



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

30th April 2023

Easter 4

Year A with The Rev'd John Hebenton



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: Acts 2:42-47

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Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

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Gospel: John 10:1-10

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Sentence

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. *John 10:11*

Prayer for the Day

Loving Shepherd,
you lead us nowhere you yourself have not been.
Call us by name,
lift us high upon your shoulders,
and bring us to the fold.
Through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. 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

Missionaries can have an extraordinary effect on the community in which they live. Paula and I stayed with my sister Judy and her family who were Anglican missionaries in Oro Province, Papua New Guinea in 1980. It was still a very undeveloped part of the country but it was already suffering the effects of urban-rural drift and all of the related poor social indicators. It was fascinating to see, first-hand, the changes that were taking place and the influence that they, as a young western Christian family, were having on their community. I was uneasy about some of these, but my sister felt that one of the greatest benefits people gained by becoming Christian was to overcome their fear of sorcery and superstition.

My experiences in Papua New Guinea have made we think about the effect of the missionaries who came to New Zealand. The two societies had many similarities. Alfred and Charlotte Brown came to Tauranga as a young missionary family in the 1830s. Wiremu Tamehana was a remarkable leader who dared to imagine a different way of life for his people and embraced the radical new religion that the Brown's were offering. How did things work out?

Cliff Simons

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 Centrepont, 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.

Our Church: We pray for Ecumenical Bodies; Christian World Service, Uniting Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand, The World Council of Churches; The Anglican Social Justice Unit.

Wider Church: We pray for the 'Five Marks of Mission', which expresses the worldwide Anglican Church's common commitments to, and understanding of, God's holistic and integral mission. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.; Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, Treasure.

Notices:



Food for the Foodbank: Non-perishable items are gratefully accepted, thank you.



The Roster for May is now available for collection. Please add your name to the Master copy in the Church foyer if you can help out. Thank you!



Planning day: Saturday 13th May 9am - 12.30 in the Church Lounge. All are very welcome. Come along and have a say about the future of our parish.



Coffee with the Vicar (Coffee Meet): Tuesday 9th May 10.30 at Columbus Café in Mitre 10 at Gate Pa.



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.



Can anyone recommend a Cleaner (floors only) for once a month? Pyes Pa area. Contact Jacky 07 5433441 or 0211535687



At 78 17th Avenue, Tauranga I have more feijoas than I can handle. If you would like to collect them bring a container, go round the house till you find the tree and take as many as you want. If I am home I will offer you a cuppa. Gulie Dowrick.



Taizé Service 18th June, 7pm at St George's. Come and join us for a contemplative service based on the music of the Taizé Community.



The Armed Man - a mass for peace. Tauranga Civic Choir present this powerful work by contemporary Welsh composer Karl Jenkins. Friday 19th May 7.30pm and Saturday 20th May 3pm at St Peter's Spring St Tauranga. Tickets \$22.20 booking through Eventbrite or talk to Bonnie who can book for you.

This coming week at St George's

Tuesday 2nd May 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th May 8.30am and 10am Holy Communion Service

Service Next Week 7th May - Easter 5

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Psalm: 31:1-5,15-16

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14



Dates to Note in your Diary

Coffee with the Vicar (Coffee Meet) Tuesday 9th May 10.30

Planning Day Saturday 13th May 9am – 12.30pm. All welcome.

Taizé Service Sunday 18th June 7pm

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