

Fund Raiser – Our movie afternoon featuring “Downton Abbey” is confirmed for Sunday 29 September starting at 3pm for nibbles, drinks and purchase of raffle tickets. Movie starts at 3:30pm. Put it on your calendar now – we will ramp up the advertising messages about a month out from this date. We’d like everyone to sell at least 2 tickets at \$20.00 pp. In addition to the raffle there will be a lucky number draw. Please support this!!! **Fund Raising Committee**

THIS WEEK 1-8 September

Sunday 8 September

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

Readings: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33

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1 September 2019

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome & Gathering

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

Theme

Belonging to Christian Community

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

Sentence of the Day

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. *Luke 14: 11*

Prayer of the Day

Celebrating God,

in the humble Christ you take the lowest place among us;

may we see and serve you in the poor,

the crippled, the lame, and the blind;

through Jesus our help,

who is alive 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: Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16;

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Reflection

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” What sounds words from Paul, as he writes to the Hebrews in today’s epistle reading. They are as relevant today as they were then. Each of us in our own way, would like to think that we can make a difference in some way or another in our community. We may not be multimillion-dollar benefactors, but we can make a difference to others.

On Monday, Diana and I took our very generous foodbank offering to Manurewa. It was just after 10.00am and the Foodbank Centre was heaving with people. The helpers, were, literally, being run off their feet. I am sure that by the end of the morning their food stocks would be all but gone. If it sounds as though I have shared the story before, it is about the fact that nothing has changed and the need is still there, the same story, but another occasion. We certainly do encourage any of our families who haven’t been contributing to the Food bank to do so. Each of us in our own way are ‘doing good’. There is satisfaction in knowing that we help to make a difference.

“Doing good” isn’t only about foodbanks. It is about doing what we can to help others. It is doing what we can to help others, as many of you may well have done of Friday for Daffodil Day, supporting the wonderful work of the Cancer Society.

So as we join together in our worship this morning, let us reflect on the theme for today, ‘Belonging to a Christian Community’ and ponder on what that really means for us. In the meantime, let us celebrate the fact that spring is just around the corner.

Have a great week.

Blessings

Bruce

Prayers

Bidding: The Lord is our helper:

Response: **we shall not be afraid.**

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 online. 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.

NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Gold Card Wanderers – Thursday 12 September to Swanson Station cafe for lunch. Meet at Papakura Station by 9.50am for the 9.58 train.

Christmas Cakes – For those who already do this annually, please would you make 2 large and 6 small to start with. We really need more volunteers to help with the baking, and also donations of dried raisins, sultanas, currants, apricots, brown sugar, butter, and bottles of brandy. Anyone who feels able to help in any way please contact Chris Pullin either by phone 092336243 or email chrispullin41@gmail.com

INDABA 2019 – Bishop Ross Bay has requested us to develop a programme for meeting and dialogue with our Anglican neighbours in the wider Franklin area. Our plans so far are aiming towards a full day programme on Saturday 12th October – keep the date free – more details to come soon.