

Kāpiti Anglicans

21 FEBRUARY 2021

Welcome to worship this morning on the First Sunday in Lent; Lent is the 40 day period (not including Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Easter Saturday, leading up to the most important festival in the churches year- Easter Sunday. Lent is traditionally marked by fasting, prayer, and repentance. It is an opportunity to reflect on the events leading up to the crucifixion of our Lord, to examine our lives and realign ourselves with God and his way. Each Sunday in Lent is a "little Easter"- a weekly reminder and celebration of the resurrection in our praise and in our celebration of Communion where we affirm that "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory".

The Liturgical colour for this season is purple- a colour signifying royalty, sorrow and repentance. We observe the solemnity of the season by not using flowers and banners in church and by changing some aspects of what we do and say during the services to reflect our awareness of our need for forgiveness. People often choose to observe lent by engaging in focussed prayer or bible study, some have an emphasis on almsgiving, others give up something for lent in an attitude of self denial in order to focus on the more important thing of growing their relationship with God. We customary support the Anglican Missions Boards mission appeal at this time of the year, which includes support of the church and mission in Jerusalem.

Our parish lenten focus this year is Rebuilding the Ruins and what it means for the transforming work of God to impact our lives and our world. We will be hearing from speakers around the Diocese in video based sermons relating to the Lenten studies on Sundays through lent. Please consider joining a small group for Lent if you do not already belong to one. Register your interest with a small group leader or with Kathleen Fleck who coordinates the small groups.

May we journey with expectancy through this season looking for God to act in his transforming power.



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.

<i>Readings</i>	21 February	28 February
First Testament	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Epistle	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
Gospel	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38

Sentence and Collect for the Day

Sentence: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the goods." (Mark 1:15)

Collect: God of Heaven and Earth, descend on us we pray, in this season of Lent; strengthen us in the face of temptation, so that we may proclaim the Good News and reveal your ways: through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 21 February 2021 **1st Sunday in Lent—Violet**

Psalms 25:1-10 Put your trust in the Lord, know His ways and walk His paths; for He supports the humble and is our salvation.

Genesis 9:8-17 After the great flood, sent by God in response to humanity's wickedness, the Lord establishes a covenant with Noah, his family and all their descendants. He promises that never again will a flood destroy all earth and its living creatures, and offers the rainbow as a sign of that covenant.

1 Peter 3:18-22 Peter is writing about 60AD, probably from Rome, where Christians are being persecuted under Emperor Nero. He reminds us that Christ the righteous suffered too, for all our sins. He was put to death but rose again in the Spirit, and salvation is now available through his resurrection, following baptism in his name.

Mark 1:9-15 Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. Mark tells of the Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove, and a voice from heaven proclaiming him as "my beloved Son". After 40 days of temptation in the wilderness, Jesus starts to preach the good news that "the Kingdom of God is at hand".

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*

Prayer

The Gospel last week highlighted how Jesus spent time with his heavenly Father in prayer. We certainly need to follow his lead and do so too – as a matter of priority, joy and indeed habit. Support in prayer in the parish is readily accessible in several ways:

1. Through Friday Parish Prayer Group – Join or ask them to pray.
(John Fleck john.fleck@xtra.co.nz)
 2. 24/7 Prayer Chain. (Marion Henderson marionhenderson@xtra.co.nz)
 3. The Prayer Boards at Church – Put in prayer request at the prayer board at church. It will be totally confidential. One of our dedicated prayer warriors will pray your prayer during the week.
 4. Prayer Companions are available at Parish Services.
 5. Any of the Clergy
 6. Join morning prayers, 8am on zoom Tuesday to Friday (see newsletter)
- Prayer is our number one priority – Lynda.

Pastoral Care -

Interconnection in the Parish

Our pastoral care is based on awareness of each other's needs. Individual ministries are encouraged as we have an eye and ear and heart open for each other. However, we also need to make sure everyone is contacted regularly. We are looking for people who would be prepared to be part of the pastoral network in any of the following ways:

On a ringing list to check on a section of the roll every quarter. Just a 'hi' or 'how are you going' or 'any requests'?

People to be occasional visitors to have a coffee, a natter or maybe shop, with, or for.

Please respond to either the office or Lynda.

St Mark's Guild

Will meet on **Tuesday 23 February** for afternoon tea at Barbara Bonifant's home starting at 2pm. All welcome. If you need help with transport, please contact Ann on 297 0506 or Barbara on 905 3301. We look forward to you joining us.

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. We are meeting next on Thursday 24th Feb at 1.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact Rev Barbara Bonifant on Ph 905 3301

4+ More Children's Programme

Is for children aged 4 years and older.
The programme includes a wide range of fun activities to educate, inspire and develop individuals.
We meet for a weekly session at St Paul's Parish Hall, Wednesdays 3.30-5.00pm during school terms.
\$4 a session. Sign up Forms at the Parish Office.



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

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 for all—Central Baptist, Palmerston North 9.30-4pm

March

6 Training Day for all—Samuel Marsden Collegiate, Wellington 9.30-4pm

14 Evensong—5pm St Mark's Church

22 Marksmen—6.30 St Paul's Lounge

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN: Contact **Marion Henderson** via email on:
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