

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Where all are welcome!



*If visiting today, we are pleased to share in worship together.
Children are welcome to either remain in our services or use
children's activity packs in the Parish Lounge.
Baby-change facilities are available in the unisex toilet.*

4 April 2021



8am & 10am Holy Communion Services

Thanksgiving for the People of God—Page 404

Presider & Preacher The Reverend Bruce Allport

Liturgists Trish Brown & Fenella Playne

Readings Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said to his disciples, "Come and eat"; and he took bread, and gave it to them. Alleluia. John 21:12-13

Collect of the Day

Alleluia! God of new beginnings, Your resurrection brought darkness into the fullness of your light; shed that light into the dark places of our lives, that we may grasp the promise of eternity and live as your resurrection people. Created, redeemed and empowered through you. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Notices

- ◆ Please continue to be respectful of people's personal space during this time of Covid-19.
- ◆ **Wednesday 7 April** following 10am worship join **The Association of Anglican Women** as we reflect on Easter. Bring a gift, wrapped, receive a gift wrapped. Visitors welcome.
- ◆ **Sunday 25 April—ANZAC day.** Services as usual with remembrance to the ANZACs as part of our services.
- ◆ **Thursday 29 April at 4pm** the **Anglican Parish of Gate Pā** invites us to remember those who fought and died in the **Battle of Pukehinahina.**



Next Sunday

- ◆ Thanksgiving for the People of God—Page 404
 - ◆ Acts 4:32-35
 - ◆ Psalm 133
 - ◆ 1 John 1:1-2:2
 - ◆ John 20:19-31
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Meditation 10 Easter Day

Epistle reading: 1Corinthians 15.1-11, Evidence for the Resurrection

It appears that there were in the church at Corinth some converts who had denied elements of the gospel which Paul had preached to them. In particular they had denied the reality of the resurrection. Paul begins with an exhortation to stick to the exact words he used; then he goes on to cite the historical evidence for the resurrection.

‘I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, in which you stand, through which you are being saved, if you hold it fast in the very words I used. Unless you have believed in vain’.

Paul goes on to state that the gospel message which he preached was the very Gospel which he had received. ‘That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried – The burial was of great importance since it showed the reality of His death, and also by implication the reality of His resurrection. These are real historical events.

Paul then recites a list of people who had seen Jesus alive after His resurrection. First He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Paul concludes his list of appearances by referring to Jesus’ appearance to Paul himself. These are eye witnesses and their witness is to be believed.

The list reads a bit like a Creed and in fact it is lists such as this that stand behind the Creeds. The people in the list are eye-witnesses and therefore their testimony is important and trustworthy. In fact the resurrection and surrounding events are well attested and reliable.

On Easter Day we join together to celebrate the spiritual power of the resurrection and we can confidently feel ourselves to be participating in salvation history.

Reverend Dr Calum Gilmour

Please note

The office will be closed the week after Easter

and will reopen

Tuesday 13 April 2021

The Vicar's mobile will be monitored



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please note; his day off is **Monday***