

ministry to families with children, our future activity at St. Jude's Mercer, ministry with youth and young adults and further activity in the new areas of Pokeno. All who have an interest in these matters and some hopes, ideas and energy to share are invited to join our Vestry members for this Workshop. For those attending – please bring a plate of something tasty to share for lunch. Contact – Andrew Beyer.

THIS WEEK October 8-15

Thursday 12 October

2:45pm Thursday School at St Jude's, Mercer

Sunday 15 October

9:30am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's, Bombay
followed by morning tea

Only service in the Parish on this day

Readings: Exodus 32: 1-14; Philippians 4: 1-9; **Matthew 22: 1-14**

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8 October 2017

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome & Gathering

A very warm welcome to you, and especially to any visitors, as we gather to praise and worship God this morning.

Theme

Wisdom for the Way

Today's service can be found in the Family Service folder...

Sentence of the Day

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3: 13b-14

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

**your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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Readings: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3: 4b-14;
Matthew 21: 33-46

Reflection

The theme for our worship this week is “Wisdom for the Way”. In our traditions “wisdom” is not only the deep and true knowledge that guides us towards “the Way”, towards life in God; it is also a matter of approach and attitude towards the whole of life and is clearly associated with honesty, humbleness, simplicity and truth. We can spend our whole lives accumulating and living this wisdom – confident that this gift from God will continue to flow through our lives and never run dry. Our Bible readings this week offer some of the different sources of wisdom ranging from the early moral code of the Ten Commandments, through the deep insights of St. Paul writing to the Church at Philippi, and to the message of Jesus as he confronts the religious leaders of the day with a parable that illustrates their rejection of God’s presence and purpose among them. These and many other sources or insights are available to us from our Bible as we seek wisdom, and there are other sources too. We can come to know the many facets of wisdom through the impact of music and art, through the daily miracles surrounding us in the natural order, through our life experience, through our prayers, through gracious conversation with our fellow pilgrims in this life – and in many other ways. Here in Bombay-Pokeno on the five Wednesday evenings November 8th – December 6th we have a Summer Series on the theme “Living the Life (in Christ)”. To this series we may bring our own accumulated wisdom, enjoy the wisdom of a range of superb guest presenters and look for the wisdom that emerges from our discussion and learning together. All are welcome to these sessions which are to be held 6pm-8pm on each date at St. Peter’s, Bombay - and will include a light evening meal. All are welcome to attend and enjoy these sessions. Every blessing,

Andrew

Prayers

Bidding: Strengthen you people:
Response: **firmly in your love.**

The congregation are invited to sit after the offertory hymn for the Great Thanksgiving Prayer.

During the week please remember in your prayers

In our intercessions we pray for our three Tikanga Church and our Bishops, Bishop Ross and Assistant Bishop Jim, and Bishops Kito and Winston. We pray for all ministry units and chaplaincies in our Diocese. We pray for our country and for those who hold leadership roles and positions of responsibility. In particular we pray for those who are unwell or in need and for those who provide support to them. We pray too, for the faithful departed and for those who grieve.

Goodwill offerings – Your contribution for the work of our church will be collected during the Offertory Hymn. Our regular parishioners contribute by envelope or by automatic payment. One off or regular payments can be made on line. Our bank account is **Bombay Pokeno Parish 02-0404-0013078-00**. Include your initials and name to be eligible for tax deductions. It costs our parish about \$1600 per week to run.

Food Bank – The Manurewa Anglican Parish Foodbank Programme continues to welcome your contributions of food to support families in need.

NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Christmas Cakes – Yes it is that time of year again! If you are able to bake, supply ingredients or give money towards ingredients please ring Chris Pullin on 09-2336243 with what you are prepared to offer. We need big ones and small ones. This has always been a good fundraiser so the more we can make the more we can sell. If you should have an outlet for them please let Chris know as soon as possible – they make great Christmas presents.

Angela Morey, Social Fund Raising Coordinator, 0272839848

Ministry Planning Workshop – We are organising a Workshop to be held at St. Peter’s Bombay on Saturday 14th October 9.30am – 2pm (including a light lunch) to draw out some ideas and approaches to extending ministry from our Churches. We will focus on extending