

Today's Services

9am: Sunday p.456
Rev Anne Chrisp
Liturgist:
Helen McDonald
Welcome

Gathering: p.456
Confession p.458/9
Sentence & Collect
1st Reading:
Jer 15: 15-21
Ps 26: 1-8
2nd Reading:
Rom 12: 9-21

Gospel:
Matt 16: 21-28
Sermon :
Rev Anne Chrisp
Affirmation: p 461

Prayers:
Helen McDonald
Lord's Prayer p.465
The Peace: p.466
Offertory

Communion: p.467

Prayer/Blessing/
Notices

Dismissal p.473 screen

Sentence Of The Day

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

Matthew 16:24-25

Collect Of The Day

God of unchangeable power, our strength at all times; guard us from all dangers and support us in all difficulties that we may live victoriously now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

© The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, 2013 – used with permission

Readings For The Week

Monday 31 August 2020

Ps 98,(99,101)
2 Sam 11
Acts 8:26-end

Tuesday 1 September 2020

Ps 106* (or 103)
2 Sam 12:1-25
Acts 9:1-19a

Wednesday 2 September 2020

Ps (110),111,(112)
2 Sam 15:1-12
Acts 9:19b-31

Thursday 3 September 2020

Ps (113),115
2 Sam 15:13-end
Acts 9:32-end

Friday 4 September 2020

Ps 139
2 Sam 16:1-14
Acts 10:1-16

Saturday 5 September 2020

Ps (120),121,(122)
2 Sam 17:1-23
Acts 10:17-33

St Luke's Anglican Church



30 August 2020 Ordinary 22

9am : Holy Communion Services Pg. 456

Presider and Preacher: Rev Anne Chrisp

Liturgist: Helen McDonald

Reflection for OS22, Sunday August 30

Gospel reading: Matthew 16.21-28 – The cost of discipleship and the mystery of the cross.

In last week's Gospel reading we left Jesus and the disciples in the region of Caesarea Philippi in the beautiful foothills of Mt Hermon away from the crowds. Jesus' plan was to prepare the disciples for the approaching time and manner of His death. However it soon becomes obvious that even Peter does not understand what Jesus is trying to show them about the future. 'From that time Jesus began to show them that it is necessary for Him to go to Jerusalem and to suffer many things at the hands of the [Jewish authorities] and to be killed and to rise on the third day'. The disciples found this hard to accept, and to understand that discipleship with Jesus involves suffering. Christianity is not a triumphalist faith but a discipleship of suffering.

Chrysostom, who knew about this from his own experience of suffering, comments on this passage thus: 'Let them hear, as many as are ashamed of the suffering of the cross of Christ. For if the chief apostle, even before he had learnt all distinctly, was called Satan for feeling this, what excuse can they have, who after so abundant proof deny His economy, I say, when he had been so blessed, who made such a confession, has such words addressed to him; consider what they will suffer, who after all this deny the mystery of the cross.'

This is a difficult quote but can reward careful reading and prayer. There is a cost to discipleship. We should not confuse the message of the cross with triumphalism. Then Jesus said to His disciples, if anyone wishes to follow me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow after me'. To deny oneself is to deny our egotism, and to deal with besetting sins. Discipleship should be a deliberate choice, a following after. Jesus continues with the admonition to take up one's cross – to accept who and where I am as a disciple. 'Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will save it'. True life is to be found in Jesus, and in following His teachings. The beatitudes are a good example – e.g. blessed are the gentle... The true disciple will follow after Jesus and never be ashamed of the cross, even if it remains a mystery.

Reverend Dr Calum Gilmour

This Week

ST LUKES PROGRAMME:

Sunday 30 August 2020

9am Holy Communion

Wednesday 2 September 2020

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 6 September 2020

9am Holy Communion

Notices

Service Times

We continue the one service at 9 am, leaving a future resumption of the usual pattern to the new vicar, who may also have other views about worship services.

Evensong at St Luke's on Sunday 30 Postponed

Please contact the wardens for any Parish urgent matters on:
John Carr — 349 6205
Carol Gillice—345 6409

THANKS

We wish to offer our thanks to Rev Anne Crisp for accepting the roll of Priest in Charge during our period of interregnum. Your engagement with our congregation in its entirety was much appreciated and we are grateful for your input through these trying times that we and the rest of the world have found ourselves in. We wish you well in your continued retirement and spending more time with your family.

Parish of St Luke's

Upcoming Events



Next Messy Church

To Be advised

Welcome to Bruce & Leanne

Allport: it is traditional to welcome a new vicar with a well-stocked pantry. We plan to buy grocery vouchers - please drop in your cash donations towards this gift to the parish office.

Attendance: places are filling up fast for Bruce's service. While we remain at Level 2, we are limited to 100 in the church.

Contact Charmaine urgently to be added to this list of 100.

Bring a Plate: While the country remains at Level 2, we cannot serve refreshments after Bruce's installation. However there may be a change to Level 1 in the days before, which would allow us to serve tea and cake. Those who are attending, watch out for a change to Level 1 and please bring a plate. If you are in any doubt about this, contact the office that week.

Parish Directory

Parish Office:

Charmaine Carr

1223 Amohia Street

PO Box 351 ROTORUA

E-mail: admin.rotorua@waiapu.com

Website: www.saintlukes.co.nz

facebook.com/saintlukesrotorua

Ph: 348 5390

Office Hours: Mon—Fri 8am - 12.30pm

Office closed—Thursday

Visitors—Please ring the bell.

For a home Communion or visit please call the Vicar or the office, Ph: 348 5390

Church Wardens:

John Carr— Ph: 349 6205

Carol Gillice—Ph: 345 6409/027 425 4961

Seasons for Growth Coordinator:

Wendy Leong -Ph :350 3384.

Prayer Chain:

Ria Sandberg—Ph: 3574395

Pastoral Care:

Rev Gary Husband

Healing Prayer Group (OSL)

Rev Gary Husband

Ph: 2160074

Centreshop

Ph: 3490251

For Direct Donations: Parish BNZ Account

No: 02 0412 0041175 003

NB: Please type your name in the reference box, if you require a tax receipt.

We thank you for your generous contributions.

We are at Level 2:

No singing -

Maintain physical distancing

Keep contact tracing information

No physical contact in sharing the

Peace

Communion served as wafer only, standing

No morning tea

Healing at St Luke's

There is an active Healing Group in St Luke's (Order of St Luke the physician). They meet at 12pm in the Chapel on the 4th Sunday of the Month, (from January to November) followed by a shared lunch. About 3 times a year there is a healing service.

All who are interested in Christian Healing are welcome, whether to ask for healing - or to pray for healing for others. There is also anointing for healing (for yourself or someone else) during communion at the 9am service on the first Sunday.

There is also prayer in the chapel at every 9am Service except the first Sunday.

To find out more contact Rev. Gary Husband 2160074

Thought for the week

Do everything with a good heart and expect nothing in return and will never be disappointed.