

Anglican PARISH OF KAPITI

24th February 2019

This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Rejoicing and being glad can be really hard when we are confronted by some of Jesus more difficult teachings. Today's gospel reading contains one of the hardest; "love your enemies". It is something we really struggle with; not returning like for like when someone hurts us. Many of us prefer the Old Testament instruction for retribution and revenge, "an eye for an eye"; even when we know it can lead to a never ending cycle of bitterness and hate. We also know full well that if God dealt with us like that, according to what our sins deserve, none of us could stand. What we see in Jesus is that God responds to sin and sinfulness with love and mercy and he asks us to do the same, even when it hurts. Jesus challenges the "eye for an eye" worldview and commands his followers to act out of a different spirit. Not to do nothing- that would be passivity. But to act counter culturally; to go against the grain and find a way to express love, thus dissolving the retribution cycle and leaving judgement to God alone. We need God's help to do this. The kind of grace required to do what goes against our inclinations to hit/hurt/take back and make someone feel a little of what we have felt, is grace that most of us don't have in that moment. We need God's love to fill us in such a way that it spills out when we are poked, hit, hurt or offended. Come Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love and grace that we may act out of that same love and grace when we are hurt.

Julie

*A special welcome to all who are visiting with us today.
Please take the time to fill out a visitor card before you leave.
These can be found in the pews or church foyer.
Stay on and join us for morning tea following the service.*

We are family, we are disciples, we care for the last, the lost and the least.

<i>Readings</i>	THIS WEEK—24 Feb	NEXT WEEK—3 March
1st Reading	Genesis 45: 3-11, 15	Isaiah 55:10-13 or Sirach 27:4-7
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50	1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Gospel Reading	Luke 6: 27-38	Luke 6:39-49

The Sentence and Collect of the Day

Sentence: “Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” (*Ps 37:4*)

Collect: Grant us Jesus that tender, and indestructible love which asks forgiveness of its executioners and gives hope to the thief on the cross. Keep us compassionate when the way is hard, and gentle with those who oppose us; for the glory of your holy name. **Amen**

Parish Diary

Mid day Eucharist at St Paul’s EVERY FRIDAY ONLY

26 Feb	Tues	2pm	St Mark’s Guild AGM, St Mark’s
1 March	Fri	1.30pm	World Day of Prayer, Coast Community Church
3 March	Sun	7pm	Stillpoint, St Paul’s
5 March	Tues	6pm	Shrove Tuesday Sausage Sizzle & Pancakes
6 March	Wed	10am/7pm	Ash Wednesday—St Mark’s/St Paul’s
16 March	Sat	7pm	Parish Quiz Night, Parish Hall, St Paul’s
17 March	Sun	2.30pm	Commissioning of Revd Fiona Thomson, St Paul’s
28 April	Sun	10am	St Mark’s Anniversary Parish Combined Service



The Upper Room Prayer Stations

are in the process of being changed for the next few months.

We always welcome feedback so we can best support your prayer journey.

This year’s **LENT RESOURCE BOOKLET** is now available from the Parish office. \$5 each.

Painting Project: We have a painting project in the old Clergy Office and we are after any pastel or light colour paint tins of paint you may have and don’t want. It needs to be matt or semi gloss finish. Please bring to the office or call Julie to pick up , 021 118 3657. Thank you.



NZCMS Donations: NZCMS have informed us that IRD have increased the thresholds for donor rebate status and they no longer fit within the new criteria. **From 1 April 2019, NZCMS will no longer issue tax receipts for donations specified for their overseas mission partners or for general funds.**



Messy Church: **TODAY**, 4pm, Parish Hall, St Paul's. This month's theme: Always believe in the Impossible. Invite a friend for some fun.

Stillpoint begins for the year, **NEXT SUNDAY**, 3 March at 7pm at St Paul's. A reflective service with prayer and music. All welcome.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 1 March, 1.30pm at Coast Community Church, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu. You're invited to join in worship and fellowship.



St Mark's Guild: Tuesday 26 February at 2pm. Annual General Meeting in St Mark's Church, followed by a Eucharist. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper at St Paul's at 6pm. Sausage sizzle and pancakes for a koha. Come along for some fun and games.



Ash Wednesday Services: St Mark's 10am and St Paul's at 7pm.



Parish Quiz Night is now booked for **Saturday 16 March, 7pm**. Please get in early to buy your tickets to give us a good indication of numbers for catering purposes. \$10pp, teams of 6-8. BYO drinks & nibbles. Supper provided

Service of Commissioning for Revd. Fiona Thomson: Sunday 17 March at 2.30pm at St Paul's. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Fiona is taking up the role of Children's and Family Worker. See Noticeboards for further information.

Healing Prayer Training: Tuesday 19 March at 7pm—8.30pm for 4 weeks. "Partnering with God in Healing". Theory and practical. See Julie for more info.

ALPHA COURSES being offered:

- **Marriage course.** Friday evening from May 10 to 28 June. 7 week course.
- **Alpha course.** Sunday evening at 6pm from 30 June, for the ALPHA Dinner, followed by the 10 week course, beginning 21 July..



Begin to pray for friends and neighbours you want to invite and offers of help with food and running these courses are welcome.

See Graeme & Margaret Wallis or Paul & Christine Bull for the marriage course and Sheridan and Sharmla David or Julie for the Alpha Course.

Housesit opportunity Wanted:



Tim and Jo Morris are looking to house sit for May and June. If you know of anyone needing a housesitting couple at that time, please email Tim and Jo at tim.jo47@gmail.com or call 022 035 4428

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 24 Feb 2019

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Green

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 The Psalmist urges us to be still before the Lord, and put our trust in Him; to refrain from anger, and commit our lives to Him.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Joseph, earlier sold into slavery by his brothers, has been favoured by God and risen to power under Pharaoh in Egypt. He now reveals himself to his brothers and comforts them, urging them to bring his father and their families to Egypt where he can succour them in this time of drought and famine.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Paul compares the resurrection of the dead, to the sowing which leads to a harvest. Just as a seed dies to give birth to a new and transformed plant, so too the physical body that dies will be raised to a spiritual body. Physical weakness and dishonour will be translated into spiritual power and glory, as we assume the image of Christ the new Adam.

Luke 6: 27-38 Jesus follows his 'sermon on the mount' with an injunction for us to love one another, even our enemies and those who persecute us. We are not to judge, curse, hate or condemn, but to give and forgive, and be merciful as our Father is merciful, and our reward in heaven will be great. *Chris Durrant*

Friday PRAYER Group meet on Fridays at St Paul's, **10.45am**.

All are welcome.

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN: Contact **Marion Henderson** via email on:

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