

**SPECIAL EVENT** – Sunday 6th October 10.45am at St. Peter’s Bombay – DEDICATION OF 150th ANNIVERSARY WINDOW – morning tea, presentation by glass artist Linley Main, Dedication of new window. All people from Church and local community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**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](mailto:chrispullin41@gmail.com)

## THIS WEEK 15-22 September

### Sunday 22 September

9:30am Holy Communion at St Mary’s, Pokeno

4pm Holy Communion at Kaiaua Bowling Club Hall

Readings: Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; **Luke 16: 1-13**

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~ You are welcome to take the Tidings with you ~

# Tidings

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worshipping at Bombay, Pokeno, Mercer and Kaiaua

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**15 September 2019**

*24<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **God’s Persistent Love**

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

### Sentence of the Day

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

*Luke 15: 10*

### Prayer of the Day

#### **Rejoicing God,**

**you pursue us more than we seek after you,  
and tenderly exult when we find our life in you;  
may we share in your delight  
and in your care for the lonely and the lost;  
through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd,  
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 4: 11-12, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; **Luke 15: 1-10**

## Reflection

Over last weekend Beverley Berwick, Margaret Overdeest, Bruce Owen and I attended the Auckland Diocesan annual Synod as our delegates from Bombay-Pokeno. After beginning with a service at Old St. Mary's, the Synod met in the knave of Holy Trinity Cathedral. Our Synod representatives will soon offer a report of matters that relate to our life and work as a Church community. However, here are some matters from the Synod that I would like to record: we received a powerful report from Auckland City Missioner Chris Farrelly that focused on the extensive work of the Mission and the good progress of the current project to build a new multi-story facility for the Mission's work on site in Hobson Street; two representatives from a local initiative to support refugee families described how very basic and down to earth support, delivered with warm friendship and consistency, makes a huge positive difference in the lives of refugee families; in a presentation on ministry with young people and children our Diocesan youth workers developed a vision of a Church fully committed to building participation for children and their families; two formal motions helped to point the way for local Churches to take action to help to recognise and address actions that contribute to damaging climate change. In these and many other ways the signs and signals of God's love in action emerged through and beyond the formal and structured agenda of the Synod.

Every blessing,

**Andrew**

*Prayers*

Bidding: God our shepherd:

Response: **all our needs are known to you.**

**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 Fereimi. 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.

## NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

**Retirement of the Assistant Bishop of Auckland** – The Bishop of Auckland Ross Bay has asked us to let you know that our Assistant Bishop Jim White has announced his retirement from that role on medical grounds. Bishop Jim has been struggling with a severe health condition over the past eighteen months and will now concentrate on managing his health and treatment. We are asked to continue to pray for Bishop Jim and his family.

**INDABA 2019** – all are invited to join in our Indaba 2019 as we exchange visits with our Anglican Church neighbours in Onewhero-Tuakau, Mauku and Pukekohe on Saturday 12th October – with a 9am start at Onewhero and a 7pm finish at Pukekohe. Meals and refreshments provided through the day. A full timetable for the day will be circulated and people are encouraged to arrange shared transport around the various sites and activities.

**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**