

25<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

9.00 am Eucharist – Christ Church, Whangarei

Presider: *The Reverend Peter Bargh*

5.00 pm Evensong – St. Stephen's, Onerahi

Cantor: *John Mason*

Homilist: *The Reverend Richard Hancock*



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### TODAY'S READINGS

Mark 11:1-11

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

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**Sentence:** God has raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

*Ephesians 2:6-7*

**Collect:** God of the journey, you travel with us along paths both rough and smooth; as we celebrate your Son's triumphal entry into Jerusalem travel with us into Holy Week, that through your Holy Spirit we may witness to the depths of your passion and be ready to rise into the fullness of Easter Day. Through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

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### **WELCOME TO WHANGAREI ANGLICAN**

Welcome to Holy Week. Today we do the traditional Palm Sunday things, we bless palm crosses and process around the church singing "All Glory, Laud and Honour." We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We do so mindful of Pilate's parallel imperial entry into Jerusalem – which would have been on the minds of those at the time (with Roman processions well known to early readers of the Gospel) – and the contrast with Jesus' entry it presents. We are also aware that the crowds who greet Jesus on his entry are likely to contain some of the same people who gather later in the week to condemn Jesus and watch him be crucified. It is into that spirit, to get a sense of the fullness of the week to come, that we hear the passion narrative according to Saint Mark. We hear from the plotting to kill Jesus through until his burial. After the Passion (from the Latin *passio* meaning suffering) Gospel has been read we have a period of silence to reflect on what we have heard and what we will remember, as well as experience, in the coming Holy Week.

Through Holy Week, there will be evening services, beginning with Evensong this evening at St. Stephen's, Onerahi. From Monday evening we return to services at Christ Church. For Night Prayer on Monday and Tenebrae on Wednesday we will be in the chapel. The Tikanga Rua Renewal of Vows and Blessing of Oils service, during which we host Bishops Ross and Kito (as well as Anglicans from around Northland), on Tuesday and the Foot Washing and Watch service on Maundy Thursday will be in the main body of the church. On Good Friday, we gather for the Great Three Hours, from noon until 3pm – a service you are welcome to come to in its entirety or in part. We then wait over Holy Saturday before our Vigil-inspired Eucharistic service at 6:30am on Easter, including the lighting of the Easter fire, and then the celebratory Easter Eucharistic at 9am. A full list of services is inside.

## **WHAT'S ON TODAY**

**EVENSONG:** At 5pm today you are invited to gather for Evensong with Anglicans from across Whangarei out at St. Stephen's, Onerahi. This traditional, Book of Common Prayer service will be at Christ Church, Whangarei next month – 22 April.

## **FOR THE DIARY**

**SELWYN CENTRE:** Join us on Monday 26th March from 9.30. Selwyn Centre will be on again in the Parish Hall/Lounge. The morning begins with morning tea followed by gentle exercise (not compulsory). A cooked lunch will follow after our speaker Elizabeth Jollie tells us of her experience in Ethiopia. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information contact Jan Weston-Arnold 021461189.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** During Holy Week, we have our regular Tuesday morning prayer at 9am and Wednesday Eucharist at 12:15pm. Please note that we will NOT hold the Litany and BCP Holy Communion on Friday morning, however. In addition to the Tuesday and Wednesday services during the day, we observe:

Monday in Holy Week:	7:00 pm	Night Prayer
Tuesday in Holy Week:	6:30 pm	Diocesan Renewal of Vows Service
Wednesday in Holy Week:	7:00 pm	Tenebrae
Maundy Thursday:	7:00 pm	Foot Washing and Watch
Good Friday:	12:00 pm	Great Three Hours
Easter:	6:30 am	Eucharist with Lighting of Easter Fire
	9:00 am	Eucharist

## **WHANGAREI ANGLICAN NEWS**

**OFFERTORY PRACTICES:** During the singing of our offertory hymn, several things happen. The communion elements, food offerings for the Care Centre and offertory bags are received at the altar. These are all gifts of God, for the People of God, that we are giving thanks for and sharing in our midst. As the offertory bags go around some people will put money in – others give via other methods – but all are invited to hold, or touch the bags, to offer your prayers for the community.

**HALL ALTERATIONS:** Over the past few weeks, we have been making minor improvements to the hall, replacing toilets, lights, urns etc. We are now looking at installing a curtain rail in the lounge that can divide the space. This would give the doctors at Soul Food a private space. We are appealing for donations of curtains. If you have some, or for more information, contact Cherry Daly, 021 779 040.

**EASTER STUDIES:** During the forthcoming Easter season, we will launch our Easter Study series. These will be held on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm and Friday morning at 9.15am (to finish before the Friday morning Litany and Holy Communion service). For information about the program, check out the website [resurrection.nz](http://resurrection.nz). We will begin Tuesday week after Easter, April 10. The calendar launches on Palm Sunday; do follow along online during Holy Week and the week after Easter to get a sense of the daily pattern. Contact Peter for more information.

**ANGLICAN LITERACY PROGRAM:** Whangarei Primary School have been in touch to ask for volunteers to read with their “middle-school” aged children on Wednesday mornings beginning in Term 2. There will be an orientation this year, too. If you are interested, please contact Peter, details on back of the newsletter.

**EMERGENCY HOUSING FOOD BOXES:** Are you able to make a commitment to spend \$60-65 a month purchasing groceries for a needy family in Emergency Housing? If so, please put your name and phone number on the list in the Narthex or contact Angela 4373239.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Reflecting the number of office volunteers, the office's Lenten discipline, of being open only on Wednesday and Friday will continue for the foreseeable future. This Tuesday in Holy Week, the church will be open for Morning Prayer at 9.00am and for a discussion over a cup of tea afterwards, however.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Reverend Peter Minson, the next Priest in Charge for Whangarei Anglican will be commissioned at 4pm on Pentecost – May 20. Please hold him, and the people of Whangamatā, in your prayers, as well as our own community, as we gather our prayers with the following:

*Gracious God, you have always been faithful to your people in Whangarei, inspiring Anglicans to form communities, committees and buildings; may your Holy Spirit keep us grateful for what was, mindful of what is, and aware of what is needed to faithfully be your people these days and into the future – may we look through the windshield and not at the rear-view mirror; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Mediator. Amen.*

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**In the Worldwide Church,** we pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby as well as for the people of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and their archbishop, Suheil Dawani, and for the dioceses and bishops of Bkavu (Congo) and Bukuru (Nigeria).

**Our Anglican Church,** we pray for our Archbishops Philip and Winston, and Don Tamihere, the Tikanga Maori Archbishop-elect. In our Auckland Diocese, we pray for Bishops Ross and Jim, and for Bishop Kito. We pray, too, for: the Local Shared Ministry Units of Kerikeri; Kawakawa/Towai/Paihia; and, Russell; the Waimate North mission district and Priest in Charge, Elgin Edwards; the Mangonui Mission District and Priest in Charge, Robert Carr; and, the Whangaroa Pastorate (Te Tai Tokerau).

**In our World,** we pray that, while we are mindful of all that is happening globally, we may be open to seeing and celebrating signs of hope and good news.

**In our Community,** we pray for those who play, support, organise and watch sports. May they do so with whole-hearted integrity in ways that seek to build up healthy, holistic communities, rather than perpetuate or create divisions.

**We Keep in Our Prayers** Max; Deborah; Ngaire; Kirsty; Carla; Sue; Barbara; Helen; Ruth & David; Yolanda; Margaret; Jenny; Colin; Marjory; Hazel; Pauline; Win & John; Rita; Wiremu; Joy; Annette; Joanne; and John.

**We Pray for Those Who Have Died:** We remember Betty Bridges and Kate Bradshaw alongside all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they, and all the departed faithful, rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Community Prayer Chain:** If you know of any person in need of prayer through sickness or any other reason, please call Rosemary Blackwell so that their name can be included in our prayers. Her number is (09) 434 6630.

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** If you know of any members of our community who are unwell, unable to make it to church or have been admitted to hospital, please contact Julianna Marshall, (09) 437 2988 and she will arrange a visit/home communion.

## SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2018 - EASTER

06:30 am Eucharist with Lighting of the Easter Fire – Christ Church, Whangarei

09:00 am Easter Eucharist – Christ Church, Whangarei

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### **Readings, Easter Day 1 April 2018**

Isaiah 25:6 – Acts 10:34 - 43      Mark 16:1 - 8

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## **REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **CHRIST CHURCH, WHANGAREI**

Eucharist – Every Sunday, 9am

Messy Church – First Sunday, 4pm

“Candlelit” - A Contemplative Service – Second Sunday, 8pm

Evensong – Fourth Sunday (See Newsletters for location), 5pm

### **ALL SAINTS, MAUNGAKARAMEA**

Eucharist – Second Saturday, 5pm

### **MIDWEEK SERVICES IN SELWYN CHAPEL, CHRIST CHURCH**

Eucharist – Wednesday, 12:15pm

BCP Litany and Holy Communion – Friday, 10:15am

## **THE WHANGAREI ANGLICAN TEAM**

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*Please have notices in for the newsletter by 10am on Wednesday morning.*