



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pā

All who enter here be reconciled

22 March 2026 with **The Rev'd Joyce Crawford**
and sermon by Bonnie Heberton



Passion Sunday

Welcome to worship at St George's.
We have one service today at 9am
followed by morning tea and then our AGM.
Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Bible Page 704
Gospel: John 11:1-45 Bible Page 873

Sentence: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11:25-26*

Prayer for the Day

God in Trinity,
Creator, Saviour, Giver of life and truth,
reveal the possibilities within us,
that we may attain to the fullness of our humanity.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

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.

Prayers

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Oropi, Pyes Pa and Merivale/Parkvale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha Centre, Hodgson House 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, those who receive home communion and any others we hold in our hearts.

Waiapu Diocese: God of past and present, yours is the Spirit that fires the life of your Church and yours is the work we are given to do. Bless our diocese with a courage to pray for that which seems inconceivable, a tenacity of hope that sees your kingdom even in the ashes, and a grace that knows we are all sisters and brothers in your love.

Our Church: We pray for the people of the *West Rotorua Parish* and their Ministry Support Team: Christine Hatchard (P), Susan Cooper (P), Jennifer Stuart (P), Ann Crawford (P), Kathleen Roper, Jan Gapes, Doug Foley (P), Merlene Tahata; The people of the *Rotorua Parish* and their clergy: Bruce Allport (Vicar), Gaelyn Brake. *Waiapu Kids St Francis Whānau Aroha* Manager: Erin Batley. *Growing Through Grief Coordinator:* Vacant.

Our World: We pray and give thanks for ministry to migrants and refugees; Mission to Seafarers (MTS) The Rev. Lance Lukin, Regional Director of MTS based in Wellington.

Notices



The AGM is TODAY, after the 9am service. Please stay!

There will be a shared morning tea in the lounge after the service followed by the AGM. Please bring a plate. AGM report booklets are available in the foyer.



Centrepont, our Opportunity Shop in the Greerton village, still needs more volunteers as some people have retired. There are many different roles that are needed so your skills can be put to good use in some capacity. If you can help, please call Kate the Manager on 07 578 7298.



Harakeke Flax leaves needed for The Rev'd Joyce's palm cross workshop on Saturday 28 March. They must be young bendable leaves. Please contact the office if you can supply these. We don't have any as yet.



Making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday - There will be a small team making palm crosses, on Saturday 28 March, at 1pm in St. George's Lounge. If you would like to learn how to make these please come along.



Taizé Service 29 March Palm Sunday, 7pm at St George's. Come and join us for a contemplative service based on the music of the Taizé Community.



The Offertory: From Palm Sunday, during the offertory hymn, we will recommence with passing the collection plate around and then taking up the wine, bread, food basket and collection plate to the altar. The Liturgist and greeter with help from another person that they ask on the day will do this. We are returning to our pre-covid tradition.



Lectionaries: There are three 2026 Lectionaries for sale at \$10 each. They contain all the readings for each day of the year plus the Collect for each Sunday and are available from the parish office.



Maundy Thursday 2 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.



A change to the Office hours: The last day the office will be open on a Friday is 20 March. Normal hours from then will be Monday to Thursday 8.30am -12.30pm.



The Parish Prayer Circle: If you require prayer for yourself or another person, please contact The Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363). Please let her know when prayer is no longer needed.

This week in the Parish

Tuesday 24 March 9.30am Communion Service and morning tea

Saturday 28 March 1pm Palm cross making in church lounge

Sunday 29 March 9.30am Palm Sunday Communion Service

Sunday 29 March 7pm Taizé Service in the church

Service Next Week 29 March

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Psalm: 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 21:1-11



Dates to note in your Diary

- **Palm Crosses workshop** Saturday 28 March 1pm in the church lounge.
- **Palm Sunday** 29 March 9.30am service
- **Taizé Service** Sunday 29 March 7pm
- **Maundy Thursday Dinner** 2 April 5.30pm and **Tenebrae Service** 7pm
- **Good Friday Service** 3 April 3pm
- **Easter Sunday Service** 5 April 9 **One service** at 9.30am
- **Commemoration of the Battle of Gate Pā Service** 29 April 4pm

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