

# Kāpiti Anglicans

31 JANUARY 2021

WELCOME TO OUR COMBINED SERVICE TODAY AT ST MARK'S 10AM

Happy New Year to you all- May this be a year of growth in our relationship with Jesus and in our community connections, both with one another in the Church family, but also with our neighbours and friends as we help to extend God's kingdom here in the Kapiti communities of Paekakariki, Raumati and Paraparaumu. Today's service is a combined congregations service as is our custom on Fifth Sundays of the month, so there is just this one 10am service in the Parish this morning, here at St Marks. Special welcome to anyone visiting with us today, especially the family and friends of our four new Bishop's medal recipients. Welcome back to those of you who have been away, I trust that you return feeling revitalized and refreshed and having built more memories with family or friends.

New Year heralds new beginnings and that is very much a theme of this Epiphany season in the church. Today we celebrate the feast day of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. The marking of a new beginning in several ways. In the gospel reading we have Jesus parents bringing him to the temple to be dedicated to God in accordance with the law concerning firstborns and making the appropriate sacrifice of thanksgiving at the same time. It marks a significant moment in Jesus life and we are given a vivid insight into the hopeful expectation of the Jewish people through the holy family's encounters with Simeon and Anna. The hoped for Messiah was believed to bring with him a new age with new possibilities for a struggling people.

We believe in a God who has the power to make "all things new". What is it that you need a new start in, a fresh page, a redo? Where in your life do you long for newness and renewal? Take a moment in stillness to offer those answers up to God and pray "Come Holy Spirit, come and make me new". Not one of us is too old, or jaded, or broken, or whole to be excluded from the shalom God's wants to bring into our lives, so let's be open to receive and respond to what God is doing in this New Year.

Blessings,



***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>        | <b>31 January</b> | <b>7 February</b>     |
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| <b>First Testament</b> | Malachi 3:1-5     | Isaiah 40:21-31       |
| <b>Epistle</b>         | Hebrews 2:14-18   | 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 |
| <b>Gospel</b>          | Luke 2:22-40      | Mark 1:29-39          |

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

**Sentence:** “My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” (Luke 2: 30-32)

**Collect:** Everliving God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented as a child at the temple to be the hope of your people; grant us pure hearts and minds that we may be transformed into his likeness, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Lectionary Readings for Sunday 31 January 2021** **Presentation of Jesus in the Temple—White**

**Psalms 24:7-10** A psalm exalting God as the King of Glory, strong and mighty in battle, the Lord of Hosts.

**Malachi 3:1-5** Malachi, speaking around 450 BC after the Israelites’ return to Jerusalem from exile, has chastised the Levite priests. He now promises ‘a messenger’ will come to prepare the way, and the Lord shall appear in the temple. He will purify the corrupt priesthood, so that Judah’s offerings may be acceptable again to God before He comes with judgement.

**Hebrews 2:14-18** Christ shared humanity’s flesh and blood, and was tested through suffering. Hence, knowing and sharing our condition, he could become our merciful and faithful high priest, whose sacrifice would atone for the sins of all people.

**Luke 2:22-40** During Jesus’ presentation at the temple in Jerusalem Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognised him as the promised Saviour. He praised God, proclaiming that salvation was for Jew and Gentile alike. Immediately after, the prophet Anna also praised God for the gift of this child to all who sought redemption.

*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**

## **THIS YEAR'S LENT STUDIES**

Jesus' life, death and resurrection powerfully demonstrate that the world can be changed. The chaotic destruction of self-interest and sin does not have to be the story of human society. The wonderful possibility for life to be better is something the ancient prophets in Israel preached passionately – enthusiastically denouncing the tyranny of the unjust and inspirationally casting a vision for a Godly way of life. Our human destiny is not to live in ruins but for the ruins to be rebuilt and for us to partner with God in this rebuilding. Because of Jesus, God's Anointed One, to which the prophets pointed, light and love, justice and peace can rule where lives respond to God's good news. Jesus is a worker of change in everyday lives. In Jesus, God was present in human flesh and those who follow him today are called into his building trade! These 2021 Lenten Studies look squarely at the world we live in – a world in which injustice remains a feature, with unequal access to decent housing, the need to embrace humanity across racial divides, stemming if not reversing creation's desecration and rebuilding God's church to reflect God's character. The unflinching look at the world of "ruins" in which we live is through the lens of the Old Testament prophets. The hope for "rebuilding the ruins" is grounded in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through reading, prayer, study, reflection and discussion, groups using these studies will be rightly provoked because God always wants us to participate in rebuilding. Observing from the sidelines is not an option for Christians! Merely "interpreting" the world around us through reading Scripture is insufficient. The point of Bible studies is to change the world.

*Bishop Peter Carrell, - Bishop of Christchurch*

*Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, - Assistant Bishop of Wellington*

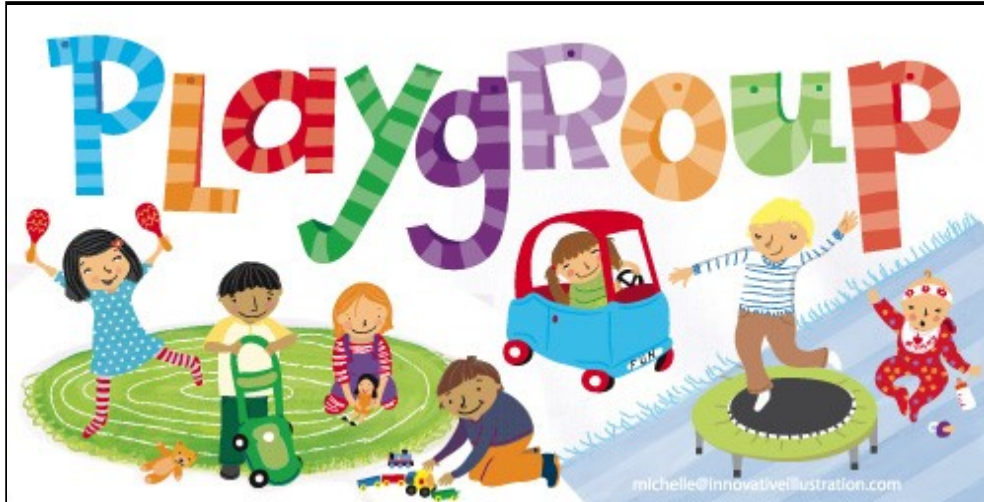
## **REBUILDING THE RUINS**

## **SEASON OF LENT 2021**

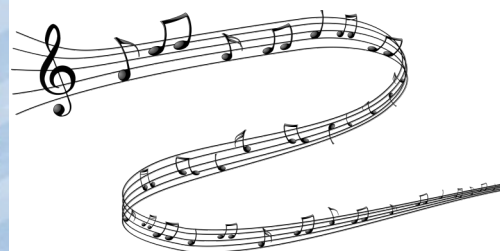
## **MOVEMENTONLINE.ORG.NZ/LENT**

## **Booklets due to arrive in Kapiti**

## **early February**



Starts up again 9.30am  
Tuesday 2 February,  
Wednesday 3 February &  
Thursday 4 February.



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

- 5 Friday Prayer Group—St Paul's Lounge
- 6 Midday Eucharist—Restarts St Paul's Church
- 14 Evensong—St Mark's 5pm
- 17 Lenten Studies begin—explore how God is rebuilding the ancient ruins.
- 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.)

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