

Pokeno Christmas Parade – Friday 14th December from 6.30pm starting at the Great South Road and McDonald Rd corner and parading through town. All are welcome to join in and our Carol Singers will have a role. Contact: Allen Grainger 021 858 133

Young People's Gathering

With so many busy weekend days coming up we have planned our next Young People's Gathering for Sunday 2nd December after our morning service and Christmas Pageant at St. Peter's. (And after morning tea!!) At this session we will prepare our Christmas Play for presentation on December 16th.

THIS WEEK 25 November - 2 December

Sunday 2 December

9:30am Family Service & Christmas Pageant
at St Peter's in the Forest, Bombay

Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; **Luke 21: 25-36**

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25 November 2018

Christ the King

Welcome & Gathering

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

Theme

What is Truth?

Today's service can be found in on page 476 of the NZ Prayer Book.

Sentence of the Day

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

Revelation 5: 12

Prayer of the Day

Majestic God,

ruler of all creation,

your kingdom is not of this world.

Christ revealed a new truth.

Raise up truth in our lives,

that as servants of your kingdom we may see your glory,

sing your praises, and live a new way.

Through Christ Our Redeemer,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen

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

Readings: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Revelation 1: 4b-8; **John 18: 33-37**

Reflection

This Sunday is a festival day of the Church in acknowledgement of “Christ the King”. When we consider the life of Jesus of Nazareth the question arises – what kind of king is this? – a king who walks a dusty road, who washes the feet of his companions, who gives himself entirely in service of others and who speaks of a kingdom that is “beyond” the power, position, privilege, greed and inequality of this world. Yet in recognition of this humble companion, who through his life and death and then his becoming present again, showed himself to be the Christ – the chosen one of God – his astounded followers adopted for him the title of King! With that title comes a sense of Jesus inheriting the tradition of the chosen one of God through Israel’s faith history and also an acclamation of Jesus now enfolded in and with the great glory of God in and through all things and times and places. There remains an ambiguity and irony in this title for Jesus – because in the corrupted and abusive processes of his “trial” before the Chief priest and the Roman Governor it was the false accusation that Jesus had claimed to be the “King of the Jews” that led to his fabricated conviction and unjust sentence of death. On this festival of Christ the King we can hold together the glorious acclamations of Jesus as the risen Christ in company with God, and “the king of the road” who shared his life with us and showed us the way of humble service, honesty and truth, love and compassion, freedom and light.

Every blessing, **Andrew**

Prayers Bidding: Spirit of the living God:
 Response: **may your kingdom come.**

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.

The Manurewa Anglican Parish Foodbank Programme continues to welcome your contributions of food to support families in need.

NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

2018 Summer Series – “Prayer in Life”

The first session of our Summer Series last Wednesday was well attended and we enjoyed a meal together and then the “Prayer Café” where we explored a range of approaches and perspectives on prayer. **“Prayer as a Journey Through Life”** – This Wednesday November 28th Don Cowan will lead our discussion from his experience of a life-time of prayer. We start at 6pm at St. Peter’s with a shared meal followed by the session. Please bring a dish to share.

Pokeno Meet and Greet – gathers again this Thursday November 29th at the Pokeno Community Hall 10am – 12noon. All are welcome for light activities, good conversation and morning tea.

Choir Practice

Our Choir has begun preparations for Christmas Services and Carol Singing and will practice each Thursday from 4.15pm at St Mary’s Pokeno. Contact Janet McRobbie Ph 09 233 62 93.