



# St George's

**Anglican Parish of Gate Pa**

*All who enter here be reconciled*

6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

with **Rev'd John Hebenton tssf**      **OT23 and**



Welcome to worship at St. George's.  
Please join us for morning tea on zoom after the service

## **Service: 456 NZPB**

Psalm 139: 12-16

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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:      Genesis 2: 4b-22

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Second Reading:      Romans 13:8-14

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Gospel:      Matthew 18:15-20

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**Sentence:** If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself,  
take up your cross and follow him.      Matthew 16.24-25

## **Prayer for the Day**

O God, the ground of being,  
who formed this world and all creation,  
who created all living creatures including us from carbon dust,  
into which you breathed your Spirit of life;  
forgive us for viewing ourselves as separate from and dominating creation;  
give us instead a humble sense of ourselves as belonging to the earth  
so that we use our skill and power as stewards of the land  
from which we come and to which we return,  
through Jesus Christ our liberator  
who took on our flesh, and  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Theme:

Last week we reflected on taking up our cross and following, or Jesus our Liberator. What is it we are being liberated from and into? Perhaps it is how we live on this world.

This week we begin our celebration of the Season of Creation. From September 1 to October 4, we join the Christian family as we unite for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year we are invited as followers of Christ from around the globe to reflect on our common role as caretakers of God's creation; to see that our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing and to rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it.

Last year Pope Francis said, "this is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew," a season "to reflect on our lifestyles," and a season "for undertaking prophetic actions . . . calling for courageous decisions . . . directing the planet towards life, not death."

This year, the theme is "Jubilee for the Earth". We are invited "to consider the integral relationship between rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living. This particular year, the need for just and sustainable systems has been revealed by the far-reaching effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic. We yearn for the moral imagination that accompanies the Jubilee."<sup>1</sup>

Today we are invited to reflect on the importance of forests and bush for us as individuals, and as the lungs of our planet. Our readings remind us of the importance of healthy life giving relationships, with each other, and with our world. How do we live in such a way that we maintain the health of these relationships, with each other; with all humanity, especially the vulnerable; and with God's gift of creation?



<sup>1</sup> P.4. Guide to Celebrating the Season of Creation 2020

## 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.

**Our Church:** The people of the *Tauranga Parish & their clergy*

**Wider Church:** Today we pray for Papua New Guinea. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) faces many challenges as it continues to bring hope to the many communities it ministers to. Currently there are 110 Parishes and numerous mission districts with 112 priests engaged in active ministries.

## Notices



**St George's Art Show - Friday 9th & Saturday 10th October**  
**Tickets on Sale NOW: \$25.00 per person (includes beverages and finger food)**

Mark these dates in your diaries. The Social Committee has been working hard on planning for St George's very first Art Exhibition as the major fundraiser for this year.

We are also supporting Awhina House with a portion of the sales going to this very worthwhile community initiative.

Awhina House helps homeless women in Tauranga to get their lives back together again by providing shelter, care, and life skills.

Over 30 professional and amateur artists - Friday night is our Gala evening 7.00pm-9:30 pm. There will be refreshments provided by Happy Puku catering, raffles, and a Mystery Auction, plus a chance to get your glad rags on! Tickets are \$25 from the office, selling soon.



Online services only will continue until further notice and/or we are back in Level 1. Our facilities are also closed to outside groups. The parish office will remain open.



Lay Ministry Licences – For the process to continue, would those who have not completed their forms, do so and drop off or email to Patricia in the office. I also require the original certificate from 3 years ago.



## September Notices for AAW

If we are still in level two, we will not be meeting on the 8th Sept. If we are in level 1, our Vicar John Hebenton will take an AAW service for us In the Church and Faye Mayo and Patsy Arlidge will be guest speakers giving us an insight into The Lions Club they belong to. We will also have our bring and buy sales table, raffle, and afternoon tea. If we are unable to meet a decision will be made later whether to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month or miss September altogether.

Together in Prayer on Sunday - You are invited to join us for the Sunday service on the Parish Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/GatePaAnglican/>. Or on the parish YouTube channel - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj\\_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA)

Together in Prayer during the week- You continue to be invited to join in praying at 9.30 each morning in our own places.

### This week in the Parish:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September Praying together then stay safe  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September Praying together then stay safe  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September Praying together then stay safe  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September Praying together then stay safe  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September Praying together then stay safe  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September Praying together then stay safe  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September online service on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GatePaAnglican/> , or on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj\\_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA)**  
**Followed by zoom morning tea– Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88100362839> - Meeting ID: 881 0036**

### Service Next Week 13<sup>th</sup> Sept (OS24)

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Psalm 114

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-25

### Dates to note in your Diary:

- Blessing of the Animals 4<sup>th</sup> October
- Art Show 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> October
- Week of Prayer for World Peace 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October
- All Souls (All Saints) 1st November



- Carol Service 20<sup>th</sup> December

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