

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.

THIS WEEK 15-22 April

Wednesday 18 April

10:00am Faithworks, Kaiaua Home Group, Kaiaua Hall

Thursday 19 April

7:00pm Vestry Meeting at St Peter's, Bombay

Sunday 22 April

9:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Pokeno

4:00pm Holy Communion at Kaiaua Hall

Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16-24; **John 10: 11-18**

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15 April 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Gathering

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

Theme

Growing Community

Today's service can be found on page 476 of the New Zealand Prayer Book...

Sentence of the Day

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

Prayer of the Day

Lord of life,

by submitting to death, you have conquered the grave;

by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;

by being raised from the dead,

you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:

be with us in your risen power,

that in word and deed we may proclaim

the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.

For all praise is yours, now and through eternity. Amen.

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Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1-7; **Luke 24: 36b-48**

Reflection

As we progress through the post-Easter weekly readings we are reminded of the work that Jesus' disciples achieved after his death. It would have been so easy for them to give up in despair and return to their former lives as fishermen and tax gatherers. Giving up was not an option. Jesus post- crucifixion appearances saw to that. Instead of giving up we are given the impression of a determination to succeed.

As with last week, this week we hear more about the preaching of Peter the Apostle in our first reading. He was a strong rallying force, gathering the followers together at a time when they needed it most. It was this 'rallying force' that allowed the early church to expand.

As we know that expansion was not easy. Not only did they have to endure extreme persecution, but as they move into Gentile lands they had to contend with, and compete with, pagan worship.

The words and actions of those early Christian leaders, like Peter, Paul and Barnabas and others form the basis of the New Testament scriptures that are so important to us today. As we gather for worship this Sunday the foundation work they achieved is something for us to give thanks for.

Blessings.

Have a great week.

Bruce

Prayers

Bidding: In all this:

Response: **may God be glorified.**

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

Notice of Leave: Priest in Charge Andrew Beyer will be on leave from April 14th to April 24th. Priest Assistant Bruce Owen will be in charge for those days – please contact Bruce for Tidings notices for the Sundays of 15th and 22nd April and any other matters.

Our New Vestry: At our AGM on March 25th 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,