



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

19th March 2023 Lent 4

with The Rev'd Adrienne Bruce



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea after the 10am service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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

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Psalm: 23

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First Reading:

1 Sam 16:1-13

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Second Reading:

Eph 5:8-14

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Gospel:

John 9:1-41

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Sentence: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life. John 8:12

Prayer for the Day

God of healing and sight,
we long to see with eyes of faith.

Heal all that blinds us,
renew our vision,

and grant us to see afresh
all that you are doing;

For you are alive and reign with the Father
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

One of gifts I am most grateful for during my 40 years or so in ministry came when Bishop John Bluck, in 2006, invited me to be the musician who led waiata on the pilgrimages around the Waiapu Diocese. This meant that I came to understand how our Christian story became part of the landscape of what was to become the Waiapu Diocese and that, while influenced by the early English missionaries, it was Māori who were responsible for this, beginning in Eastland. You may know this story well, but if not, it is a story I love, and one I will share this morning.

One of the key figures of this era was Piripi Taumata-ā-Kura of Ngāti Porou. His influence on the spread of the Gospel throughout Aotearoa is pause for reflection on what we have often been taught, or not taught, especially in our younger years.

As we reflect on the story we might ask ourselves these questions.

- What is the 'ah-ha' moment for me in this story?
- How might this story change my thinking and sharing stories of faith with others?



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 loved ones, homes and belongings in the floods around Te Ika-a-Maui (the North Island) in the past four weeks. We pray particularly for those who continue to be affected in the Diocesan Office in Napier.

Our Church: We pray for the people of the Greater Hastings Parish & their clergy; Waiapu Kids St Matthew's manager; Heretaunga Seniors Manager; Hawkes Bay Growing through Grief Coordinators and Manager.

Wider Church: We pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) and its work in development, training and resource sharing of its international members.

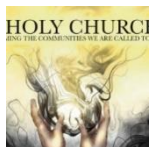
Notices

CYCLONE GABRIELLE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The Anglican Church has launched a Cyclone Gabrielle Emergency Appeal to support communities most affected by the recent disaster.

There are 2 ways to donate:

1. Go online to Anglican Missions [Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal](#).
2. Place an envelope in the giving plate, with your name and 'Cyclone Appeal' on the front, and we will bank it for you.



Lenten Studies: A HOLY CHURCH – BECOMING THE COMMUNITIES WE ARE CALLED TO BE. Bonnie will lead this week's study after the 10am service and morning tea. All welcome.



Coffee with the Vicar - John invites you to join him for a cuppa and a chat at Columbus Café MITRE 10 Gate Pa at 10.30am on Tues 21 March



Art for sale: Artist Anne Westerskov will be selling her art after the 10am church service on 26th March.



John is looking for people who have ideas for Palm Sunday -meet 26th March after 10am service.



The next **Senior Chef** programme begins on **Wednesday 29 March - 17 May** 10 am-1pm in the Lounge. There is no cost for participants.

There are places still available. If you would like to take part contact Faye Mayo on 54333369 or fayemayo06@gmail.com. Come along and enjoy great company and learn new skills. Mihi and Faye look forward to seeing you.



Past AAW members Coffee Morning on the last Friday each month (31 March) at Le Chat Noir in Greerton at 10.30am.



The Friday Parish Prayer Circle If you would like prayer for yourself or another, please contact the Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please let them know if prayer is no longer needed



We have some bottles of Old Masters Madeira Port that we cannot use for altar wine as the alcohol content is too low. We are offering these to people for a koha. There are 2 bottles 750 mls and 6 bottles of 1000mls available. See Charmaine in the office.



Making Palm Crosses - There will be a small team making palm crosses on Saturday 1 April, at 11am in the Lounge. If you would like to learn how to make these please come along. We have some flax.

This week in the Parish:

Tuesday 21st March 9.30am Communion Service

Wednesday 22nd March Vestry meets 7pm in Church Lounge

Sunday 26th March 8.30am & 10am Holy Communion Service
with The Rev'd John Hebenton

Service Next Week 26th March Lent 5

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Psalm: 130

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



I Am, 1954

Dates to Note in your Diary

- **Lenten Studies:** 6 weeks during Lent in Church Lounge after 10am service
- **Coffee with the Vicar** - Tues 21 March, 10.30am at Columbus Café MITRE 10 Gate Pa
- **Ideas Meeting** Sunday 26th March after 10 am service for Palm Sunday
- **AAW Coffee** Morning Friday 31 March, 10.30am Le Chat Noir
- **Palm Cross Making**, Saturday 1st April, 11am in Lounge
- **Taizé Service**, 7pm Sunday 2nd April (Palm Sunday)

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Knowing Jesus and making Jesus Known

Easter Notices



Palm Sunday decorating – We need people to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. If you are able to help please let John know.

- If you have palm branches, we can use for our Palm Sunday procession or for decorating the church please us know.

Palm Sunday Morning tea is between services on Palm Sunday. Please plan to be there and bring a little something to make this a significant morning tea.



Palm Sunday Taizé Service – Sunday 2nd April, 7pm at St George's. The traditional Stations of the Cross in the style of worship from the Taizé Community in France.



Maundy Thursday, 6th April. Come and share a simple meal, at 5.30pm in the Lounge. Please bring a plate of simple foods – hardboiled eggs, flat breads, tomatoes, fruits, cheese etc. This will be followed by a Tenebrae Service – Service of Shadows at 7pm with foot washing.

Easter Services 2023

Palm Sunday 2 April	8.30am & 10am Services with morning tea between 7pm. Taizé Service
Monday 3 April	5.30pm Reflective Communion Service
Tuesday 4 April	9.30am Mid-Week Communion Service 5.30pm Reflective Communion Service
Wednesday 5 April	5.30pm Reflective Communion Service
Thursday 6 April	5.30pm shared meal 7pm - Stripping of the church and a Tenebrae Service
Good Friday 7 April	9am Reflective Service 10.15am Combined Churches Walk of Witness beginning at Holy Trinity and finishing at St. Mary's Catholic Church with a service and Hot Cross buns. 12noon-3pm Experiential Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to come and take your time engaging with 12 of the Stations of the cross. Each station will include a reading, an action, and an invitation to prayer and silence. Come at any time and stay as long as you like.
Easter Sunday 9 April	8.30am & 10am Easter Eucharist with reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows