

need and for those who provide support to them. We pray too, for the faithful departed and for those who grieve.

NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Choir Practice – our Choir is preparing for the Palm Sunday (5th April) and Good Friday services with remaining practices on the Thurs evgs 26 March & 2 April beg. at 4.15pm at St. Mary's Pokeno.

Lenten Discussion Groups – the two remaining sessions are on the Wednesday evenings 25 March & 1 April 7pm at St. Peter's Bombay.

Parish AGM and Elections – the 2020 Annual general Meeting will be held after morning service at St. Mary's Pokeno on Sunday March 22nd. Please see Beverley Berwick or Andrew for nomination forms for election as People's Warden or Vestry member.

Easter Services – Coming up! – Palm Sunday at St. Peter's 9.30am Sunday 5th April; Maundy Thursday – meal and Holy Communion at St. Peter's 7pm Thursday 9th April; Good Friday Service 9.30am Friday 10th April at St. Mary's; Easter Day Holy Communion 9.30am at both St. Mary's and St. Peter's on Sunday 12th April.

THIS WEEK 22-29 March

Sunday 29 March

9:30am Holy Communion at St Jude's Mercer

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Romans 8: 6-11; **John 11: 1-45**

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22 March 2020

4th Sunday in Lent

The Parish AGM follows today's service

Welcome & Gathering

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

Theme

No Limits on Love

Today's service can be found on page 456 of the NZ Prayer Book.

Sentence of the Day

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.

John 8: 12

Prayer of the Day

**God of healing and sight,
we long to see with eyes of faith.
Heal all that blinds us,
renew our vision,
and grant us to see afresh
all that you are doing;
For you are alive and reign with the Father
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: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Ephesians 5: 8-14; **John 9: 1-41**

Health Considerations – Covid-19 virus

In response to the current threat of the Covid-19 virus in New Zealand we will adopt the following procedures for our Church Services and other gatherings:

Procedures:

- During greeting, fare-welling and exchanging “the peace” we request people to follow the practice of “no hugs, no handshakes, no hongis” and to replace physical exchanges with a smile, wave or other appropriate communication.
- For distribution of Holy Communion we will use the bread (wafers) only. The chalice of wine will be blessed by the presiding Priest but not distributed. This is known as “Communion in one kind” and is affirmed by our Church as a full act of Communion. Our presiding Priests will exercise a high level of hand hygiene.
- Following public health advice we request people to generally keep more distance one from another – to spread out a little more in Church – or as the band “Police” would have it – “don’t stand too close (to me)!”

General Health Care Advice:

- Symptoms of Covid-19 virus are: cough, high temperature, shortness of breath – if you have these symptoms ring your GP before going to a surgery or clinic and call Healthline 0800 358 5453 to receive instruction about managing your situation.
- If you develop these symptoms stay well clear of other people as you progress towards testing, treatment and/or self-isolation.
- Further information is available through: health.govt.nz/covid19

Mutual Care and Assistance

- If any individuals or families need to go into a time of isolation – please let us know (contacts below) for any help we can enact

through shopping, delivering your supplies, prayers or a good old talk on the phone.

- If any individuals are able to offer these kinds of support to others – please also contact us to register that willingness.

Life and Faith

- We can be sure that in the midst of any illness or anxiety, uncertainty or unexpected change, demand or challenge, our loving God is right here with us and a source to us of love, confidence, determination and peace.
- God also calls those of us who can to offer and deliver our care and support for others who need our assistance.
- In Church and beyond we will continue our prayers for the well-being of ourselves, our families, our communities and all the people of our land; our prayers for our leaders in government and all people working in our health and social services; and our prayers for a recovery and restoration of health, tranquillity and economic resilience in our land.

Every Blessing, Andrew Beyer, Priest in Charge

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Prayers

Bidding:

Loving God:

Response:

we give you thanks.

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 Retired 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