

are available from Andrew Beyer or Beverley Berwick. They are to be returned to Beverley before the meeting.

Pokeno Community Meet and Greet – all are welcome to this gathering that is on again this week on Thursday March 8th 10am – 12 noon at the Pokeno Community Hall.

Readers and Intercessors needed: we need to add to our numbers of people available to go on the monthly rosters to read lessons and lead our prayers at our Church services. Please let Andrew know if you are willing to be recruited to these important and enjoyable tasks.

THIS WEEK 4-11 March

Thursday 8 March

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

Sunday 11 March

9:30am Family Communion Service and Sunday School at St Mary's, Pokeno followed by morning tea
Only service in the Parish on this day

Readings: Numbers 21: 4-9; Ephesians 2: 1-10; **John 3: 14-21**

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4 March 2018

3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Gathering

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

Theme

Living in God's Promise

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

Sentence of the Day

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me'. *Exodus 20: 1*

Prayer of the Day

**Lord our God,
by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; **John 2: 13-22**

Reflection

St. Peter's Church in Bombay has provided a very beautiful setting for our Lenten services these Wednesday evenings. At that time of the day at this time of the year the setting sun beams through the West end windows and decorates the interior with those evening shades of gold and orange. Each week we reflect on a different Lenten theme – this past week we focused on the place in our lives of prayer, meditation on scripture, and intercession (that is praying for specific people, concerns and issues). As we shared our thoughts we each had experiences and understandings that deepen approaches to our practice of prayer for all of us. While praying when we can where we can is fine, we are guided by our traditions to find a regular time and place to pray. Lent is the perfect time to have a think about how and when we pray and to give ourselves a bit of a “scrub up” to pray more regularly. Our prayers may include praise and thanksgiving to God, seeking guidance in God's purpose for us, our intercessions for specific people and concerns, our meditation on Bible passages, and, for some, a quiet and still contemplation in the presence of God. Warning! ... praying regularly and fully can bring a deep harmony, purpose and peace to our whole lives!!

Every blessing,
Andrew

Prayers Bidding: May we hear you, Lord:
 Response: **and want to obey.**

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

Choir for Easter Services – The choir will resume practices for Easter on Thursday **1 March** at 4.30pm at St Mary's and will continue over the following three Thursdays. We welcome all singers or budding singers to join in.

Event for Youth and Young Adults – We are planning this gathering for the afternoon of Saturday **17 March** at St Peter's Bombay. The programme will include meet and greet, some fun, some food and an opportunity to plan future events. All young people from our Church and community are welcome – please contact Andrew with any ideas or offers for this event.

Lenten Reflections – On each Wednesday of Lent from **21 February to 21 March** we will gather at 7pm at St Peter's for guided reflections on Lenten themes and our service of Holy Communion. All welcome

The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held after the service (and morning tea!) at St. Mary's on Sunday 25th March. For those who wish to seek election as Vestry members the nomination forms