



# 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.

Mā tātau  
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ārai atu te  
COVID-19

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against  
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**Holy Trinity wants to encourage everyone to be vigilant around Covid-19**, to ensure that we continue to care for our nation as the pandemic continues to rage around the world.

**If you have a 'smartphone' please scan the app** (*which we will put on the newsletter each week to make it easy for you*) and remember to **turn on your Bluetooth.**

If you don't have a phone, please stop at the welcome desk and sign in. We will keep the lists for your protection.

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215 Devonport Road Tauranga Tauranga

## 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 we have the opportunity, as part of the 10am service, to give thanks for the significance that the parish hall has had in the life of Holy Trinity. As you will all know, it has been more than a hall, especially in the aftermath of the arson fire which destroyed the 1875 church on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1999, resulting in worship being held in the hall for several years.

We will also ask God's blessing on the new build and pray for all who will be involved in this project. The shared lunch will follow immediately after the service.

**Thank you to the many teams** who have worked so hard to get goods from the Ark ready for sale, gear out of the hall in readiness for the build, as well as the work on the Vicarage and Curate's House. The parish is blessed with a truly amazing team of volunteers.

**Summer Lectures at Gate Pā:** As I mentioned last week, I do encourage you to go along and hear the two lectures outlined on page 4 of this newsletter. Arthur and I will be there tonight.

**Today we are invited to reflect on two fishing stories.** The first begins with the fish rescuing Jonah - a funny reversal of the logic of fishing lore. Whale catches man! God had called Jonah to be a "fisher of people". Jonah was unwilling to the point of stubbornly refusing to act. Again, we have a thread about obedience as we did last week. Letting go of a known past for an unknown future is part of this theme. Jonah was asked to preach repentance to foreigners. He resented the fact that God was concerned about non-Jews. Some of his spiritual identity was tied up in being special. But finally, Jonah runs out of excuses for avoiding the call of God and embarks on his missionary journey in dramatic style.

Mark gives us a picture of a group of men who were in a prosperous business. They were inheritors of a family business. The fact that they were fishers meant that they were in the business of feeding people. And Jesus calls them, with a twist - "Come I'll make you fishers of people." The disciples left not only a good livelihood but also probably subjected their families to life on the road. Discipleship has always had a price as both Jonah and Jesus' disciples quickly discovered.

With every blessing for the coming week

*Adrienne*

**Preacher today:** Rev'd Adrienne Bruce

**Readings** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Mark 1:14-20

**Prayer for the day**

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God of Good News, Bearer of the Gospel,  
call us to repentance, call us to belief,  
so that we may fish for people in our generation and draw them to your love.  
For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Notices...**

**Receiving Communion**

Here at Holy Trinity, we offer an 'open table', and all are welcome to come to receive Holy Communion.

Please remember the following:

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.

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January

10.00 am Rest Home Volunteers meeting with Priest-in-charge  
7.00 pm Music Team meeting with Priest-in-charge

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am

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

Contact Dianne Lees (021) 816 791 [leesdianne@gmail.com](mailto:leesdianne@gmail.com) who is organising this on behalf of the fundraising team for the parish.

**Our Contact Directory** is being updated and reprinted early February. Please let us know of changes such as e-mails or landlines in the copy at the welcome desk.

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm

**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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