

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF KAPITI

4 OCTOBER 2020

Good morning and Welcome to worship this morning. I have found my heart rejoicing again and again this week at the faithfulness and constancy of the Father's provision and care for us. God is so immense and yet he cares for us in our everyday lives. How do we convey our awareness that God is ever for us, and for every person that he has made, through our everyday choices and concerns?

One way that we can do that is through our participation in the democratic process of voting for the government of our nation. There is no one recipe for choosing who to vote for. Within our Church we would have people who vote for every political party for different reasons. The church, and I as a leader do not promote a particular political party, but I do usually try to put forward some thoughts for consideration as we approach each election. I also encourage you to attend any voters forums that are being held, so you can hear what the parties have to say and ask your questions.

There are so many issues facing us as a global community and as a nation at this time, not the least of which is the health and economic implications of the COVID 19 Pandemic and our response to it. For me the critical issues in any election centre around people- more specifically the economic, health and wellbeing of every person and particularly the most vulnerable in our society the elderly, the very young, the poor and marginalised. The increasing gap between the haves and the have nots is becoming glaringly obvious in a housing market that has put the dream of security in ones own home beyond the means of many. I was talking to a 20 something year old last night who could feel that dream moving out of reach very quickly, its all the more challenging to find get a mortgage if you are supporting a family, paying rent at \$730 a week (that is 37,960pa) and trying to save a deposit for a house- near impossible I would say. Add to this the pressure in rental housing stock and we have more people homeless than ever before. Homelessness leads to other critical health, economic and behavioural issues that we must find a way to remedy. That's my view.

Jesus didn't say much about the social and economic issues of his day, but he did cast a vision of an equitable and just society where all had a seat at the table. That's the vision we must keep before us as we go to the polls in a few weeks.

Julie

***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.***

<b>Readings</b>	<b>4 October</b>	<b>11 October</b>
<b>First Testament</b>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14
<b>Epistle</b>	Philippians: 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14

### **Sentence and Collect for the Day**

**Sentence:** "The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul and enduring forever." (Ps 19:7,9)

**Collect:** Jesus our Lord, you have taught us that judgement begins at the house of God; save us from our self-satisfaction, rigidity and corruption, so that we may stand ready to do your will in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord Amen

### **Lectionary Readings for Sunday 4 October 2020** **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Green**

**Psalms 19** God is revealed both through the majesty of his creation, and in the word of the Lord which sustains and leads us to him.

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20** The Lord God seals his covenant with the Israelites, in the third month of their flight from Egypt into the wilderness. Through Moses he delivers to them the 'ten commandments', laws governing their relationship with God and with each other.

**Philippians 3:4b-14** Paul describes his upbringing as a zealous and pharisaical Jew. He now values such status as nothing compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as his Lord. He urges us to press on, and to share both Christ's suffering and the power of His resurrection.

**Matthew 21:33-46** Jesus' parable of a vineyard leased to wicked tenants, who render none of the fruits of their harvest to the rightful owner. The scribes and Pharisees recognise that Jesus is attacking their stewardship of the people of Israel, but are afraid to take action against him.

*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

## Pet Blessing Service!

St Francis of Assisi **Pet Blessing Service 2-4pm 18 October** St Paul's Church. An opportunity to give thanks for and bless our furry and feathered companions. As a Festival Event, the afternoon will include a service, Petting Farmyard Animals, Devonshire tea and animal biscuit decorating. This is a wider community focused event and we need lots of volunteers please. See Fiona if you can help. Spread the word!

## Te Hahi Combined Churches' Initiative

Come along and hear about this wonderful combined churches initiative to support police and sufferers of Family harm in the Kapiti area. There are many ways you can be involved in this initiative through this church so come along and hear stories of the blessings that flow both ways as engage with the points of pain in our community. **Te Hahi Information Night** 14 Oct. 7.30pm St Paul's Church

## Milk Run

Our Kapiti Food Bank Milk Run fund needs topping up again. As a parish we contribute \$300 to the food bank for purchase of fresh milk for food parcels each month. Donations to help meet this need are welcome. Please mark your bank deposit (03 0732 0069986 00) or envelope "Milk Run".

## New World Little Gardens

If you are able to collect these and don't need them, there is a jar outside the office where these can be donated

## 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 etc).

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Geraldine Kaye who turned 100 years old on Friday. Geraldine was a regular at St Mark's and St Mark's Guild until relatively recently.



### **St Mark's Evensong**

Evensong on 11th October at 5pm at St Mark's and that there will be a supper after the service.

### **Healing Meeting**

Mark your diaries—There will be a Healing Meeting with Bishop Ellie Wednesday 18 November

### **Link to Church Library**

<https://kapitianglicans.libib.com/>

### **AAW Fashion Show**

Tickets & posters from the Parish Office or your local contact. \$12.50 including afternoon tea.

Donations for raffle prizes welcome. Please take your gifts to St Paul's or St Mark's Church.

**Have you got your ticket yet?**

**Thursday 8 October 2.30 pm  
St Paul's Parish Hall**

## **This Week**

<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30 am Playgroup—(School Holidays)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30 am Playgroup—(School Holidays) 3.30pm 4+ More (School Holidays)
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am Playgroup—(School Holidays) 2.30 pm Women's Fellowship—Fashion Show at St Paul's Parish Hall
<b>Friday</b>	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](mailto:marionhenderson@xtra.co.nz) or phone 905 1171

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