



# MARKINGS

## St Mark's Anglican Parish Te Aroha

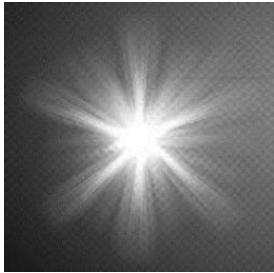
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### *Knowing † Sharing Christ's Aroha*

**7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SENTENCE:** 'Peace be with you,' says the Lord, 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

*John 20:21.*

#### **COLLECT:**

**God you are the first light  
cutting through the void.  
You are the final light  
which we shall enjoy forever.  
Help us to welcome the light  
and walk in it always.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our  
Redeemer. Amen.**



#### **READINGS:**

**Acts 4:32-35.** The early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles tell of the life of the early church in Jerusalem. It was only in Jerusalem that the first Christians practised communal living for a time.

**Psalm 133.** How good it is to live in unity.

**1 John 1:1-2:2.** The first letter of John is a treatise, possibly by the author of the Fourth Gospel, addressed to the church, recalling them to the heart of their faith in what God has done in the person of Jesus.

**John 20:19-31.** The Gospel of John reaches a climax in an act of new creation. As God breathed life into creation, so the risen Christ breathes on his disciples in a new creation by forgiveness and faith.

*Next week's readings:*

*Acts 3:12-19. Psalm 4. 1 John 3:1-7. Luke 24:36b-48.*

**A very warm welcome to Rev. Sandy Neal, our preacher and presider today.**

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| <b>APR</b>    | <b>COMMEMORATIONS</b>                                      | <b>EVENTS THIS WEEK</b>                            |
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| <b>Sun 7</b>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter                           | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion<br>Rev. Sandy Neal      |
| <b>Mon 8</b>  | The Annunciation   |  |
| <b>Tue 9</b>  | Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor,<br>Theologian, Germany, 1945. |  |
| <b>Wed 10</b> | William Law, Priest, Mystic,<br>1761.                      | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion                         |
| <b>Thu 11</b> | George Augustus Selwyn,<br>Bishop of New Zealand, 1878.    |  |
| <b>Fri 12</b> | Term 1 ends.   | <b>1.30pm</b> Craft Group                          |
| <b>Sun 14</b> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter                           | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion<br>Rev. Geoff Lamasson. |

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

We have been praying for Chrissy for many months now. She and her family have appreciated this care, and have sent the following message:

Chrissy and Josh Latif would really appreciate your prayers for a decision they need to make around Chrissy's treatment. An opportunity for more Chemotherapy has come up and they would really appreciate prayer for wisdom if this is the right thing to do. They have had varied results with chemo over the years so they are weighing up the impact for all the pros and cons.

*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 Anglican Church of Melanesia: The Melanesian Brotherhood, Community of the Sisters of Melanesia, the Community of the Sisters of the Church, the Society of St Francis.

**IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND we pray for**

- **The Province:** the Diocese of Auckland.
- **Our Diocese:** Clergy, People and Communities of Kawhia, Mangakino, Matamata, Melville.
- **Community:** Scout Association, Girl Guides, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade.
- **Our Parish:** All on the Parish Roll, Parish AGM.



## **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.

### **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 Rag Cutting Group – ALL welcome, bring your sharp scissors!

### **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 elect the vestry and Peoples' Warden. There is a Nomination Sheet at the entrance, please ensure you have the nominee's signature, and the names of the nominator and seconder. Besides receiving the report of the Priest-in-Charge, the Annual Accounts and the annual reports from Church groups, we will also receive a report from the Restoration Team, and elect its members.
- February's Minutes are on the noticeboard.
- There is a notebook in the Kitchen, by the First Aid Kit, to register all accidents and incidents that happen here. There is also a notebook to record items from the First Aid Kit that need replacing. Please note down anything you use, so it can be replaced.

**RAGS.** For many years Raywin Davey and her team cut up bags and bags of rags, to sell to local garages and other businesses who needed them. Now that Raywin is gone, Mark and Philippa Davey, and Gloria and Brian Swney are continuing this work. Last year \$1000 was raised this way. Now the Craft Group is sacrificing one of their afternoons to assist with the cutting, and are inviting **anyone** and **everyone** to come and help. Bring a pair of sharp scissors and a smile, we will love to see you, on

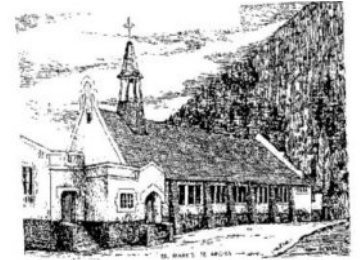
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm** (cup of tea available!)

### **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 carried 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.**

The apostle Thomas is frequently labelled a 'doubter,' yet of all the apostles who witnessed  
the risen Jesus, his reaction is the strongest: 'My Lord and my God.' Jesus' response to  
Thomas's scepticism is to meet him where he is; he takes him seriously. Thomas is the  
champion of all who seek a 'reasonable faith' – his honesty and openness are an  
encouragement to all who are reluctant to leap to faith without first asking questions and  
airing their doubts. How honest are we about our own doubts and questions, and are we  
prepared to take sceptics seriously within our church communities? *RSCM Sunday by Sunday*

## **Psalm 133. A psalm of David.**

- 1 How wonderful and pleasant it is  
when brothers live together in harmony!
- 2 For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil  
that was poured over Aaron's head,  
that ran down his beard  
and onto the border of his robe.**
- 3 Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon  
that falls on the mountains of Zion.  
And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing,  
even life everlasting.

**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:  
A Bible that's falling apart belongs to someone who isn't!*