Gathering for Young People: after an enjoyable and successful gathering with young people in mid-March we are proposing a monthly gathering on the third Saturday of each month for a programme guided by the young people and welcoming people from 9 years age and above – our next gathering will be:

SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 3pm – 5.30pm at St. Peter's Church Bombay for a programme that will include some learning, some socialising, some fun and a snack. Contact for information: Andrew 0274 508 389 apbeyer49@gmail.com

THIS WEEK 3-10 June

Thursday 1 June

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

Sunday 10 June

9:30am Family Service at St Mary's on the Hill, Pokeno

Readings: 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11: 14-15);

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1; Mark 3: 20-35

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3 June 2018

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome & Gathering

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

Theme

Light of Truth

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

Sentence of the Day

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4: 6

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,

your Son made your love visible in human form and placed wholeness and healing above the law; grant us the grace to show compassion to those in need,

to bear the criticism for your sake,

and to act wisely in your name.

Through Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrating Common Prayer: A Version for Aotearoa, New Zealand, & Polynesia

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12;

Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6

Reflection

For us the life, teachings and activities of Jesus of Nazareth can be a constant focus, guide and inspiration. The Gospel reading for this Sunday from Mark 2:23 – 3:6 tells stories of Jesus deliberately breaching the oppressive religious rules of his time and culture. Firstly he argues with the Pharisees (the religious leaders of the day) to give support to his disciples as they pick ears of corn for their sustenance on the Sabbath day – a practice that was forbidden by Sabbath laws. Secondly, again on the Sabbath day and within a synagogue he heals the "withered hand" of a man and, again, he argues with the Pharisees and makes the case for compassion to override their oppressive application of the religious rules. In the midst of these events Jesus makes his enduring remark: "the Sabbath was made for man (people), not man (people) for the Sabbath". It was this attitude and these actions of Jesus that opened the way for the Pharisees and others to plan to arrest, charge and condemn him and yell for his execution. In the face of that exercise of power, Jesus did not stop his actions or change his teaching - he remained true to his Truth that God's love transcends and overcomes all the forces of oppression and calls people into freedom in companionship with God, in their own lives and in caring community. Jesus was so insistent and persistent about these matters we may continually reflect on the meaning he conveys to us and how that applies in our time and place.

Every blessing,

Andrew

<u>Prayers</u> Bidding: Lord of love:

Response: Let only your will be done.

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.

<u>Goodwill offerings</u> – 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.

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

NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Welcome to Catholic Church members in Pokeno: With the agreement of our Vestry and consent from our Diocesan Bishop we have accepted a request from the Catholic Priest at Pukekohe Parish for the use of St. Mary's Church for a monthly service of Mass. The first service will be at 4pm on Sunday 3rd June when we welcome Fr. Robert Steele and local Catholic parishioners.

Special General Meeting: The Vestry has been considering proposals for the scheduling of future services at St. Jude's Mercer – these are to be discussed and decided at a Special General Meeting of parishioners on Sunday June 17th after the service and morning tea at St. Peter's, Bombay.