

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 8-15 April

### Thursday 12 April

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

### Sunday 15 April

9:30am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's, Bombay followed by morning tea  
*Only service in the Parish on this day*

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

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~ You are welcome to take the Tidings with you ~

# Tidings

for the Bombay-Pokeno Anglican Church

worshipping at Bombay, Pokeno, Mercer and Kaiaua

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8 April 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Welcome & Gathering

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

### Theme

#### **Peace Be With You**

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

### Sentence of the Day

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you'.  
*John 20: 21*

### Prayer of the Day

#### **Risen Christ,**

**whose absence leaves us in despair  
but whose presence fills us with hope:  
breathe on us with your abundant life,  
that where we cannot see  
we may have courage to believe,  
that we may be raised with you,  
to whom belong honour and glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

## Reflection

Over the past several weeks it has been an enriching journey for many of us as we have gathered for our Lenten services and discussions and for the special events of Easter. Walking and singing around St. Mary's Church on Palm Sunday set us on the road of Jesus' journey through Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday our evening meal at St. Peter's Church associated us with the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples and friends. On Good Friday at St. Mary's we heard the Bible readings and the reflections and we were led by our Choir in singing the songs that tell the story and convey the meanings of the day of Jesus crucifixion, death and burial. And on Easter Day in both our main churches we celebrated the Day of Resurrection and the continuing presence, life and love of Jesus in our lives and in our community. Many thanks to all who contributed and to all who came to offer these acts of service and thanksgiving to our loving God. In the next several weeks of the Church's Easter season we will approach and ponder the stories of the resurrected Jesus in his appearances and activities with his followers. The stories are unusual and often ambiguous and are testament to the fact that nothing like this had happened before. As we approach these stories I offer the following words from the theologian John MacQuarrie: "The only 'proof' is that in the living Christian community today the person of Christ still lives and the living God still acts through him to reconcile and make whole." These words foreshadow that the resurrection of Jesus is still a "happening thing" in Pokeno and Bombay, in Pukekohe and Manurewa and wherever people of faith seek and respond to God through the life and work of Jesus. Every blessing,

**Andrew**

Prayers

Bidding: My Lord and my God!

Response: **My Lord and my God!**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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,