

Kāpiti Anglicans

7 FEBRUARY 2021

Good morning and welcome to worship today. May you encounter God afresh as you draw near in praise.

Human beings seem wired for conformity. Most of us have a streak of rebel in us, but for the most part we are content to go with the flow and not stand out in the crowd- or maybe that's a predominantly New Zealand characteristic; we are masters at blending in!

You would think that such a tendency would make us very adaptable, like chameleons changing with our environment, but instead I suspect it renders us a bit insipid, less powerful, less colourful, less us and therefore less effective in our mission to share the love of God and the need to know him.

In the New Testament reading today the apostle Paul encourages us to be all things to all people, to be adaptable and chameleon like for the purpose of introducing people to Jesus. He is prepared to do anything, be anything (almost) so that God's love in Christ may be made apparent to all. This is so evident in his ministry as he finds inroads to come alongside people, learn their "language" and communicate to them in that same way. The question that challenges me is how we do this without becoming yes-men, going with the flow, fading into the background, losing our message and mission. In other letters, Paul exhorts us to be "in the world but not of it". He wants us to find ways to be wholly present to this life and the situations God calls us into, finding commonalities and points of similarity to the people we engage with, but also retaining our particularity and peculiarity as the people of God.

I think the key to the how of this is found in the Gospel passage for today. Before Jesus spent time with the crowds, engaging with seekers and opponents of all kinds, being a first century Jew in a Roman occupied Palestine, he spent time with his heavenly Father. Time in Prayer with God the Father is the way Jesus grounds himself, strengthens both his sense of identity and his mission; his distinctiveness, before he does his mixing. We need to do the same. Time with God in prayer reminds us who and whose we are. It enables us to be all things to all people and still retain who we are as God's people. It is the bedrock of mission.

Develop a prayer rhythm as a priority this year and see what God does in and through you.



A special welcome to all who are visiting with us today.

We are family, we are disciples, we care for the last, the lost and the least.

Readings	7 February	14 February
First Testament	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 5:1-14
Epistle	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 1:40-45

Sentence and Collect for the Day

Sentence: "Great are you O Lord, and mighty is your power; yes, and your wisdom is infinite." (Ps 147: 5)

Collect: Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 7 February 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Green

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c Praise the Lord, for he is the God of Creation, sustainer of the Universe, and supports all who trust in Him.

Isaiah 40:21-31 Isaiah turns from messages of God's wrath and judgement, to promise redemption and renewal to the Israelites following their Babylonian exile. Here, he reminds them that God the Creator sits over the whole world, above all princes and rulers, tireless in support of all those who seek the Lord.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Having just presented an argument for the wage-rights of a Christian apostle, Paul now surrenders those rights. He states his obligation to proclaim the gospel freely to all, accommodating his style to the cultural, social and personal needs of his listeners, so that all might believe.

Mark 1:29-39 Jesus casts out demons and heals many sick at Capernaum, staying at the home of Simon and Andrew where he also heals Simon's mother-in-law from a fever. He goes out to pray in solitude before daybreak, then takes his disciples throughout Galilee, preaching and healing.

Chris Durrant

Parish Daily Prayer Services are offered both morning and evening. You can join this prayer group by using the Zoom links below:

- **Morning Prayer:** 8am Mon to Fri

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/703543297?pwd=VIVVeEUvWHA0Qzc2KzJFaDhTYnZsdz09>

- or use meeting ID is 703 543 297. Password: 6NpsHP

Evening Prayer <https://movementonline.org.nz/evening-prayer>

Tuesday—Saturday at 9pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 211-936-7784 Password: *prayers*

Notices



Shrove Tuesday

Picnic and Pancakes

February 16, from 5.30. St Paul's Hall.
Sausage Sizzle and Pancakes provided.

Invite a friend!

Please let the office know if you can
provide batches of pancakes

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Ash Wednesday Services

10am St Mark's Church &
7pm St Paul's church
(The Imposition of Ashes)



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Prayers & Squares

Ladies from the Parish meet monthly to make lap sized quilts for parishioners and the local community. It is a time of quiet reflection and prayer, while sewing.—Contact Rev Barbara Bonifant 905 3301

Kapiti Fruit and Vege Co-op:

Anyone can join. Top quality produce.
\$15 a pack—paid by Thursday the week before
the order is due.

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kapitifruitandvegecoop@gmail.com



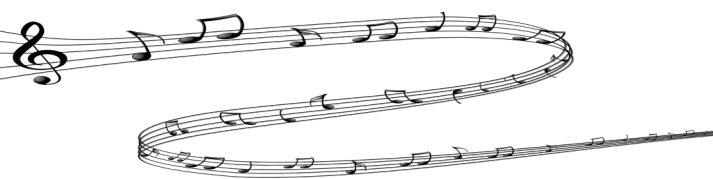
Women's Fellowship **AAW /MU Kapiti**

Our first meeting for 2021 will be on **Thursday**
11 February at 2.00pm in the Lounge at St
Paul's. After a short catch up on the business,
and worship together, we will have an extended time of fellowship
over afternoon tea.





Tuesdays, Wednesdays &
Thursdays 9.30am
Music, morning tea and play



Contact Katie if you can assist or help in the kitchen on 022 614 6118

Just a reminder about keeping yourself safe:

- ◇ **Stay home** if you are feeling unwell
- ◇ **Wash your hands** thoroughly
- ◇ **Hand Sanitiser** is provided for your use

Covid tracer app available throughout buildings for those who wish to use it.

For Your Diary

February

- 13 Prayer Group 11am in St Paul's Lounge (for our children)
- 14 Evensong—St Mark's 5pm
- 16 Shrove Tuesday 5.30pm St Paul's Hall
- 17 Ash Wednesday 10am St Mark's & 7pm St Paul's
- 17 Lenten Studies begin—explore how God is rebuilding the ancient ruins.
- 22 Marksmen (Men's fellowship) 6.30pm St Paul's Lounge \$15 for meal
(Stephen Oatley 0210581094 for more info)
- 24 Games Afternoon—2-4pm St Paul's Lounge
- 27 Training Day Palmerston North or 6 March in Wellington.
(This is a training event for all of us.)

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