

Mini Golf Tournament and Fast Food Feast – starting from St. Peter’s carpark at 1.30pm on Saturday 18th May to travel to mini-golf near Auckland airport – this is a Youth group initiative and all are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Harvest Festival – at 9.30am service at St. Peter’s on Sunday 19th May – produce for display can be brought to St. Peter’s 10am – 12noon on Saturday 18th May.

Bishop Selwyn Cairn – our annual commemoration at the Cairn in Great South Rd Bombay at 11.30am on Sunday 26th May followed by historical address and light lunch at St. Peter’s.

THIS WEEK 5 May-12 May

Sunday 19 May

9:30am Harvest Festival & Holy Communion at St Peter’s in the Forest, Bombay followed by morning tea

Readings: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; **Luke 12: 16-30**

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12 May 2019

4th 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

Rejection

Today’s service can be found in the Family Service booklet.

Sentence of the Day

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to the springs of the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7: 17

Prayer of the Day

Alleluia, King Eternal;

our guide and our protector:

in troubles and uncertainty, lead us;

in fearfulness and hardship, secure 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: Acts 9: 36-43; Revelation 7: 9-17; **John 10: 22-30**

Reflection

This fourth Sunday after Easter is sometimes known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” with readings that include the image of Jesus as “the Good Shepherd”. This image was used in the Old Testament Psalms and Prophets as an image of a loving God who cares for and tends all God’s people. Jesus, especially as recorded in St. John’s Gospel, uses the image to help describe his own presence as the Messiah, the chosen one of God, living the fullness of God’s love in the world. In using the image Jesus would not have had in mind the Kiwi shepherd of today using quad bikes and drones to observe and muster huge flocks of sheep. In Jesus’ imaging a shepherd attended personally to a small flock of sheep and came to know them closely enough so that the sheep knew the shepherd’s voice and came to his or her call. The shepherd travelled with the sheep to find feed in the wild and to keep them safe from predators. In this morning’s Gospel reading (John 10: 19-30) Jesus expands the image to include his followers in the place of the sheep – and, again, not the way we often reference sheep as somewhat mindless animals – the sheep in the care of the Good Shepherd hear God’s voice through Jesus, they follow Jesus’ way in life, they shall not perish, and they will never be snatched from God’s loving hand. For us on “Good Shepherd Sunday” we can take these assurances as a foundation of our faith – that through Jesus we are assured of God’s constant love and care and we are free, called and equipped to live with loving care for others.

Every blessing,
Andrew

Prayers Bidding: Direct our hearts, O Lord:
 Response: to love you more and more.

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

Gold Card Wanderers – Orewa, Tuesday May 14th. Meet at Papakura Station at 9.25am for the 9.34am train. Coffee in town, then Northern Express to Silverdale, local bus to Orewa and lunch at Dear Coastie’s Café.

Vestry meeting is next Thursday 16th May 7pm at St. Peter’s Bombay.

Pokeno Community Meet and Greet gathers again this Thursday 16th May 10am – 12noon at the Pokeno Community Hall – all welcome to attend and join in the light activities, good conversation and morning tea.