



MARKINGS

St Mark's Anglican Parish Te Aroha

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Knowing † Sharing Christ's Aroha

14th APRIL 2024
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

THEME: As far as the East is from the West.

SENTENCE: Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. *Acts 3:19-20.*

COLLECT:

Lord, help us to see:

**to see what is eternally good and true,
and having seen,**

to go on searching

until we come to the joys of heaven.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.



READINGS:

Acts 3:12-19. In Acts, Peter's great speech on the Day of Pentecost is followed by the healing of a cripple at the temple gate. Peter then offers this explanation of the event.

Psalm 4. David makes a confident appeal for deliverance from his enemies.

1 John 3:1-7. The first letter of John is a treatise that reflects the teaching of the message of the gospel in John's church at the end of the first century AD. God's love for us should be expressed in our love for each other.

Luke 24:36b-48. The Gospel of Luke ends with the commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the good news, and with the promise of the power of the Holy Spirit to enable them to do this.

Next week's readings:

Acts 4:5-12. Psalm 23. 1 John 3:16-24. John 10:11-18.

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APR	COMMEMORATIONS	EVENTS THIS WEEK
Sun 14	3 rd Sunday of Easter	10am Holy Communion Rev. Geoff Lamason.
Mon 15		1.30pm Vestry
Wed 17	American Samoa Flag Day	10am Holy Communion
Thu 18		1.30pm Women's Fellowship
Sun 21	4 th Sunday of Easter	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.

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 Anglican Financial Care.

IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND we pray for

- **The Province:** NZ Anglican Pension Board, Media Officer and Anglican Taonga.
- **Our Diocese:** Clergy, People and Communities of Te Aroha, Te Awamutu and Pirongia, Te Kauwhata, Te Kuiti.
- **Community:** Social Services Agencies.
- **Our Parish:** Ministry Team, 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

- 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 THE PARISH RECORDER:

Receipts for Parish donations for the year ended 31st March are now available. Please check and if you believe there to be an error, don't hesitate to contact June. For those who have donated to the building fund as well as the offertory, I have consolidated building and offertory money as one receipt. If you want separate receipts, please let June know 027 273 0616 or 07 884 8797.

FROM VESTRY:

- The Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday 21st April, 2024** after the 10am service. Business: to receive the End of Year Financial Report, Annual Reports from the Priest-in-Charge and church groups, and to elect the vestry and Peoples' Warden. To nominate people for these positions please fill in the Nomination Sheet at the entrance. This year we will also receive the annual 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 Sweeney are continuing this work. Last year \$2000 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 26th April at 1.30pm (Afternoon tea available!)

FROM THE RESTORATION TEAM:

St Mark's Restoration Group has a meeting on 19 April (next Friday) where we will discuss what to do next. A former resident, under the name of Kiwi Photographer has shot some amazing photos in and around town which are on Facebook under Te Aroha MEMORIES of Te Aroha My Hometown. Many former people have commented on memories evoked. He has offered to do a series of photos in and around the church which will appear on this Facebook page and be available for future advertising.

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.

There was a belief in the ancient world that ghosts have no feet. It seems likely that this was one reason that the evangelists mention Jesus' feet when recording his resurrection appearances. Here Jesus encourages his disciples, "Look at my hands and my feet... touch me and see" (Luke 24:39.) This, and eating a piece of broiled fish, removes any doubt among them that he is truly risen. We get a tantalising glimpse here of what a resurrection body might be like, but more important is that his resurrection leads to a commission for the disciples, there is a job to be done.

Psalm 4 *A psalm of David.*

1 Answer me when I call to you,
O God who declares me innocent.

Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 How long will you people ruin my reputation?

How long will you make groundless accusations?

How long will you continue your lies?

3 You can be sure of this:

The Lord set apart the godly for himself.

The Lord will answer when I call to him.

4 Don't sin by letting anger control you.

Think about it overnight and remain silent.

5 Offer sacrifices in the right spirit,
and trust the Lord.

6 Many people say, "Who will show us better times?"

Let your face smile on us, Lord.

7 You have given me greater joy

than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.

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: About 2020 years ago Heaven touched the earth.
The rest is 'His story'*