

Annual General Meeting – the 2019 AGM for our Mission District will be held at St. Mary's Pokeno after the 9.30am service on Sunday 24th March. Nominations are sought for the roles of People's Warden and Vestry members and officers.

Choir Practices – in preparation for Easter services will begin this Thursday March 14th at 4.15pm at St. Mary's Pokeno and continue through the next four Thursdays. All are welcome to join in and sing with the Choir.

Pokeno Community Meet and Greet – this gathering is on again this Thursday March 21st at the Pokeno Community Hall 10am – 12noon – all are welcome to come along for light activities, good conversation and morning tea.

THIS WEEK 17-24 March

Sunday 24 March

9:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Pokeno
followed by Parish AGM

4pm Holy Communion at Kaiaua Bowling Club Hall

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; **Luke 13: 1-9**

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17 March 2019

2nd 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

Built on a Promise

Today's service can be found on page 476 of the New Zealand Prayer Book...

Sentence of the Day

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 3: 20*

Prayer of the Day

**God, steadfast in love and purpose,
your Son was not diverted from Jerusalem and the cross:
amid all business and distraction keep us focussed on your
purpose;
in times of uncertainty or anxiety, steady us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives 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: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Philipians 3: 17 - 4: 1; **Luke 13: 31-35**

Reflection

As we progress through this season of Lent our readings take us into a range of themes important to our Lenten preparation. This week the reading from Genesis 15 records the movement from disappointment and despair towards new hope for Abraham as he receives and accepts God's promises of love, protection and provision for the future. To the early Church community in Philippi St. Paul writes of the hope that rests in Jesus as the Saviour who will transform the lives of those who are firm in their faith and bring them to completeness in God's love. St. Luke tells of Jesus, warned that his life is under threat, courageously continuing his mission in God's love and proclaiming God's continuing care and protection for those who respond to God. Hope and promise, a present and future closeness with God, and an assurance of God's protection and care for us – these are all themes we can develop in our thanksgiving and prayer throughout Lent. And two compelling images – Jesus describes God's care and protection as a hen gathering her brood under her wings – and when God seeks to assure Abraham of God's provision for his descendants God takes Abraham out into the night to view the stars. That is something we could do on one (or more) clear fine night(s) in Lent – go outside and count the stars as numbering God's gifts of love, care and protection for us – each one of us and for all.

Every blessing,

Andrew

Prayers Bidding: You are our God:

Response: in you we put our trust.

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

Lenten Bible Study & Evening Prayer – on the Wednesdays March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd and 10th at St. Peter's Bombay at 7pm.

Quiet Day of Guided Prayer and Reflection – All are welcome to attend this event 10am – 3pm on Saturday 23rd March. The day will be led by The Revd. Sarah Park our Diocesan Ministry Educator – venue is Tyburn Monastery 100 Chamberlain Rd. Bombay. Payment of \$20 per person will help with costs – please register attendance with Andrew Beyer (contacts below).

Gold Card Wanderers – Orewa, Monday 25 March. Meet at Papakura station at 9.25am for the 9.34am train. (Pukekohe train 9.13am). Coffee in town, then Northern Express to Silverdale, local bus to Orewa and lunch at the Dear Coastie's Café.