

4<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

**9.00 am Eucharist – Christ Church, Whangarei**

Presider: *The Reverend Peter Bargh*

Preacher: *Rod Oram*

**4.00 pm Messy Church – Parish Hall, Whangarei**

Officiant: *Catherine Anderson*



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### TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20: 1-17

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

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**Sentence:** Lord be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning; our salvation in times of distress.

*Isaiah 33:2*

**Collect:** God of Moses, you guide us with your law, you welcome our worship on the mountain and in the Temple; we worship you. Draw us deeper into you that we will reflect your love and faithfulness and serve your kingdom with holiness. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

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### **WELCOME TO WHANGAREI ANGLICAN**

“I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems. But I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy...and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation.”

Those wise words were spoken a few years ago by Gus Speth, one of the great leaders of the US environmental movement over the past four decades.

He goes right to the heart of the matter: we humans are inflicting a rising and grievous toll on the ecosystem – our life support system –and all the science and new technology in the world won't save us. They will help us to live far more sustainably but we will only achieve that crucial goal if we fundamentally change our relationship with nature.

The belief in creation's care for us, and our need to care for it, is at the heart of all the great faiths of the world. As Christians, we too can seek to live in closer harmony with nature, driven by faith not just a pursuit of some simplicity in our lives or by technological solutions.

There is a wealth of liturgical and teaching resources we can draw on. That's why the Anglican Climate Action Network Auckland has established a website, [cherished-earth.org.nz](http://cherished-earth.org.nz), to help collect and spread such resources.

If you'd like to give or receive such resources, please contact Richard Milne, ACAN's chair, at [richardmilne12@gmail.com](mailto:richardmilne12@gmail.com), or me as a fellow ACAN member at [Rod.Oram@NZ2050.com](mailto:Rod.Oram@NZ2050.com) Another of our members is John Allen, the diocese's Sustainability Field Worker. If you'd like his advice on sustainable living as an individual or in a group project, please contact him at [wjohnallen@gmail.com](mailto:wjohnallen@gmail.com).

Such a deep faith relationship with creation is the distinctive help we can all people on this great journey.

## **WHAT'S ON TODAY**

**FORUM:** After morning tea this morning, we have our first parish forum meeting for 2018. This is our regular opportunity to hear from vestry and other groups about how things are going in the parish; it is also a chance to raise questions and concerns.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Come along to the Parish Hall at 4pm today for the first Messy Church of the year! This is a great occasion for people between 0-90s to engage with their faith in dynamic ways. Join a good number of children and others as we experience different activities, worship and stories before sharing an early dinner together.

## **FOR THE DIARY**

**SELWYN CENTRE:** Join us on Monday, 5 March, from 9.30am: 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. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact Eric, 435 5997, for more information.

**CHRIST CHURCH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP/AAW:** This group meets on Thursday 8 March, noon - 1.30pm, in the narthex at Christ Church. All welcome - for friendship, prayers, parish connections and belonging. It's also our brief AGM followed by Gay Allely - "Highlights of my recent visit to Myanmar." Please bring a small plate for a shared lunch. Do join us. Gwendolyn Needham, Convenor, (09) 4377183

**CANDLELIT – A CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE:** Join us for our Lenten Candlelit service in the Selwyn Chapel at Christ Church, at 8.00pm on Sunday, 11 March. You are welcome to stay for a port and conversation afterwards, too.

## **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.

**SIGNPOSTS:** Are you considering delving into the Scriptures a little more during Lent (or perhaps longer)? *Signposts* is a great way to do so. It is a weekly email and blog post that contains a reflection on the readings for each Sunday, aiming to tempt the reader into thinking, “what on earth could s/he be talking about?” and read the scripture again in the way people re-read who-dun-it stories (searching for any clues). You can read Signposts by subscribing to its email list – email [paul.white1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paul.white1@xtra.co.nz) and put ‘Signpost Sign-up’ in the subject box, or go straight to the Signposts blog website <https://signpostsonline.wordpress.com/>

**FLOWER ROSTER:** “Unfortunately, we are getting low in numbers, and we would enthusiastically welcome some other volunteers. Could it be you? I would love to talk to you and tell you what is involved.” Nancy Bollen – coordinator 4338579  
Those who do the flowers will be speaking to us at our forum meeting today, too.

**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.

**ANGLICAN LITERACY PROGRAM:** Whangarei Primary School have been in touch to ask for volunteers to read to 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.

**OFFICE HOURS:** During Lent, the office will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays only. The church will be open on Tuesday mornings for Morning Prayer at 8:30am and for Lenten-themed discussions over a cup of tea afterwards, however.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Reverend Peter Minson has been appointed the next Priest in Charge for Whangarei Anglican. See the newsletter insert for more information about Peter. He will be commissioned on the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday – 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 Rt. Rev. Hilkiyah Omindo Deya Tanzania; and Rt. Rev. Madhukar Kasab in Marathwada, North India.

**Our Anglican Church,** we pray for our Archbishops Philip and Winston. In our Auckland Diocese, we pray for Bishops Ross and Jim, and for Bishop Kito We pray too for the Parish of St. Mark Remuera with Vicar Ann Mills; the Parish of St. Aidan Remuera with Glen Ashworth Priest-in-Charge and Parish of St. George Epsom with Josh Jones and Gareth Walters Co-Vicars.

**In our World,** we pray that you may lead us, Comforting God, in these times of uncertainty and change, in discerning true and righteous ways forward together, not for ourselves, but for all the people of this world.

**In our Community,** we pray for all those involved in education – the students, teachers, principals, Boards of Trustees, early childhood staff, bus drivers and the ancillary staff as the new term commences. May they all embrace the year with enthusiasm, joy and vision.

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

**We Pray for Those Who Have Died:** We remember 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 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

9.00 am Eucharist – Christ Church, Whangarei

8.00 pm *Candelit*, A Contemplative Service – Selwyn Chapel, Christ Church, Whangarei

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Readings, Sunday 11 March 2018

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2: 1-10

John 3: 14-21

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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

Morning Prayer – Tuesday, 8:30am

Eucharist – Wednesday, 12:15pm

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

### THE WHANGAREI ANGLICAN TEAM

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