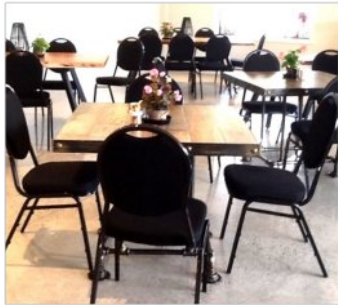




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The Old Forge Kitchen takes its name from the history of the site.



Once an Old Forge making stage coach wheels, and later horse-shoes. It also has history as a local store and an antiques shop. More recently, it had been the home of the Swiss Sausage factory for several years.

Now the Old Forge Kitchen is a 120-seat cafe/restaurant open Wednesday to Sunday from 9am until 3pm. With a full selection of cabinet food, brunch and lunch menus and great coffee, we cater for all customers. As from 12 March will be open for Dinner on Friday & Saturday nights.

A meeting room upstairs is available for those that require something a little more private and an open garden area under the



old oak tree for enjoying the view of the mountain in our awesome summer weather.

With heaps of parking on site for cars and bikes, we can cater for all groups and modes of transport.



The Transmitter

*The Parish Magazine of
St Mark's Church, Te Aroha*



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Service Times

Sunday: Eucharist 10.00am

Wednesday: Eucharist 10.00am

FOOD IS FREE TE AROHA

Do you know there is free food available in Te Aroha? The Community Garden between the Art Centre and the Police Station has a table where you can leave surplus produce any day, or pick up something for yourself. (Sunday afternoons especially)

Some of the gardens are "privately owned" while others are there for you to help yourself from. Very handy if you are on your own and just want one or two leaves of silver beet, rather than a whole bunch. Check it out and if you are able to help with weeding I'm sure it would be appreciated.

Ra Stucki's KAI SHED (opposite Catholic Hall) is another place to leave or pick up free food from others' surpluses



Our Village Garden : Te Kete o Te Aroha

@keteotearoa - Community garden



FOOD BANK

For some families every day is just another day of trying to feed the family and pay the bills.

One extra item when doing your weekly shopping will make a huge difference to some children and their families in the Town of Love.

Grateful though the vestry was, it declined to pay even the landing charges and went on to refuse to pay any of the costs associated with the freighting down from Auckland and its assembly in the church. All costs were borne by Mrs St Barbe Wayne. Mr F. Hardingham of Hamilton was entrusted with the task of erecting the instrument and it was he who remarked on just how 'unique' the organ was. It was placed rather awkwardly in the Chancel where the summer heat preyed on the pipework and in winter it was a great draw for damp.

The churchwardens reported to the Annual General Meeting of parishioners of 1959 that "it looks as though a replacement will be needed and will have to be faced up to in the near future." Much discussion followed and in 1964 the churchwardens were able to report that work had been completed on the instrument at a much lower cost than first thought.

Well-meaning though this rebuild was, the condition of the instrument was soon all but unusable. The 1984 Annual General Meeting of Parishioners made the brave decision to undertake a complete refurbishment of the organ. Although the decision was not entirely unanimous, the organ was removed from the church to the then Auckland firm of George Croft & Son for the restoration work to be done.

The organ was then re-sited, on its return in a specially constructed 'niche' and there it remains. The total cost of the work was over \$27,000.

The opening recital was given by the world-renowned New Zealand organist Gillian Weir and the instrument has been much praised by visiting organists both from New Zealand and overseas. It is one of those quirks of history that had Mrs Wayne not arranged for the organ to be dispatched to New Zealand, it may well have been destroyed. Other Renatus Harris organs were lost during the Blitz in the Second World War.

The organ is currently in storage until the strengthening and restoration work is completed.

And there you have in this edition, the history of the East Windows, the foundation Stone & the Organ. Do make some time to come and see these artefacts. Phone me if you want to go into the church. My details are on page 2. June

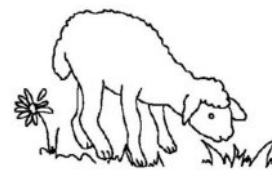
Rev Geoff writes



Dear fellow members of St Mark's.
Easter greetings to you all.

This year the season of Easter has come much earlier than the previous years. As I was a little curious as to why, friend Google helped provide an answer! Easter is determined by phases of the moon. Easter Sunday follows the first full moon after the Autumnal equinox in the Southern Hemisphere, Spring equinox in the north. (Equinox means the length of day and night are considered the same.) There is also a significant link between the yearly Jewish Passover celebration.

Passover recalls the night before the Jewish people were freed from Egypt. On that night, all Jews were required to be



inside their homes. A lamb was to be killed that day and its blood caught and painted on the door frame of their house. This blood was a sign for God's destroying angel that they were God's people, not Egyptians.

God was bringing judgement on Pharaoh as he had refused to let the people go despite the previous events, led by Moses, that God was not to be messed with. To this last plague, Pharaoh knew the outcome, the death of all first-born Egyptians. Pharaoh said no. On Passover night the angel passed over all Jews who had taken shelter and their first-born son was unharmed. The lamb's death was in place of the death of all Jews who took shelter. Passover began an annual celebration of God's deliverance.

Shortly after the Jews release, they began their journey to the Promised Land promised to them by God. At Mt Sinai, God through Moses, set up the rules on how the escapees were to be governed as a nation and above all the requirements for worshipping him. This is the summary we know as the Ten Commandments.

Rev Geoff writes cont

Led by the priests it involved a special ceremony: confession of the sin was followed by the death of an animal on behalf of the penitent. Its blood was sprinkled on the altar as part of the burnt offering.

Jesus is the link between Easter and the Jewish Passover. Jesus came as God in human form. He became our sacrificial lamb. Jesus died on our behalf so when we confess our sin and ask God to make us his child, we are forgiven and our relationship with God is restored because through Adam and Eve's defiance of God's command, sin passed on all their descendants. Through Jesus's sacrifice: death, burial, and resurrection, which we recall on Good Friday, Low Saturday, and Resurrection Sunday. We who believe return our thanks to God in grateful worship. May this be our focus this Eastertide.



Geoff

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

24 March 10am Palm Sunday service

27 March 10am Normal Weekly Service

28 March Maundy Thursday 6.30pm Foot washing, etc

29 March Good Friday 9.00am Combined Churches Walk of Witness through town to the domain beginning at St Joseph's church at 9.00am. We will gather directly at Mountain View Apostolic church. Tea/coffee and hot cross buns will be provided for morning tea at Mountain View Apostolic church.

29 March Good Friday 11.30am to 12.30pm at St Mark's

The great Easter vigil will be held at St. Mark's at 11.30am and will be limited to a one-hour service. Readers will be required. Let Geoff know if you would like to be one of the readers.

31 March Easter Day 7.30am Dawn Service

Mountain View Apostolic church, followed by tea and coffee

31 March Easter Day 10am Eucharist at St Mark's



A Short History of New Zealand's Oldest Organ

This organ was built by Renatus Harris, organ builder to The Crown and was the only one of a series of the ten pipe organs commissioned by Queen Anne, to be fitted outside London. The carving on the case is thought to have been done by Grinling Gibbons, the renowned master carver, examples of whose work are to be found in St Paul's Cathedral in London. In 1769 it was acquired by All Saints Church, Baschurch in

Shropshire. It is thought to have been made in 1712 and it is not known why it was not installed at All Saints Church, Baschurch in Shropshire until 1769 or where it was during the intervening 57 years.

The organ was one of ten especially built as gifts from the Queen - to whom, we have not been able to discover. However, they were funded by a special tax and were obviously intended as important expressions of royal favour. Of the ten originally constructed, the St Mark's instrument is the only one left in musically "working order".

After nearly 137 years of faithful service in the west gallery of the church, it was replaced by a new instrument given by Mr & Mrs St Barbe Sladen in 1906. The Sladens stored the old, now dismantled organ in the basement of their home, Lutwyche Hall. After her husband died, Mrs Sladen went to live at Benthall Hall near Broseley. The organ was again stored in a cellar, this time for seven years!

The Sladens had a daughter, Maud Elizabeth. She married and came to live near Te Aroha with her husband and young family. On learning of the fund-raising efforts to build and equip a new Church, and remembering the old organ stored in England, she sent for it in the hope that it would be re-sited in the "new" St Mark's then under construction.

USED STAMPS

Elaine Bootten has offered to continue her work of collecting used stamps for mission work funding, so please save your used stamps and bring them to church to be passed on to Elaine.



When you cut them off the envelope please make sure there is a generous area around them as they have to be presented in a specific way. This involves preparing, sorting and identifying stamps before sending them to the Anglican mission board.

Elaine wishes to thank you all for your wonderful endeavours to support local mission and reminds you that mission information is available at the entry table.

ST MARK'S CRAFT GROUP



Meets on second and fourth Friday in St Mark's Lounge at 1.30pm. Knit or just Natter come and join us. They would welcome anyone who feels

they would like to join the chat and companionship rather than just sitting alone at home.

Contact Judy Finn 884 7954, Beverley Coote, 884 8611, or Pat Elley 884 9182 if you want further details.

Judy Finn

SAINT MARK'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meets in St Mark's Lounge on 3rd Thursday of each month at 1.30pm. All welcome.

*Marilyn Lovegrove
Fellowship Leader*

THE SEASON OF LENT

That the word Lent means 'spring' is not particularly helpful, (especially in the southern hemisphere!) as the season tends to be considered as a time of penitence in preparation for baptism, self-denial, and the annual journey of remembrance towards the passion and death of Christ.

It was originally referred to in Greek as the *tesseracoste* or Latin *quadragesima*, both of which mean 'forty days,' the time Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. By the fourth century there was a combined desire both to exclude Sundays (not being fast days,) and to have 40 days, which explains why there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Day.

Vestments, liturgical colours and music follow the church's emphasis on hardship and sacrifice of Lent, and in recent years the idea of Lent being a preparation for baptism and confirmation has been revived, with many Easter Vigil services of baptism taking place.

"Passiontide" is generally taken to mean the period between the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday, (17th March this year) and Good Friday. 'Passion' comes from the Latin for 'suffering,' and therefore the emphasis of the climax of Lent is on the suffering of Jesus, both approaching, and on the cross.

Of course this is eclipsed by the joyful celebration of his resurrection on Easter Day.



DOMAIN DAY 2024



A huge **THANK YOU** to all who assisted in any way at Domain Day on Sunday 10th March. Special thanks to those who helped set up the Pavilion and clean up afterwards, to those who provided delicious home baking for the lunches and stall, and to 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.

The Restoration Group's Raffle was well patronized and a nice fine day saw everybody enjoying themselves.

Pat Elley—Convener

Health and Safety Report

Greetings fellow Pilgrims



I have taken on the position of Health and Safety officer. It has turned out to be more involved than putting a First Aid kit in the Kitchen and checking the fire extinguisher. I am working through the information folder to check what else needs to be checked. If anyone has any concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me know either by email, text or phone. All suggestions or concerns will be gratefully received
Gayle Bebbington Phone 021 052 9605.
Email: gaylebebbington@gmail.com.

PARISH RECORDING

Tax Receipts for annual donations will be available as soon as possible after 31st March. This can't be completed until after I receive copies of the bank statements from the Treasurer and have checked all entries are correct before printing the receipts. I hope to complete and issue receipts before the end of April. Please be patient. It is quite a mission.

If you require offertory envelopes (or have forgotten your number) please contact me. **It is important that your number is shown on your giving envelopes.** If you wish to do internet banking, the bank account number is available from me.

My contact details are as follows JUNE

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See Page 4 for Holy Week services
Services continue in the Parish Lounge or
Hall at 10am
Wednesdays & Sundays
ALL WELCOME



BUILDING
is closed
CHURCH
is OPEN

Daylight saving ends on Sunday 7 APRIL 2024



One week after EASTER

Don't forget to put your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on Saturday 6th



ANZAC DAY

25TH APRIL 2024

Anzac Day Commemoration this year will be different to what we have seen in the past. There is to be no parade but people will assemble at the two WAR Memorials between the soldier on the plinth and the clock, with St Mark's PEACE Memorial in the background.

There will still be two services, one at dawn and one at the usual time.

Flowers and wreaths will be lain on the two war memorials during the ceremony and for the first time, on the peace memorial at the front of St Mark's Peace Memorial church if anyone wishes to do so. We hope this may happen.

The 25th of April, is coincidentally, St Mark's Feast Day in the church's calendar. St Mark is the Patron Saint of Venice in Italy and the preacher of the St Mark's Gospel.

Ed



PARISH AGM
SUNDAY 21 APRIL AT 11.30
FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICE

The Annual General Meeting of Parishioners will take place following the service on 21 April. Reports need to be with Pat by Easter Sunday (9 April) please.

Do please be interested enough in the future of St Mark's, to attend this meeting.

If you look at the directory on page 2, you will see that there are a number of vacancies that need to be filled. Please give some consideration to taking on one of these roles.

If you feel called to fill a position, it would be very helpful, but attending does not mean you "get a job" that you don't want. It shows support of those willing to do the work.

If you or anyone you know would be willing to volunteer their services, please contact Pat 884 9182 or Geoff 022 080 7297.

Ed

MEMORIALS—EAST WINDOWS

The beautiful stained glass panes in the East Windows shows detail only to be seen upon a closer look and were gifts from the Ladies Guild, and the Parr and Jackson families.



The left hand pane is inscribed
To the Glory of God and in memory of Reuben Parr, a respected Pioneer of this district. Died December 1925. This window was erected by his children and grandchildren.

The middle pane is inscribed
To the Glory of God this window was given by the members of the Saint Mark's Ladies Guild 1927.

The right hand pane is inscribed
To the Glory of God in memory of his servant Ina Anderson wife of F S Anderson daughter of Mr and Mrs H Jackson. Died 16th June 1921 This window was erected by her parents, brothers and sister.

Who were these people

Reuben Parr (from his lengthy Obituary (Papers Past))

Mr Reuben Parr, father of Sir C. J. Parr, died last night, after a prolonged illness. The deceased had lived at Te Aroha for 50 years, and was highly esteemed by all sections of the community. His eldest son, Sir James Parr was Mayor of Auckland, High Commissioner in London, and Minister of Education, Justice and Post Master General in the New Zealand Reform Party government.

After a brief sojourn at Thames goldfields, where fortune did not favour him, Mr. Parr went to the Waikato, and was a pioneer of the well-known Monovale Estate, near Cambridge.

Mr. Parr was a settler of enterprise. He was the first to introduce into the Waikato the modern reaper and binder, a machine made by Wood of Christchurch.

MEMORIALS—EAST WINDOWS *cont*

St Mark's Ladies Guild Reports indicate that this group were very much involved in of the fund-raising activities. On May 19th, 1929, the archbishop presided at a service to consecrate the church and dedicate the East Windows.

Ina Anderson wife of F S Anderson daughter of Mr and Mrs H Jackson. Died 16th June 1921 I don't have any further information to add to this so if anyone can fill me in on who she was, or what her involvement in the Parish was, I will record it.

ARMISTICE PEACE MEMORIAL STONE

Armistice Day commemorates the signing of the documents that ended WWI on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 1918.

Less than one year later on 5 September 1919, a proposal was put forward for a new church to be built as a Peace Memorial. The foundation stone was laid on 13th April 1926 and on 24th October 1926, it was dedicated as St Mark's Peace Memorial Church in honour of St Mark, and in memory of those who fell in the GREAT WAR. The vicar read a brief history of St Mark's Church which he proposed should be placed under the foundation stone together with a list who had fallen in the Great War, and the names of previous vicars of the parish.

The garden in front of the stone has recently been tidied up by the Restoration Group and it was noted that a circle of stones with a centre stone had been placed there.

It may have been done by someone in more recent times whose family ashes were scattered there. Those associated with the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements will recognise this as one of Lord Baden Powell's tracking signs. Quite simply, it means **GONE HOME**.

