



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

26th January 2020 The Rev'd John Hebenton
Year A – 3rd Sunday of the Epiphany



Welcome to worship at St. George's.
Today is the Parish Picnic after the service. \$10 per adult.
Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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Psalm: 27:1,4-9

First Reading: Isa 9:1-4

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Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-18

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Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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Sentence: Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4.23

Prayer for the Day

Living God,

your Son Jesus Christ called the fishermen to follow him.

Embolden us to lay aside everything that distracts us.

Give us focus and resolve to follow you.

Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,

who is alive and reigns with you,

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

The theme of Epiphany is God's gracious love breaking into the darkness of this world. It began a few weeks ago with the story of Persian Magi – astrologers (condemned by Torah) coming to anoint a child from a poor Jewish family as king. If we are honest that makes no sense. This whole story makes no sense. That is the point. Epiphany is a time to let go of our assumptions about God's love and how that love might be.

On this Sunday in Epiphany we are offered Matthew 4:12-25. In response to John's arrest Jesus withdraws and begins his ministry inviting people to repent. Too often we read repent as a moral command to turn from immoral living to more righteousness. But the Greek "metanoete" is more accurately understood something like "Be of a new mind!" Or, perhaps as "Change your way of thinking!" Or most simply, "Wrap your mind around this!" Epiphany is about seeing the world, seeing God's action in the world, and seeing ourselves in a whole new light. Literally. We hear the story of Peter and Andrew, James and John changing their way of thinking, their way of understanding themselves in the world, and leaving all that made sense of their lives. Epiphany invites us to remember our own moments of call, of changed thinking; to note the cost of that and the gift of that; and to know God's inbreaking love in all that.

Prayer

Our community - We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We pray for those who live without hope, and all those who seek to bring your hope. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha Centre 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 currently.

Our Church: Today we pray for the Hospital Chaplains, Seafarer's Chaplain, Police & Fire Chaplain, St John's Chaplains and Chaplain to Retired.

Wider Church: Today we pray for the Province of Southern Africa. It is the oldest province in Africa with 28 dioceses.

Notices:



Free Summer Public Lectures – Sunday 2nd and 9th February 7-9 pm here at St. Georges

Invite your friends and neighbours to hear the story of The Anglican Apology to Ngai Tamarawaho and Ngati Taupu (*Sunday 2nd Feb*) with the Most Rev'd Sir David Moxon and The Place of the Treaty of Waitangi in Aotearoa today. (*Sunday 9th Feb*) with Buddy Mikaere

Midweek services will resume on Tuesday 4th February at 9.30am



Prayers Group will resume in the Lady Chapel **Friday 7th February, at 9.30am.**



PARISH WEB We need you and your contributions!



PUB NIGHT!

Parish Pub Night – Friday 14th February Oasis Bar and Grill Corner Chadwick and Cameron Roads. 5pm. All welcome to come chat and share a drink/meal



First Taizé of the New Year – Sunday 23rd February, 7pm at St George's. Come and join us for a quiet contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France

KiwiBank customers – Free Will Giving and Mission Giving –

Kiwibank is not issuing or processing cheques from the end of February 2020. If you are a Kiwibank customer and have previously written a cheque out for your giving envelope, and you would like to discuss giving via direct debit or automatic payment or similar, please see Patricia in the office who has the bank account form for this. You may like to set up in your "on-line" banking our bank account details and again, Patricia can give you the bank account details to do this.

FREE TAXI SERVICE TO & FROM HOSPITAL – Malcolm Blow

If you are told that you are not permitted to drive yourself home after receiving hospital treatment which includes sedation or anaesthetic and you live alone, you may find it difficult to get a driver to get you there and back. Malcolm Blow Phone: 576 4022 or 027 264 5742

This week in the Parish:

Monday 27th Jan Auckland Anniversary Day
Tuesday 28th Jan 9.30am No Tuesday service
Sunday 2nd Feb 8.00am and 9.30 am services start again

Service Next Week 2nd February The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple/Candlemas

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Psalm: 24: 7-10

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



Dates to note in your Diary

- ❖ Free Summer Public Lectures Sunday 2nd & 9th February 7 -9 pm
- ❖ Prayer Group 9.30am Friday 7th February
- ❖ Taizé Service on 23rd February at 7pm
- ❖ Shrove Tuesday on 25th February
- ❖ Ash Wednesday 26th February 9.30am

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