

on Sunday May 27th – followed by an historical talk and a light lunch at St. Peter's Church.

Bibles Restored: We are delighted to have the two large lectern Bibles for St. Mary's and St. Peter's carefully repaired and restored. Many thanks to those who have donated to fund this work and we will bless and re-dedicate the Bibles as we place them back in our Churches this month.

THIS WEEK 6-13 May

Thursday 10 May

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

Sunday 13 May

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: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5: 9-13; **John 17: 6-19**

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6 May 2018

6th 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

Jesus Calls Us Friends

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

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit'.
John 15: 16

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,

Your Son has chosen us

and called us to be his friends:

give us grace to keep his commandments,

to love one another,

and to bear fruit which will abide;

through him who is the true vine,

the source of all our life,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Readings: Acts 10: 44-48; 1 John 5: 1-6; **John 15: 9-17**

Reflection

Recently I spent a few days in Melbourne and, once again, attended the informal communion service on a Sunday morning at Christ's Church, St. Kilda. The practice is for the diverse group that gathers for this service to discuss the Gospel reading for the day and seek insights into the characteristics of God's kingdom of love in our lives. On a past occasion this led to a "very Melbourne" insight that "in the Kingdom of God there is always another tram" – there is no need for anyone to be left out or left behind. This time the insight was that "there are no no-hopers in the kingdom of God" and I took from this the double perception that those who need support will be given support by loving companions, friends or strangers; and those who have lost hope will have that hope restored through the love from God or neighbours. Pondering the Gospel in these ways in that place I find always to be enriching and delightful.

Every blessing,

Andrew

Prayers Bidding: Help us, Lord:
 Response: **to love one another.**

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

Service of Baptism: This morning we join in the celebration of the Baptism of Mackenna Grace Reichenbach and share with Matt and Emma and their family the joy of this occasion.

Harvest Festival: Please repeat the notice from the last Tidings (April 22)

Action at St. Peter's: Both our continuing projects from last year's 150th Anniversary at St. Peter's saw progress this past week. Scaffolding is growing around the church to support the re-roofing and painting work; and the window frame has been removed and taken off to a joiner to start the practical work for our new stained glass window. We look forward to these projects being completed in coming weeks.

Bishop Selwyn Cairn: Our annual gathering for a short prayer service at the Cairn on Great South Rd Bombay will be at 11.30am