

13<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY – SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

9.00 am Eucharist – Christ Church, Whangarei

Presider: *The Reverend Peter Bargh*

8.00 pm Candlelit, a Contemplative Service  
– Christ Church, Whangarei

Officiant: *Richard Gillard*



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## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

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**Sentence:** Blessing and honour, glory and might, to the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb for ever and ever!

*Revelation 5:13*

**Collect:** Heavenly one, you called the resurrected Christ home to be exalted in heaven; we wait expectantly for the fulfilment of your promise to equip us with the Holy Spirit on earth. May we wait with courage and patience for that day. Through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

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## WELCOME TO WHANGAREI ANGLICAN

Ascension, which we mark today, is a prelude to Pentecost, which we celebrate next Sunday, the birth of the Church, the coming of the Spirit and such a great call to unity. There exists today quite a disjunction between the unity of the Church as we know we should be – “One Church, One Faith, One God” – and the proliferation of different churches. For the last while, the major divisive touchstone in (at least) the Anglican Church’s life has been to do with human sexuality. This is a significant topic to do any sort of justice to, and beyond the scope of the newsletter. You may, however, have heard that General Synod have voted to approve, in limited circumstances “same sex blessings.” The following is an excerpt from a letter Bishops Ross and Jim have written to the diocese about this matter:

*This basis and principle of the motion has been the business of successive Synods for many years now and relates to how we can live with and honour the integrity of (at least) two divergent views regarding those who are in same-sex relationships. All of this has been well debated and discussed within our life together. While subject to the final formal confirmation on Thursday [10 May], GS/THW has agreed to allow blessing of relationship for those in civil union or legal marriage. This, in turn, will allow for the ordination of those in such relationships if they are discerned in our usual processes as gifted and called in such ministry. We have also made provision for new Christian communities to be formed to provide support and a place for them to stand with particular Episcopal care and oversight. This represents a significant change in our life together. We know some will see it as only a slight change (however welcome), and others will see it as a change that is of such magnitude that it imperils our fellowship. We believe that the church has faithfully discerned and decided the way ahead for us all and we sincerely hope and believe that we can stay together.*

## **WHAT'S ON TODAY**

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:** At 10:45am today, we will be holding a Special General Meeting with the sole purpose of formalising the intention of selling the church at Mangapai and giving the option to sell the church at Portland.

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

## **FOR THE DIARY**

**SELWYN CENTRE:** Join us on Monday 14 May from 9.30 in the Parish Hall/Lounge. The morning begins with morning tea followed by gentle exercise (not compulsory). A cooked lunch (fish and chips and dessert) will follow, after our speaker, Arthur Needham shares reflections on life as a farmer. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information contact Jan Weston-Arnold 021461189.

**ORDER OF SAINT LUKE SEMINAR:** The Whangarei Chapter meets on Tuesday 15 May at the earlier time of 10.00am in the Whangarei Anglican Hall for a "Wholeness Unlimited" Seminar presented by our NZ Prayer Missioner the Reverend Frank Rigg and his wife Gwen. Following the Seminar we will break for a shared lunch and resume for group and/or personal prayer ministry. There is no charge for the Seminar. Copies of the book "Wholeness Unlimited" will be available for \$10 a copy. All are warmly welcome. Graeme Prestidge (Convenor); Email: [graemeprestidge@gmail.com](mailto:graemeprestidge@gmail.com) Phone: 0204 121 5172

**FORTNIGHTLY BIBLE STUDY:** The Maunu LSMU hold a fortnightly Bible study with the next one will be at 10am on Saturday 19 May. It begins over a cuppa before looking ahead at the readings for Sunday week, in this case, Trinity Sunday, 27 May. Contact Loyola Van Rooyen Buck, 021 833 374, for more information.

**COMMISSIONING SERVICE:** The Reverend Peter Minson will be commissioned as the next Priest in Charge for Whangarei Anglican at 4pm next Sunday – Pentecost – May 20. All are welcome to attend. As you continue to pray for him, the people of Whangamatā, and our own community, we invite you to gather your 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.*

## **WHANGAREI ANGLICAN NEWS**

**SOUL FOOD DONATIONS:** Thanks to those of you who have supported Soul Food by way of donations. We have received \$214.30 in the donation box in the foyer. Soul Food continues to offer a much-needed ministry of feeding the homeless and hungry based out of our parish hall on Monday and Friday evenings.

**REST-HOME TRANSPORT:** We are exploring the concept of picking up Anglicans in rest homes on Sunday mornings, to bring them to our 9am Eucharist. If you are interested in driving on occasion, and are interested in being on a roster of drivers let Wiremu Puriri know: 021 567 376

**APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED:** Rosemary Roberts has been appointed as Priest's Warden in an interim capacity. The Reverend Peter Minson will appoint his own Warden later in the year. Thanks to Marshall for his service in this role and to Rosemary for being prepared to take it on for the next few months.

**"FAVOURITE PARISH RECIPES":** The recipe book, compiled by Christ Church Women's Fellowship, is available now for \$10. Proceeds to AAW Missions' projects. Get your copies at 9am services, and/or from the Parish Office. Thank you, all!

**NEWS FROM THE CARE CENTRE:** We have been giving away produce from the demonstration garden; our hope is to teach clients how to garden for themselves. We often have seedling plants available for them to take. If anyone would like to spend a spare half-hour helping in the garden, you would be very welcome. **Senior Chef** continues to be a real help to seniors wishing to learn something new and meet other seniors. It includes hands on cooking. It is an 8 week course run on a Thursday. It is Fun and it is FREE!! - Marion Moon 4376397

**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.

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**In the Worldwide Church,** we pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and for the work of the Anglican Church in Rome and for Christchurch (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) Rt. Rev'd Victoria Matthews.

**In our Anglican Church,** we pray for our Archbishops Philip and Winston, and Don Tamihere, the recently installed Pihopa o Aotearoa. In our Auckland Diocese, we pray for Bishops Ross and Jim, and for Bishop Kito. We pray, too, for the Parish of All Saints Howick and Andrew Coyle Vicar; the Asian Mission District and Agnes Chan Ho; the Parish of Pakuranga and Kris Heale and the Coop Parish at Bucklands Beach with Lorraine Francis.

**In our World,** we pray for the seemingly positive developments now taking place between North and South Korea with the promise of a Summit meeting with the United States of America in the near future.

**In our Community,** we pray and give thanks for all those people who provide and cook tasty meals for the homeless and those in need, their work is much needed and appreciated and we hope that others might be motivated to join them as the need is great.

**We Keep in Our Prayers** Deborah; Ngaire; Sue; Barbara; Helen; Ruth & David; Jenny; Colin; Pauline; Win & John; Freda; Rita; Wiremu; 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 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

9.00 am Eucharist – Christ Church, Whangarei

4.00 pm Commissioning of Peter Minson as Priest in Charge – Christ Church, Whangarei

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### Readings, Sunday 20 May 2018

Acts 2: 1- 21

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

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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.*