

Pokeno Meet and Greet – gathers again this week on Thursday at the Pokeno Community Hall 10am – 12noon. All are welcome to come and join in for some light activities, plenty of conversation and morning tea.

THIS WEEK 1-7 April

Thursday 5 April

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

Sunday 7 April

9:30am Family Communion Service & Sunday School St Peter's, Bombay followed by morning tea

Readings: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 1 - 2: 2; **John 20: 19-31**

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~ You are welcome to take the Tidings with you ~

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1 April 2018

Easter Day

Welcome & Gathering

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

Theme

Christ is Risen

Sentence of the Day

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Luke 24: 24

Prayer of the Day

**Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

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Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; **Mark 16: 1-8**

Reflection

At Easter we are presented once again with the powerful Gospel stories of the last days of the earthly life of Jesus – his last meal with his friends, his arrest, trial, false conviction and execution by the brutal method of crucifixion. Along the way he is mocked, tortured and abused and his closest friends and the crowds who once acclaimed him, abandon him. And then! We hear the dramatic events of Jesus' resurrection on that first Easter morning. This Easter we follow St. Mark's account of the resurrection where "Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome" go to Jesus tomb as the sun is rising, with spices to anoint his body. They are concerned about how they might move the heavy stone at the entrance to Jesus' tomb and then when they get there they find that the stone is rolled aside and Jesus is gone. Inside the tomb they receive a message from a young man that Jesus has "risen" and that they are to go and tell Peter and the other disciples to go to Galilee where, in his own local area, they will see Jesus again. The women run from the place in fear and astonishment and it takes some time before they tell others of this amazing event. And when they do, and Jesus' followers begin to come to know him alive and active among them, we see the start of our Easter faith – that God's love is present and active among us and beyond us whenever and wherever we may be – and most alive to us through the gracious and loving presence of Jesus whose life and love could not be curtailed by the devastation of death nor the heavy stones of his tomb.

Every blessing for Easter,

Andrew

Prayers

Bidding: You are our God:
Response: **who does all things well.**

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

Our New Vestry: At our AGM last Sunday the following were elected to the Vestry for the coming year: George Trounce as People's Warden, Marcia Anderson as Priest's Warden, Margaret Overdevest (Treasurer), Beverley Berwick (Secretary), John Otto, Rosemary Stoppard, Chris Pullin, Linda Speight, Jack Watson, Patricia Graham, (Andrew Beyer and Bruce Owen ex officio). We offered thanks to Sandra Hannaford, Emma Reichenbach and Angela Morey for their service on the Vestry over past years, and to this experienced and able team we welcomed Linda Speight elected for the first time.