



# St George's

**Anglican Parish of Gate Pa**

*All who enter here be reconciled*

7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Yr B with The Rev'd John Hebenton**

**In-person Morning Prayer at 8:30am - don't forget to sign in, mask up,  
and keep the 1 metre distance apart.**

**There is an Online Service at 9:30am on Zoom and YouTube.**

## **Liturgy Page 456 NZPB**

**Sentence:** Give and it will be given unto you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you give back. *Luke 6:38*

## **Prayer for the Day**

Vulnerable God,  
you challenge the powers that rule the world  
through the needy, the compassionate  
and those who are filled with longing.  
Make us hunger and thirst to see right prevail,  
and single minded in seeking peace,  
that we may see your face and be satisfied in you,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen

## **Psalm 127**

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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:** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-7 Bible page 211

**Second Reading:** Heb 9 :24-28 Bible Page 976

**Gospel:** Mark 12 :38-44 Bible Page 825

## **Theme:**

Last week we celebrated All Saints and All Souls, remembering and giving thanks for those who have died, especially over the last year. On Thursday I will join some others at the RSA to remember the ending of WW1 and to acknowledge

the enormous cost to this land. We too often forget that this was also the start of the Spanish Flu which killed tens of millions around the world, in part spread by returning troops from Europe. It was a time of grief, fear, anger, and loss. The world had changed forever and there was no going back. Remembering our dead involves acknowledging how hard it was for them and us. These last months have been hard. Our world has changed. Covid is here to stay. So, we are invited to acknowledge our own grief, fear, anger, and loss. And we are gifted the Book of Ruth which Bonnie helped us into last week.

Ruth is a book of protest. Like Job, a protest against the idea God blesses the righteous with wealth and sons. Naomi felt wronged. A protest against the returning exiles decreeing that foreign wives and their children be sent away – David’s great grandmother was a Moabite! It is a book that embraces grief and loss with questions and doubts, and two desperate women taking charge of their situation and finding a path to life.

Megan Fullerton Stollo writes of Ruth’s gift to us, “There is much uncertainty, grief, and frustration in our world today—an ever-waxing and waning pandemic, the divisions that arise because of mask and vaccine mandates, ... the fears and frustrations with regard to climate change and the grief of loss due to natural disasters ... The blessings at the end of the narrative do not overshadow or eliminate the grief experienced earlier. The good news of the book of Ruth is that blessings can still come even when we are in the midst of grief, in the throws of anger and frustration. Naomi’s story also teaches us that if we’re not ready to acknowledge those blessings, that’s ok. Those who are not ready to acknowledge blessing—those who are still struggling with the anger and angst of grief and struggle—can find solace these days in Naomi’s story.”<sup>1</sup>

Ruth invites us to acknowledge our grief, fear, and sense of loss. But it also invites us to ask what you need to do to find a way to life?

## **Prayer**

**Our community:** We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, Merivale and The Lakes. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha Centre, Hodgson House, Pyes Pa Country Lodge 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.

**Our Church:** Today we pray for the people of the Westshore Parish & their Ministry support team and the people of the East Coast Parish

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-31-2/commentary-on-ruth-11-18-5>

**Our World:** Today we pray for the Principal of Newton Theological College Bishop and Deputy Principal, the Principal of Kerina Evangelists College, Staff & students at the colleges, chaplain & staff in Anglican Elementary & Secondary.

## Notices:



**Parish Pub Night**, Oasis Bar, Corner Cameron Road and Chadwick Rd, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021



**Christmas-** We are going to have to do Christmas differently this year. Vestry would welcome any thoughts you might have about how to celebrate this year within our current restrictions



**Online worshippers**, please have a candle with you for the zoom or YouTube service



**Our telephone is temporarily down** due to circumstances beyond our control. You can still phone and leave a message and I will call you back, or you can email us

[admin.gatepa@waiapu.com](mailto:admin.gatepa@waiapu.com) or contact John at 021 679 202



**Please join the In-person Morning Prayer every Sunday at 8:30am.** This is a non-eucharistic service, no communion, no singing, no morning tea, everyone must maintain the 1 metre distance apart and need to stay masked for the duration of the service. Please contact the Parish Office to book your place at 07-5787916 or at email [admin.gatepa@waiapu.com](mailto:admin.gatepa@waiapu.com)



**Join us for our online Sunday service at 9:30am on Zoom.** Meeting ID: 438 753 8725; Passcode: 1864 or by clicking on this link <https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/4387538725?pwd=US9ibGNncHI3V25oRFI4S0RhWTd3QT09> or watch the YouTube

live stream [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj\\_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY6aj_VKJYW9YzDy2zZ-EAA/videos). There will be a "zoom morning tea" after the service.



## PARISH WEB

**If you wish to contribute like poems, a recipe, a book review and etcetera**, please email to our Parish Office at [admin.gatepa@waiapu.com](mailto:admin.gatepa@waiapu.com) on or before 15<sup>th</sup> November.



**The Parish Prayer Group.** 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)



**The Parish Office is open** from 9:00am to 12:00pm on weekdays. The Lounge and Hall are available for hire under strict Covid-19 Level 2 guidelines.



**Tauranga Community Foodbank** need donations. With church reopened, your contributions each week are gratefully received.

You may also donate online at <https://taurangafoodbank.co.nz/>

The foodbank is operating during Covid-19 Level 2.



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<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/get-one-give-one>

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