



Welcome

It's great to have you with us today.

If you would like to find out more about what happens around the place, please stop by the welcome desk after the service.



Captured this week... some of the huge team of workers organised as furniture movers, painters, builders and much more...

**Hospitality,
Healing
and Hope.**



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A member of the Anglican Community of St Mark

From the Priest-in-charge

Dear Friends,

Today's readings are some of my favourites. I think that is because they are about the call of God on our lives through Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and our opportunity to respond.

Just picture how special the image of the child Samuel is, as he responds with **'speak Lord, for your servant is listening'** when hearing God calling his name. And then the gospel call, first by Jesus to two of John the Baptist's disciples, one named as Andrew (Simon Peter's brother) and the other probably the writer of the Gospel of John himself, telling them to **'come and see'**. And then that even more perceptive call to Nathanael (later known as Bartholomew) telling him, 'before Philip even called to you, when you were under the fig tree, **I saw you'**. These are all phrases I encourage you to sit with this week in quietness, imagining that it is you to whom God is speaking. What are you **hearing** and how will you **obey**? What does Jesus **see** in you? What does it mean **to be seen** by Jesus, and how will life be different as you respond?

This Sunday is **World Leprosy Sunday** - a day when we pray with people across the world for those who have contracted leprosy and suffer stigma and discrimination because of this disease. We pray too for those working to diagnose and treat this disease. Please take a prayer leaflet home as a prayer-prompt for this week.

Remember our service of **Thanksgiving and Blessing** next Sunday 24th January at 10.00 am. (There will still be an 8am service as well). It will be an opportunity to give thanks for special times of worship and social occasions in the hall in the past, and to ask God's blessing on the new build. The shared lunch will follow immediately after the service – please bring food to share.

Summer Lectures at Gate Pā: I do encourage you to go along and hear the two lectures outlined on page 4 of the newsletter.

With every blessing for the coming week

Adrienne

Preacher today: Rev'd Adrienne Bruce

Readings 1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51

Prayer for the day

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God of call and vocation, you call the greatest and the least to follow you;
open our ears to hear your call,

empower us by the Holy Spirit to respond

and willingly embrace the new and living way of discipleship.

For you are alive and reign with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Holy Trinity Kidz Sunday School resumes on Feb 7. Activities in foyer with Shelley or Activity Boards available for those who wish to sit with their parents.

Notices...

Receiving Communion – please note

1. Wafers must not be dipped in the chalice when you receive communion.
2. Receiving communion in one kind only (e.g. the wafer) is deemed to be receiving 'full communion'.
3. Juice is available on the organ side of the church, particularly if managing health issues.
4. For those with mobility issues, we are very happy to bring communion to you. Please collect a card from the Welcome Desk on your way into the church, sit near the centre aisle and, as the distribution of communion comes to the end, wave your card so we can spot you and come to you.

Two events to put in your diary

1* Sunday 24th Jan 10:00am Celebration of Hall & refurbishment

- Communion Service to include thanksgiving and prayer
- Shared lunch

2* Saturday 30th Jan 8.00am Holy Trinity Garage Sale

- Equipment toys, and resources from the Ark
- Any items of value from parishioners
(**No clothes, no books & please take away what is left**)

Can you help?

- manage a sales table?
- run a sausage sizzle/cake stall/craft stall?

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FREE SUMMER PUBLIC LECTURES

St. George's Anglican Parish in Gate Pā, on the site of the Battle of Gate Pā-Pukehinahina, each year offers free lectures to help people understand our history and how it shapes our present. They hope to offer four lectures this year. The first two are:



Sunday 24 January 7pm

The story of the early CMS missionaries in New Zealand.

Lt Col Dr Cliff Simons. *Cliff is a well-known historian, speaker and author who specialises in New Zealand's colonial and military history. He recently released the book: Soldiers, Scouts and Spies, a military history of the New Zealand Wars 1845-1864.*

Cliff will be placing the story of the early missionaries within the historical context so that we can understand the enormous contribution they made to Aotearoa-New Zealand, for better and for worse, in the nineteenth century, and their legacy today.

Sunday 31 January 7 pm

The Battle of Pukehinahina-Gate Pā.

Buddy Mikaere and Lt Col Dr Cliff Simons. *Buddy is a former Director of the Waitangi Tribunal and is a consultant, author and historian. In Tauranga he represents the environmental interests of several local iwi/hapu in their interface with local councils and developers. Buddy and Cliff are the co-authors of the book: Victory at Gate Pā?*

Buddy and Cliff will explore both why this battle happened, what happened during the battle, and the aftermath and its importance for all of us living in Tauranga today. They will offer both their up-to-date research done for their book published in October 2018, and the work they have done since for the reprint.

St George's Church operates with the kaupapa of - **let everyone who enters here be reconciled.** There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion at the end of each lecture. A koha – donations will be collected at the door to help cover the costs.

All lectures are at **St. Georges Anglican Church, corner of Cameron Rd and Church St, Gate Pā,** on the hill next to the Mega Mitre 10.

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