



MARKINGS

St Mark's Anglican Parish Te Aroha

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Knowing † Sharing Christ's Aroha



**24th MARCH 2024
PALM SUNDAY**



THEME: Palm Sunday

SENTENCE: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11

COLLECT:

**Lord Jesus,
acclaimed as King,
crucified as criminal,
teach us to accept our sufferings
and triumphs for your glory alone.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.**



READINGS INTRODUCTIONS:

Isaiah 50:4-9a. Even as the exiles set out to return from Babylon after 537 BC, the prophet who added to Isaiah feels the need to reflect on the suffering that had been Israel's lot, as part of God's plan.

Ps 118:1-2,19-29. A song of victory: the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Mark 11:1-11. All four Gospels tell of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem before his arrest. In Mark the emphasis is on how Jesus' arrival challenges the failure of the authorities to produce the fruit God expects.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9. Psalm 118:1-2,14-24. Acts 10:34-43. John 20:1-18.

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| MAR | COMMEMORATIONS | EVENTS THIS WEEK |
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| Sun 24 | Palm Sunday | 10am Holy Communion Rev Geoff Lamason 7.30pm Manawaru Service Rev Geoff Lamason |
| Mon 25 | Monday in Holy Week | |
| Tue 26 | Tuesday in Holy Week | |
| Wed 27 | Wednesday in Holy Week | 10am Holy Communion |
| Thu 28 | Maundy Thursday | 6.30pm Foot washing and Communion |
| Fri 29 | Good Friday | 9am Walk of Witness beginning at St Joseph's. 11.30am Good Friday Vigil |
| Sun 31 | Easter Day | 10am Holy Communion Rev Geoff Lamason |

We pray for Doreen, Cilla, Jemima, Jenny, Elaine, Gloria & Brian, Beverley, Tom & Corolyn, 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 Province of South East Asia: Dioceses of Singapore, West Malaysia, Sabah and Kuching

IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND we pray for

- **The Province:** Association of Anglican Women.
- **Our Diocese:** Association of Anglican Women, Mothers' Union, Religious Orders, Hospital Chaplains, St John's College students, Diocesan Ministry Cand Director of Vocations.
- **Our Community:** Bishopric of Waikato Youth Facilitator.
- **Our Parish:** Women's Fellowship.

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.



ANNIVERSARY
Liz & Ian Harrop 60 years on 28th

Thanks to members of the Craft Group who helped make palm crosses for today.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH & APRIL

- 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**
- ### APRIL
- Fri 12** 1.30pm Craft Group
Mon 15 1.30pm Vestry
Thu 18 1.30pm Fellowship
Sun 21 11am (approx.) Parish AGM
Fri 26 1.30pm Craft Group

EASTER SERVICES

The Annual Footwashing Service will be held on Maundy Thursday, 28th March at 6.30pm. This will be followed by the Eucharist.

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 29th March**. The walk finishes with a short service 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, 31st March at 7.30am** there will be a half-hour **Dawn Service** at Mountain View Apostolic Church followed by tea and coffee. Our **Easter Eucharist** will be at 10am.

FROM VESTRY:

- The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 21st April, 2024 after the 10am service. At this meeting we will elect the vestry. There is a Nomination Sheet at the entrance, please ensure you have the nominee's signature, and the names of the nominator and seconder. We will also receive a report from the Restoration Team, and elect its members.
- Thanks to members of the Craft Group who helped make palm crosses for today.

FROM THE RESTORATION TEAM:

The raffle has made about \$1000.00. Thanks to all who bought tickets or donated goods.

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.

The climax of the Gospel of the Palms is Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The city is to become the stage upon which the drama of salvation will be acted out. Psalm 118, with its cry of 'hosanna' ('save us now') quoted in the Gospel, was traditionally sung in Jerusalem as a thanksgiving for the King's victory. For us, the church building into which we may process becomes our Jerusalem: the place where in Holy Week we shall celebrate the victory of Christ our King. We have begun a journey and there is no turning back.

RSCM Sunday by Sunday

Ps 118:1-2,19-29.

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

² **Let all Israel repeat: "His faithful love endures forever."**

¹⁹ Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the LORD.

²⁰ **These gates lead to the presence of the LORD, and the godly enter there.**

²¹ I thank you for answering my prayer and giving me victory!

²² **The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD's doing, and it is wonderful to see.

²⁴ **This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Please, LORD, please save us. Please, LORD, please give us success.

²⁶ **Bless the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷ The LORD is God, shining upon us. Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you!**

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

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:

Patience is the ability to keep idling when you feel like stripping your gears.