

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.



A huge thank you to the McFarlanes for sharing their incredible musical talents during worship.

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From the Priest-in-charge

Dear Friends,

I wonder if, like me, you read heaps and every now and then, something jumps out at you and you catch yourself re-reading it over and over, and in a sense it doesn't let you go. Trying to make sense of life isn't always easy. Why do some people get hurt, over and over. Why do some cope with loss of employment, or multiple deaths in their family or other huge life events, while others seem to sail on, apparently untouched. And our eternal question as Christians is how we make sense of life's questions in relation to our faith. This week I happened upon a commentary on today's Acts reading and this portion jumped out at me, written by a theologian Tom Truby which pertains to some of my ponderings on life. He wrote: *We have to know we killed Jesus before forgiveness means a thing. This is why I talk so much about rivalry, jealousy and envy and its expression in various levels of violence. Talking in this way makes it obvious that we participated in crucifying Jesus. Now, I know that none of us were at the crucifixion but we participate in the crucifixion any time we bolster our sense of being in by finding a way of throwing someone else out. We all do this, we can't avoid it. It is the water we swim in. It is built into our culture in the form of racism, sexism, classism, bullying and just plain meanness that we all use to prove we are better or worse than our neighbour. Anytime we spend energy comparing ourselves with others, either positively or negatively, rather than delighting in our "belovedness" as God's children, we are attacking Christ, who wants us to love ourselves because he first loved us. Peter's audience had to see that they were there when they crucified Jesus.*

To resolve this is to journey with the disciples and hear as they heard. As Jesus appeared to his disciples he told them that all scripture must be viewed through his death and resurrection and when he explained how this works they got so excited their hearts burned. May our hearts likewise burn within us as we view the world through the same lens.

Next Sunday is **ANZAC Day**. A significant day in the life of New Zealanders and Australians. Our services at 8am and 10am will focus on some of the themes of that day. In a similar vein to what I have noted above, there are a wide range of views around ANZAC Day. It is the day when people remember, and are committed to seeing that such tragedy and war is not part of the life story for future generations. There is the other pole of the argument which sees war as just a 'killing machine' and never acceptable and something one ought not recall at all. And all the opinions and views in between. In remembering, as Jesus reminded us to 'remember me', himself a victim of violence, we want to honour those who lost their lives whilst also praying for a world striving for peace and justice. We will provide an opportunity for those who wish, to lay poppies in the memorial alcove in the foyer. And I invite any of you who have medals from family members who wish to wear those medals to please do so.

May you continue to be blessed richly over this Eastertide

Adrienne

Easter 3

8am Liturgy page 476

Sermon: Donald Carter

Readings: Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Collect for the day:

Alleluia! Holy God, you set the example for us to follow; as we fulfil

your call to care for your world, make us faithful shepherds of your love. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Notices

Messy Church today from 4-6pm. Theme: Remember Me.



Hospital Chapel Services : Four times a year HTT people go to the Tauranga Hospital on a Sunday morning to help bring patients down to Chapel. We now need three or four more people to join this team. For details of what is required and/or to volunteer contact Donald admin@holyltrinitytauranga.com or office.

Remembering the Battle of Pukehinahina Gate Pā 29th April at 4pm



The Anglican Parish of Gate Pā invites you to remember those who fought and died here, the consequences of these military engagements for ngā iwi o Tauranga Moana; and to offer prayers/karakia for the future of Tauranga Anglican Parish of Gate Pa. 1 Church St, Tauranga, 3116 07 578 7916. www.stgeorgesgatepa.com



Alpha for ESOL course starts on Tues 4 of May 9.30-11.30am.

ABORTION RECOVERY Abortion can be a 'splitting' experience and many women report feeling as though their lives from then on are not integrated. An 8-week course, Living In Colour, starts on Thursday, May 6th at 10am. Private, confidential, small and led by women who themselves have had abortions. For further information, please phone Barbara on 5787458

You're Invited ! Beauty For Ashes Hall Fundraising Event

Sat 8 May 9.45am- 3.30pm Bring & share lunch - \$ 10 door donation. Four different speakers and topics. Bring a friend. See the noticeboard. Fundraising sales table, if you wish to donate to the office prior.

Rental required

Young, married Christian couple seek urgent, long-term accommodation. Unit/flat/small house considered. Please contact Shontelle 0277 750425

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