

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

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

## THIS WEEK 5 May-12 May

### Sunday 12 May

9:30am Family Service at St Mary’s, Pokeno followed by morning tea

Readings: Acts 9: 36-43; Revelation 7: 9-17; **John 10: 22-30**

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~ You are welcome to take the Tidings with you ~

# Tidings

for the Bombay–Pokeno Anglican Church  
worshipping at Bombay, Pokeno, Mercer and Kaiaua

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5 May 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### **Encountering Christ**

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

### Sentence of the Day

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.

*Revelation 5: 13*

### Prayer of the Day

**Alleluia, King Eternal;**

**Jesus restored disheartened friends**

**at breakfast on the beach:**

**alert us to your presence;**

**restore us when we falter or despair; and**

**let us always hope in you;**

**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: 1-6, (7-20); Revelation 5: 11-14; **John 21: 1-19**

## Reflection

Our theme for worship this Sunday is “Encountering Christ”. Our readings tell of the encounters that the disciples and others had with the Risen Jesus soon after that first Easter. The disciples encounter Jesus calling out from the beach as they fish in the early morning on the Galilean Lake. Saul encounters Jesus on the road to Damascus – an encounter that leads to a complete transformation of his life. The writer of the book of Revelation has a very different kind of encounter – this is in a vision of Jesus as The Lamb of God and the focus of worship for “every creature in the heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and in the sea and all therein”. Not many among us, and then not very often, will have that kind of visionary encounter with Jesus. Maybe more of us have had or will have the kind of life changing encounter that Saul (St. Paul) had on that road. We all may have the other kinds of encounters with Christ experienced by the disciples and by faithful people through the ages. In meeting his friends and followers the Risen Jesus greets them, blesses them, makes himself known to them, guides them, calls them, assures them, breathes into them God’s Holy Spirit, prepares food for them and offers hospitality. It is in these ways and many more that we can encounter Christ in our lives – the gracious and gentle power of love, respect, mercy and forgiveness in our lives and in life as we share it with others. And then, sometimes, as we step outside, we see the autumn sunlight draining like liquid silver off the lingering leaves and get a glimpse of what the writer of the Book of Revelation is trying to convey.

Every blessing,

**Andrew**

Prayers            Bidding:        Here I am, Lord:  
                          **Response:    see me!**

**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

**Baptism of Joe Hannaford** – this Sunday morning at St. Peter’s we rejoice with the family of Joe as we celebrate his Baptism together.

**Gold Card Wanderers** – Orewa, Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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