



MARKINGS

St Mark's Anglican Parish Te Aroha

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Knowing † Sharing Christ's Aroha

**31st MARCH 2024
EASTER DAY**



THEME: He isn't here! He is risen from the dead.

SENTENCE: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

COLLECT:

**Glorious Lord of Life, we praise you,
that by the mighty resurrection of your Son,
you have delivered us from sin and death
and made your whole creation new;
grant that we who celebrate with joy
Christ's rising from the dead,
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God for ever. Amen.**



READINGS:

Jeremiah 31:1-6.

Colossians 3:1-4

Acts 10:34-43.

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24.

John 20:1-18.

Matthew 28:1-10.

Next week's readings:

Acts 4:32-35. Psalm 133. 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31.



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MAR/APR	COMMEMORATIONS	EVENTS THIS WEEK
Sun 31	Easter Day	10am Holy Communion Rev. Geoff Lamason
Mon 1	Monday in Easter Week	
Tue 2	Tuesday in Easter Week	
Wed 3	Wednesday in Easter Week	10am Holy Communion
Thu 4	Thursday in Easter Week	
Fri 5	Friday in Easter Week	
Sat 6	Saturday in Easter Week	
Sun 7	2 nd Sunday of Easter Daylight Saving ends.	10am Holy Communion Rev. Sandy Neal

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 Partners in Africa: the Province of Central Africa and the Province of Uganda.

IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND we pray for

- **Our Diocese:** Retired Clergy and Clergy with Permission to Officiate.
- **Our Parish:** Cleaning and Brass Rosters.
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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.

<p>Birthday Judy Finn on 4th</p>

WHAT'S ON IN 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

**Daylight Saving ends next Sunday, 7th April.
Remember to put your clocks BACK one hour before
you go to bed on Saturday night!**



FROM VESTRY:

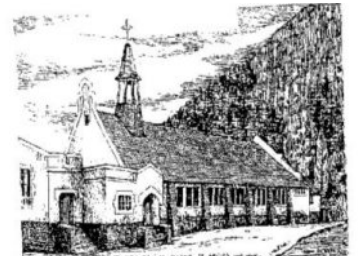
- The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 21st April, 2024 after the 10am service. At this meeting we will elect the vestry. There is a Nomination Sheet at the entrance, please ensure you have the nominee's signature, and the names of the nominator and seconder. We will also receive a report from the Restoration Team, and elect its members.
- February's Minutes are on the noticeboard.
- Geoff is on leave next week, instead of today (the 5th Sunday in March.) He has arranged for Rev Sandy Neal to take our service.

FROM THE RESTORATION TEAM:

The total raised from the grocery (& other prizes) raffle came to \$986.10. An awesome effort. Special thanks to Dorothy Allison who carted the raffle to and from the various sites to sell tickets. She had some good helpers, but she was the one who did the donkey work getting tickets and raffle to Countdown, Domain Day and the recent Country Market.

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.

Mary's encounter with the living Christ is one of the most moving in Scripture. Called by name, Mary saw and believed. But Peter and the Beloved Disciple did not see Jesus at the tomb: only an empty tomb and discarded grave clothes. Yet these were sufficient for the Beloved Disciple to 'see and believe.' John later proclaims 'Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe.' (*John 20:29b.*) This stands for us. We have not seen the risen Christ, yet we can have faith in his resurrection: his power to change life for this world and the next.



RSCM Sunday by Sunday

Ps 118:1-2,14-24.

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.”

14 The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory.

15 Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.

The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!

16 The strong right arm of the Lord is raised in triumph.

The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!

17 I will not die; instead, I will live to tell what the Lord has done.

18 The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not let me die.

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.

Thought for the week: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4ever