



# MARKINGS

## St Mark's Anglican Parish Te Aroha

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*Knowing † Sharing Christ's Aroha*

**17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**THEME:** The Day Is Coming.

**SENTENCE:** 'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.'

*Jeremiah 31:33*

**COLLECT:**

**Almighty and eternal God,  
you have made of one blood  
all the nations of the earth  
and will that they live together  
in peace and harmony;  
so order the course of this world  
that all peoples may be brought together  
under Christ's most gentle rule;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**READINGS INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34.** In the early 6th century BC, Jeremiah tells the Jews facing exile in Babylon not to despair. He looks forward to a new covenant with God in which people will do what God wants, from the heart.

**Hebrews 5:5-10.** An important theme for the author of the letter to the Hebrews is the fulfilment of Israel's hopes in Christ. He also speaks of an eternal priesthood after the order of Melchizedek, applying it to Christ.

**Psalms 119:1-16.** I treasure the word of the Lord in my heart.

**John 12:20-33.** Just before the account of the Last Supper in John's Gospel, Jesus explains that it is because he is willing to die for us that he is glorified by God and will draw all people to himself.

*Next week's readings:*

*Isaiah 50:4-9a. Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29. Mark 11:1-11.*

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<b>MAR</b>	<b>COMMEMORATIONS</b>	<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK</b>
<b>Sun 17</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Passion Sunday	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion Rev Geoff Lamason
<b>Mon 18</b>	Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 386.	<b>1.30pm</b> Vestry
<b>Tue 19</b>	St Joseph of Nazareth.	
<b>Wed 20</b>	Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687.	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Thu 21</b>	Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Liturgist & Martyr, 1556.	<b>1.30pm</b> Fellowship
<b>Fri 22</b>	Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath & Wells, Poet, 1711.	<b>1.30pm</b> Craft Group
<b>Sun 24</b>	Palm Sunday	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion Rev Geoff Lamason <b>7.30pm</b> Manawaru Service Rev Geoff Lamason

**We pray for** Doreen, Cilla, Jemima, Jenny, Elaine, Gloria & Brian, Beverley, Tom & Carolyn, Jann and her family, Chrissy, Rori.

*If you wish to add a name to the prayer list for the next 4 weeks, please contact Geoff (022 080 7297,) or Pat (8849182)*

**IN THE MISSION FIELD we pray for** the co-presiding Archbishops of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, and for all Assistant Bishops.

**IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND we pray for**

- **The Province:** Mission to Seafarers
- **Our Diocese:** Clergy, People and Communities of West Hamilton, West New Plymouth, Whangamata.
- **Our Community:** Family Support Agencies.
- **Our Parish:** Housebound and Hospitalised.



**ST MARK'S MATTERS;**

*Prayer and the oil of anointing are always available after services – just ask the priest or members of the healing team.*



† **VISITING:** If you know that a parishioner is unwell, please contact Geoff 022 080 7297, or Joan 884 7058.

**BIRTHDAYS:**  
Valmai Cohen on 20<sup>th</sup>  
Betty Collins on 23<sup>rd</sup>

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

- Mon 18** 1.30pm Vestry  
**Thu 21** 1.30pm Fellowship  
**Fri 22** 1.30pm Craft Group  
**Sun 24** 7.30pm Manawaru Service followed by refreshments  
**Thu 28** 6.30pm Foot washing  
**Fri 29** **9am Good Friday Walk of Witness**, at St Joseph's  
**11.30am-12.30pm** Easter Vigil  
**Sun 31** **10am Easter Day Eucharist**

## EASTER SERVICES

**The Annual Footwashing Service** will be held on Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.

The Ministers' Association of Te Aroha is organising the **Good Friday Walk of Witness**, beginning at St Joseph's at **9.00 am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. The walk finishes at the Domain, followed by hot cross buns and fellowship at Mountain View Apostolic Church.

On Good Friday the **Easter Vigil** will follow at St Mark's at 11.30am for 1 hour.

On **Easter Day, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30am** there will be a half-hour **Dawn Service** at Mountain View Apostolic Church followed by tea and coffee.

## FROM VESTRY:

- The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 after the 10am service. At this meeting we will receive a report from the Restoration Team, and elect its members.
- June has produced the **Easter Transmitter**. Please deliver your bundles as soon as you can. Thank you, June for your hard work.

## DOMAIN DAY 2024

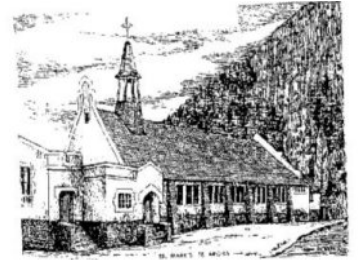
A huge **THANK YOU** to all who assisted in any way last week at Domain Day: those who helped set up the Pavilion and clean up afterwards, those who provided delicious home baking for the lunches and stall, and those who helped sell food, and interact with the public. Although the lunches were really inexpensive, many customers appreciated the savings they were able to make. We had good patronage, thanks to June's poster on Facebook letting people know where we were. She had also produced posters giving directions to our lunch place, which were on display in the Domain. We took \$565.50 on the day, a helpful extra bit of income.

## FROM THE RESTORATION TEAM:

Thank you to Michelle who was at the church all day last Sunday to allow visitors to investigate. The Restoration Group's grocery Raffle was well patronised and a nice fine day saw everybody enjoying themselves.

## **A PRAYER FOR THE RESTORATION TEAM.**

God of compassion and grace;  
grant wisdom, insight, and creativity to the team as they  
work to raise funding for the restoration of St Mark's  
Church, Te Aroha. May they be encouraged by our and  
the wider community's support and co-operation, be it  
through word or action, so that together St Mark's  
becomes a beacon of hope and inspiration for all who live in our district.  
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



## **A PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Compassionate and gracious God we ask for your intervention, through  
men, women, and organisations of authority, to restore peace in nations  
engaged in armed conflict throughout each continent of our world. Protect  
and sustain all who are bringing medical aid, food, shelter, and comfort to  
the innocent victims of such conflict. This we ask in the name of Jesus, The  
Prince of Peace. Amen.

## **THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS.**

An enquiry from some non-Jewish seekers (via Philip who, though Galilean had a Greek  
name) signalled how` soon the impact of Christ's work would spill beyond the immediate  
confines of Israel within which he had largely worked. Yet he recognised this could be  
accomplished only through his death; this was precisely why he had come. With his hour of  
suffering and glory imminent, he accepts the difficult path of his Father's call. His anguish  
and death would mean life for many; but the principle of life coming only through  
renunciation, suffering and death applies equally to his followers. *RSCM Sunday by Sunday*

## **Psalm 119:9-16.**

**9** How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.

**<sup>10</sup> I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your  
commands.**

**<sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.**

**<sup>12</sup> I praise you, O LORD; teach me your decrees.**

**<sup>13</sup> I have recited aloud all the regulations you have given us.**

**<sup>14</sup> I have rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches.**

**<sup>15</sup> I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways.**

**<sup>16</sup> I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Thought for the week:*

*Don't be afraid of opposition. A kite rises before the wind.*