



MARKINGS

St Mark's Anglican Parish Te Aroha

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Knowing + Sharing Christ's Aroha

11th FEBRUARY 2024

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEME: Tall oaks from little acorns grow.

SENTENCE: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

COLLECT:

**Mighty God,
strong, loving, and wise,
help us depend upon your goodness
and to place our trust in your Son.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.**



READINGS INTRODUCTIONS:

2 Kings 5:1-14. The second book of Kings is set in the 9th century BC. It evaluates the kings of Israel in terms of their faithfulness to God. The prophets Elijah and Elisha dominate the scene as God's agents.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Paul had to contend with some in the church in Corinth who believed that their Christian freedom entitled them to do anything. Our freedom, says Paul, requires self-discipline for love of others.

Psalms 30. Thanksgiving for a new lease of life.

Mark 1:40-45. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' early ministry in Galilee announces the kingdom of God in healings in various places. Jesus emphasises that healing itself carries spiritual obligations.

Next week's readings:

Genesis 9:8-17. Psalm 25:1-9. 1 Peter 3:18-22. Mark 1:9-15

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FEB	COMMEMORATIONS	EVENTS THIS WEEK
Sun 11	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Holy Communion Rev Geoff Lamason
Tue 13	Shrove Tuesday	
Wed 14	Ash Wednesday	9am Holy Communion
Thu 15		1.30pm Fellowship
Fri 16	Holy Innocents	
Sat 17	Janani Luwum, Archbishop, Martyr of Uganda 1977.	
Sun 18	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Holy Communion Rev Geoff Lamason

We pray for Jemima, Jenny, Elaine, Gloria & Brian, Beverley, Jaimee & her family, Tom & Carolyn, 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 Diocese of Polynesia – Water For All.

IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND we pray for

- **The Province:** the Diocese of Nelson.
- **Our Diocese:** Central Taranaki Region; Clergy, People and Communities of Eltham-Kaponga, Manaia, Opunake, Stratford.
- **Our Community:** Police and Justice Agencies.
- **Our Parish:** Wardens, Restoration Team.

BIRTHDAYS:

Brian Swney on 15th



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.



Welcome home Jemima!

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Wed 14 9am Holy Communion – please note change of time.
Thu 15 1.30pm Women's Fellowship
Mon 19 1.30pm Vestry
Wed 21 10am Holy Communion
Fri 23 1.30pm Craft Group
Wed 28 10am Holy Communion

From Vestry:

- The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 21st April, 2024 after the 10am service.

DOMAIN DAY - SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2024

Once again we have been allocated the old Bowling Pavilion, where we will sell food, tea and coffee. On the day we will need plenty of biscuits and/or muffins, to supplement sandwiches lunches.

All contributions will be welcome!

We will need help at the pavilion on the day, to set things up, to sell the food etc, and to clean up at about 2pm. Please add your name to the list at the back.

Thank you in advance.

RESTORATION NEWS from June:

The Restoration Team advises that the Peace Memorial coffee mugs are available at the information Centre now. They will also be running another grocery raffle to be drawn on 10 March at Domain Day. Contributions of everyday food items will be welcome.

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 be 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.

Under the Mosaic Law, contagious skin diseases led to social isolation. The sufferer who here approaches Jesus has no doubts about his power to heal but, perhaps conditioned by years of rejection, is less confident in his willingness to help. Mark highlights Jesus' deep compassion, which leads him to breach the Law by touching this man to heal him. Yet Jesus does not denigrate the Law, insisting on the required priestly examination and offerings for cleansing.

RSCM Sunday by Sunday

Psalm 30.

A psalm of David.

1 I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me.

You refused to let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you restored my health.**

3 You brought me up from the grave,[a] O Lord.

You kept me from falling into the pit of death.

**4 Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones!
Praise his holy name.**

5 For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favour lasts a lifetime!

Weeping may last through the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

**6 When I was prosperous, I said,
“Nothing can stop me now!”**

7 Your favour, O Lord, made me as secure as a mountain.
Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered.

**8 I cried out to you, O Lord.
I begged the Lord for mercy, saying,**

9 “What will you gain if I die,
if I sink into the grave?

Can my dust praise you?

Can it tell of your faithfulness?

**10 Hear me, Lord, and have mercy on me.
Help me, O Lord.”**

11 You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.

You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy,

12 that I might sing praises to you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks 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:

Learn to accept the apologies you never get..