

ANGLICAN PARISH OF KAPITI

8 NOVEMBER 2020

Welcome to you all as we gather for worship this morning. May the Lord be with you in love and power here today.

The reading of these last few weeks have had a theme of Christian hope running through them. The Christian belief in what comes after death really shapes of living today and can give us a real sense of assurance and peace as we approach death ourselves. Preparing ourselves and our families for when we die is a gift to us and to them. It won't hasten our death, but it will give real peace to our loved ones at a time when they may feel broken and fearful themselves. I have spent many hours planning funerals with folk who want to do such preparation and I can almost see the weight lifting off them as they make it clear what their preferences are. Our clergy are very happy to preplan funerals with you at any time.

While I'm on the subject of making plans can I encourage you to consider writing down your life history for your family- it will be a gift they will treasure. Some of you I know are already doing this in some detail, but even if writing is not your thing, consider jotting down some bullet points; when and where you were born, your parents names and occupations, your siblings, where you grew up and went to school, an outline of your work history, significant life events, your faith life and what has been important to you, the values (or mottos) you have tried to live by, who and where you married and where you later lived. Hobbies and interests you have had, the things in life you have been passionate about, and lastly any particular memories or stories from these events that your family may not know but would love to hear.

Again this is something we often think it would be good to do but can leave too late. Some of the most privileged time I have spent with people is writing down their oral histories- and what a blessing it has been to their families.

These are both small undertaking that can really make a difference- blessing the living and enabling healthy grieving when the actual time comes. May God strengthen and guide 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	8 November	15 November
First Testament	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	Judges 4:1-7
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30

Sentence and Collect for the Day

Sentence: "Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." (Matt 24:42)

Collect: God our desire and our judge, we look for your coming and know when we meet you we will have to account for our lives; assist us to live so we are ready to greet our Lord with joy, fully prepared for the feast which lasts forever: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 8 November 2020 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Green**

Psalms 78:1-7 The people are urged to listen to the teachings of the Lord; for He has always showed mercy, even when Israel strayed from her path.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 In his old age Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel together, to renew their commitment to the Lord. God had chosen Abraham and his descendants, delivered them from slavery and led them to 'a land flowing with milk and honey'. They must therefore serve Him sincerely, putting away the old gods of their ancestors and the false gods of their Amorite neighbours. The people agree to serve and obey the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul is writing in 51 AD from Corinth to the Church in Thessalonica, urging them to love their fellow Christians. He comforts them in their concern over the faithful who have already died, promising that God will raise them up through Christ at His coming on the day of the Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13 One of the latest of Jesus' parables recorded by Matthew, the story of the Ten Bridesmaids reminds us that to join in celebration at the Lord's coming, we must constantly be prepared for His arrival.

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>

Monday—Saturday at 9pm

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

Notices

Christmas Boxes

It's that time of the year when you are invited to cover and fill shoe boxes that will go to children in need. This year all our shoe boxes will go to NZ children and many locally. If you would like to contribute to this appeal, please cover a shoe box in Christmas paper or decorate it colourfully. Choose an age and gender of child you want to provide for and over the next month fill it with: Something for personal cares (eg nice soap and face cloth, toothbrush and tooth paste, hair brush and ties, comb and moisturiser, something for school (journal, coloured pens or pencils erasers, notebook), something to wear (socks, tee shirt, singlets, hat) and something to love (small soft toy, matchbox toy, balls, bubbles, craft kits, toys). Please do not include any food items or any toys that encourage war or violence (no guns, knives, swords, war toys). Please get these to the office as soon as possible. Deadline November 16.

"0" Birthday celebrations:

On November 29th we'll be celebrating with all those parishioners who have had or are having an "0" birthday or anniversary this year during the service. Please give your name to Vickie in the Parish Office, so that we can acknowledge your special achievement.

Diocesan Ordination Service Celebration

10am 21 November at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. Adrian Tofts and Guy and Summer Benton are among those being ordained. All welcome

Advanced Notice Twilight Christmas Fair

Mark your dairies now for our annual Twilight Christmas Fair Friday 4th December 5.30-7pm

(please note the date change)

Start collecting items to donate. There will be crafts preserves, sweets, cakes and biscuits, plants, Christmas gifts, a re-gifting table and Hot Food. As with the Food Fair earlier in the year we will put out an order form for pre-ordering meals for the freezer. Volunteers to help on the day, and to make items and dishes for the fair are most welcome. Contact the office. Also needed Angels for the Christmas Twilight Fair display—Contact Barbara

Prayer Group For Families

Do you want to pray for your young one's together. Prayer Group for parents and grandparents to pray for their children.

All welcome—St Paul's Church Lounge, Saturday 14 November 11am

Pyjamas For Wellington Children's Hospital

Rev Fee has partnered with Wellington Children's Hospital for many years by sewing and providing Children's hospital gowns and pyjamas. Kapiti Anglican would like to join in too. If you would like to donate some new pyjamas for any age child, please deliver them to the church office before Sunday 15 November

Advanced Notice

Parish **AGM** part 1 Reports and Budget Sunday 29 November 11am at St Paul's following a 9.30am combined congregations worship. Note: No other morning service on this Sunday

Healing Meeting

Mark your diaries—There will be a Healing Meeting with Bishop Ellie Wednesday 18 November 7pm at St Paul's. If you would like to join the prayer ministry team for this please contact Julie

St Mark's Evensong

Tonight at 5pm
Preacher: Darryl
Anthem: Thou Art God by Lionel Bourne

Parish Shared Lunch

St Paul's Foyer 12pm **today**.
All welcome



This Week

Tuesday	9.30 am Playgroup—St Paul's Parish Hall
Wednesday	9.30 am Playgroup—St Paul's Parish Hall 3.30pm 4+ More—St Paul's Parish Hall
Thursday	9.30 am Playgroup—St Paul's Parish Hall 1.30 pm Women's Fellowship—St Paul's Parish Lounge
Friday	10.45 am Prayer group—St Paul's Lounge 12.00 pm Eucharist—St Paul's Church

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN: Contact **Marion Henderson** via email on: marionhenderson@xtra.co.nz or phone 905 1171

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