

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

THIS WEEK 8-15 September

Sunday 15 September

9:30am Holy Communion Service at St Peter’s, Bombay followed by morning tea

Readings: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; **Luke 15:**

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8 September 2019

23rd 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

The Cost of Discipleship

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

Sentence of the Day

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

Luke 14: 27

Prayer of the Day

God of gentleness,

you give up all to be with us;

enable us to love, obey, and hold fast to you alone,

so that we may complete what we have started,

built on the foundation of Jesus Christ,

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 18: 1-11; Philemon 1-21; **Luke 14: 25-33**

Reflection

Our readings this month take us into the heart of the Book of Jeremiah – the prophet who sought to call the people of Israel back to true faith in God at a time of tumult, invasion and exile. In this Sunday’s reading Jeremiah uses the powerful image of God as a potter moulding the form and future of the people with God’s hands in a way in which it appears the people, the clay, have little say or opportunity to resist. As the passage develops we then see that there is a dynamic relationship between the potter and the clay. What God’s hand as the potter can shape or deliver relies in part on the response of the people to God’s presence and purpose in their lives. Potters we know today will tell us a similar story – in addition to their determination and intention the clay itself will often lead or direct the final work of art that is produced. These ideas and images remain true for our relationship with God today. In response to God’s constant love and care for us our life as the Church – the community of faith – depends on the response we make in life and faith. Our lives as individual people of faith depend on the responses we make in our lives. The great prophets like Jeremiah through to Jesus and his teaching guide us with regard to the responses we make through our prayer, thanksgiving and loving action in real life day by day. Jeremiah was sure that the failure of the people of God to respond to God in truth and faith led directly to the diminishment of their community. We know how much that is also true in our own lives. Every blessing,

Andrew

Prayers Bidding: Gracious God:
 Response: **in you we can 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 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.

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

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**

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