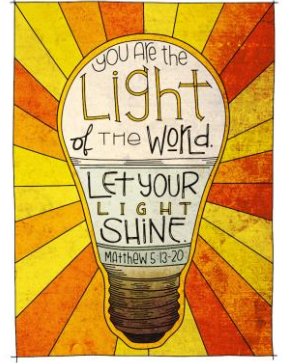




St George's



Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

5th February 2023 with The Rev'd Debbie Garrett
Year A OT5

Welcome to worship at St. George's.

Our Annual Parish Picnic is on after the 10am service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Please remember to turn off your phone during the Church Service.

Liturgy 476

Psalm:	112:1-9	NZPB Page 331
First Reading:	Isa 58:1-9	Bible Page 600
Second Reading:	1 Cor 2:1-12	Bible Page 927
Gospel:	Matt 5:13-20	Bible Page 786

Sentence: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven. Matthews 5:16

Prayer for the Day

Faithful God,

You have appointed us your witnesses,

to be a light that shines in the world:

let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,

but tell everyone of your love,

revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

for ever and 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

Today's reading from Matthew's gospel begins with two emphatic statements: "You are the salt of the earth!" "You are the light of the world!" Salt has so many uses. It's essential for our bodies. If someone has diarrhoea a solution of six teaspoons of sugar, half a teaspoon of salt and one litre of cooled boiled water can save someone's life. It can be used as a gargle for sore throats and cleaning wounds. Salt can stop things going bad and can be used to preserve meat. It is essential for life! In the ancient world it was highly valued and was connected to purity. Light is essential for all forms of life and of course for humans to see our way when it's dark. It can also warn us of danger. It's hard to imagine what life was like when there were no streetlights and houses were lit by oil lamps. Jesus challenged his disciples to be like him – the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We cannot be secret Christians. Our faith and trust in God must be visible in every aspect of our lives and in every meeting with other people. It is also our duty as Christians to take a stand when we see injustices happening and to be a guiding light to others who share our journey through life, if necessary offering a warning in a loving and compassionate way. As salt of the earth and light to the world hopefully we will draw others to God.

Prayer

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

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. We pray for families and individuals whose lives have been devastated by the loss of their homes and belongings in the floods around Te Ika-a-Maui (the North Island) in the past two weeks.

Wider Church: Today we pray for all the clergy withing the Diocese of Polynesia.

Our Church: The people of the Waiapu Anglican Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist & their clergy; Religious Orders: Community of the Sacred Name, Christchurch; Order of the Holy Cross; Sisters of the love of God; Third order, Society of St. Francis (TSSF).

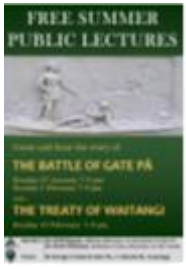
Notices



The **Aotearoa Bike Challenge** is happening again this February, and you are invited to join the Anglican Parish of Gate Pa team and to ride our bikes towards a cleaner, greener, happier Aotearoa New Zealand!. Register at www.lovetoride.net/bop Plus, we'll be riding to build up points and win prizes! It doesn't matter if you haven't ridden in years, everyone's welcome. Every ride you do counts!



The Parish Picnic is on THIS Sunday after the 10am service. All food and drink provided \$10 each.



Pukehinahina Summer Lectures: The Last one...

Please promote this amongst your friends and communities.

There are posters and handouts in the Church foyer.

3.The Battles of Gate Pā- Pukehinahina and Te Ranga

Sunday 12th February 7pm-9pm, with Dr Cliff Simons



Waitangi Day Dawn Service: Mon 6th Feb 6.30am at Hopukioire (Mt. Drury Reserve), Mt. Maunganui.

[he iwi kotahi](#) - Join us at Tauranga's Historic Village for Tauranga Moana Waitangi Day Festival - a day to celebrate, acknowledge and pay respect to what this day means and the unity we seek moving forward. It is a day full of live music, entertainment, workshops, laughter and much aroha.

On the Village Green at [The Historic Village](#) Tauranga 6 February 2023, 10AM – 4PM



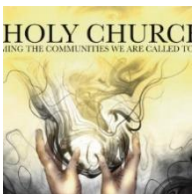
The Friday Parish Prayer Circle If you would like prayer for yourself or a family member, please contact the Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please also let them know if you want to come off the prayer list.



Parish Pub Night: Friday 10th February at 5pm at Oasis Bar and Grill, corner of Chadwick and Cameron Roads. All welcome.



Taizé Service: St. George's Gate Pa is again offering a quiet contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France. As we enter Lent, you are invited to join us at 7pm on Sunday 19 February. There are posters in the foyer for you. We would really appreciate your help in advertising and promoting this service. Please invite any others who might enjoy our Taizé worship.



Lenten Studies: A HOLY CHURCH – BECOMING THE COMMUNITIES WE ARE CALLED TO BE. This is a six-week bible study on living up to our calling as God's Church. Each chapter focuses on the lessons we can draw from scripture about how we should live as Christian communities. To be held from 26th Feb after the 10am service and morning tea.



Please send your contributions to the office before 15th Feb. Stories, poems, jokes, recipes, photos of happenings...



First Aid Course with The Red Cross on Saturday 11th March

8.30am – 5pm in the Church lounge. \$50 each. Please register with Charmaine in the office. You could save a life! 5 spaces left.

This week in the Parish:

Sunday 5th Feb 8.30 am & 10am services resume and Parish Picnic
Monday 6th Feb **OFFICE CLOSED** for Waitangi Day
Tuesday 7th Feb 9.30am Communion Service
Friday 10th Feb Pub night 5pm Greerton Bar & Grill
Sunday 12th Feb 8.30am & 10am Holy Communion Service

Service Next Week 12th February – OT6

Liturgy 404

Psalm: 119:1-8
First Reading: Deut 30:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:1-9
Gospel: Matt 5:21-37



Dates To Note in your Diary

- **Waitangi Day Dawn Service:** 6.30am at Hopukioire (Mt. Drury Reserve)
- He Iwi Kotahi – Waitangi Day Festival at Tauranga Historic Village
- **Mid week services restart** – 7th February
- **Lecture Series:** February 12th 7pm in the Church
- **Taizé Service:** Sunday 19th February 7 pm
- **Shrove Tuesday:** Tuesday 21st February
- **Ash Wednesday:** 22nd February 9.30am & 6.30 pm Service

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