



# St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

*All who enter here be reconciled*

7th June 2020 with The Rev'd John Heberton

**TRINITY**



There is NO morning tea today.

**Liturgy Service: 476 NZPB**

**Psalm: 8**

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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 1:1 – 2:4

**Second Reading -** 2 Cor 13:11-13

**Gospel -** Matt 28:16-20

**Sentence:** Proclaim the Name: The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Exodus 34.6*

## **Prayer for Trinity Sunday**

Blessed Trinity,

we know you as a community of love.

Grant us such worship of you

that we are transformed after your likeness;

to be creative, caring, life enriching people.

for you reign in the glory of the power that is love.

this we ask through Christ our Mediator. Amen.

## Theme for the Week

Today is Trinity Sunday. Please keep reading. The temptation is to try to explain the Trinity, often using some of the common metaphors. For example, the “Trinity is like water, which is also ice and steam” which is modalism – and condemned as a heresy; or the famous 3 leafed clover of St. Patrick – also seen as not quite getting it.

The other temptation is to ask, “so what if I don’t get how the Trinity works” and to ignore it all together. I suspect lots of us do that.

I want to suggest that Trinity Sunday is a gift. It is a day where we allow ourselves to be overwhelmed and shaped by the awe, wonder and mystery of God who is three in one. A few years ago Archbishop Phillip wrote that “(h)owever difficult it might be, to speak of God as Trinity is to speak a wonderful truth, for the Trinity speaks to us of a God who is no distant, remote, isolate monad, but rather proclaims an experience of God who in essence is relational. God as Trinity is God in communion, three in one. Inter-dependence, mutuality, loving in communion are all expressions which flow from our knowledge of God as three in one. St. Augustine of Hippo described the Trinity as “the lover, the beloved and the love between them”.

So on this gift of a day, as we look ahead to the possibility of regathering at St. Georges, we are drawn into the awe and mystery of our Triune God, and are invited to reflect on how that has shaped our response to God’s actions during the last few months, and will shape our response to God’s actions in our lives, in the world around us, and in all creation in the weeks and months ahead.

## 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 the Gisborne Parish & their clergy: Dale Williamson (Vicar), Jenny Fulljames, Stephen Prebble. Retired clergy: Brian Hamilton, Bob Hewat, Gaye Barkla, Dan Jensen.

**Wider Church:** Today we pray for education and educators in Papua New Guinea. With more than a thousand different cultural groups and more than 820 different languages in PNG, this diversity makes for some significant mission challenges.

## NOTICES

**Tauranga Community Foodbank** are in great need of money donations. You can donate online: <https://taurangafoodbank.co.nz/> During Level 2 we will still be operating as we have been so far.



**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 - Anglican Parish of Gate Pa on. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj\\_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA)



**Together in Prayer during the week**- We continue to invite you to join in praying at 9.30 each morning in our own places.

**Praying with our Province and the Communion.** The Archbishops and bishops have asked us all to join them in prayer at 7pm every Sunday while worship services are suspended. Please light a candle and pray with and for others.

### **Worship by Zoom with Bishop Andrew - Sunday's Only**

Sunday evenings at 7pm for Night Prayer - Topic: Bishop Andrew Sundays' Night Prayer - Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/986454499> - Meeting ID: 986 454 499  
Please feel free to pass this onto anyone else you think may like to join

**PUB  
NIGHT!**

**Parish Pub Night – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** Oasis Bar and Grill  
Corner Chadwick and Cameron Roads. 5pm. All welcome to come chat and share a drink/meal

### **Faith Thinking on Zoom**

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago is offering another series of “Faith Thinking on Zoom” - one hour FREE sessions on Zoom, These will involve input on a topic followed by facilitated discussion

To join in one of these sessions you need to register by going here:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html> and clicking on “Register online” at the bottom.

Details: Wednesday June 10: 7.30-8.30pm

James Harding, Theology Programme, University of Otago:

The Bible in the Time of Jesus

Tuesday 16 June: 7.30-8.30pm

Paul Trebilco, Theology Programme, University of Otago:

Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

Tuesday 23 June, 7.30-8.30

Lynne Taylor, Theology Programme, University of Otago:

Pastoral care: our stories matter

Tuesday 30 June: 7.30-8.30pm

David Tombs, Theology Programme, University of Otago:

James Cone, the Cross and the Lynching Tree

## This week in the Parish:

Monday - 8 June - Matt 5: 1 - 12 9.30am Praying together then stay safe

Tuesday - 9 June - John 20:11-18 9.30am Praying together then stay safe

Wednesday 10 June – Matt 5: 17 - 19 9.30am Praying together then stay safe

Thursday 11 June – John 6: 51 – 58 9.30am Praying together then stay safe

Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion

Friday 12 June – Matt 5: 27 - 32 9.30am Praying together then stay safe

Saturday 13 June – Matt 5: 33 - 37 9.30am Praying together then stay safe

## Service Next Week 14th June

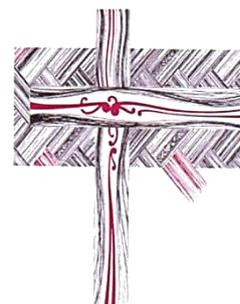
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Psalm 107:23-32

Job 38:1, 4-11

Acts 27:27-32, 39-44

Mark 4:35-41



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## Dates to note in your Diary

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