

Today's Services

9am: Sunday p.476

Rev Gaelyn Brake

Liturgist:

Alastair Gibson

Welcome

♪ *Immortal, Invisible*

Gathering: p.476

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Sentence & Collect

1st Reading:

Isa 44: 6-8

Ps 86 : 11- 17

2nd Reading:

Rom 8: 12-25

♪ *Lord, Thy word abideth*

Gospel:

Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon :

Rev Gaelyn Brake

Affirmation: p 481

Prayers:

Alastair Gibson

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The Peace: p.485

Offertory

♪ *The Kingdom of God*

Communion: p.485

♪ *Simply to Be*

Prayer/Blessing/

Notices

♪ *God of Solemnity, God of Festivity*

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Sentence Of The Day

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:15

Collect Of The Day

**God of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good
things, graft in our hearts the
love of your name, increase in us
all goodness, and of your great
mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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Readings For The Week

Monday 20 July 2020

Ps (123,124,125), 126

1 Sam 5

Luke 20:41-21:4

Tuesday 21 July 2020

Ps 132,(133)

1 Sam 6:1-16

Luke 21:5-19

Wednesday 22 July 2020

Ps 30,32,150

1 Sam 16:14-23

Luke 8:1-3

Thursday 23 July 2020

Ps 143,(146)

1 Sam 8

Luke 21:29-end

Friday 24 July 2020

Ps (142),144

1 Sam 9:1-14

Luke 22:1-13

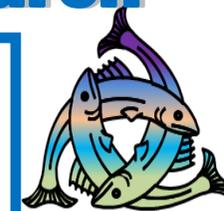
Saturday 25 July 2020

Ps 7,29,117

2 Kgs 1:9-15

Luke 9:46-56

St Luke's Anglican Church



17 July 2020 Ordinary 16

9am : Holy Communion Services Pg. 476

Presider and Preacher: Rev Gaelyn Brake

Liturgist: Alastair Gibson

Prayer is available during communion at 9am service in the Chapel.

Reflection for Sunday, July19, 2020, OS16

Epistle Passage: Romans 8.12-25

Last week we read about the Holy Spirit as our moral guide. Today's reading carries the teaching forward. We are debtors in the sense that we have an obligation to live by the Spirit. This spiritual life involves adoption into the family of God. Paul expresses this and its implications by quoting the family name for the father – 'We have received a spirit of sonship by which we cry Abba, Father'. This title was originally an Aramaic term of endearment which was taken over in early Christianity into more solemn liturgical use. Abba becomes a respectful title which expresses the obedience owed to God the Father. As adopted children of God we need to question ourselves in regard to our behaviour and attitudes. Is this word or action or attitude pleasing to God? Pleasing God then becomes a touchstone for Christian ethics and a test to be applied in our moral decision making.

We need to fill our mind with thoughts that are consistent with the gospel and motivated by the presence of the Holy Spirit. At Philippians 4.8 Paul suggests this in more detail - 'so many things as are true, so many things as are honourable, so many things as are righteous, so many things as are pure, so many things as are pleasing, so many things as are of good report...' – Paul continues thoughtfully (Romans 8.18) 'For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing with the glory to be revealed to us...' The 'I reckon' indicates a firm conviction reached by rational thought on the basis of the gospel. The gospel is intellectually satisfying and will stand up to rigid inquiry.

Paul then writes one of the great passages of the Bible; he uses poetic imagery to express the futility of decay. The whole creation awaits the revealing of God's glory and believers are promised a share in this glory. We live in hope during this earthly life. The whole creation groans together with us. We have the first-fruits of the Spirit but our adoption into God's family is still incomplete. We live in hope until the creation, including ourselves, reaches its full potential.

Be prepared to read the whole of Romans 8; appreciate the language; try and follow the thought, especially the teaching about hope; check out your mindset; rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Reverend Dr Calum Gilmour

This Week

ST LUKES PROGRAMME:

Sunday 19 July 2020

9am Holy Communion

Wednesday 22 July 2020

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 26 July 2020

9am Holy Communion

Wednesday 29 July 2020

10am Holy Communion

Notices

Healing Group

Healing Service Sunday 26 July 2020
Rev Gary Husband.

Service Roster – August 2020

*Readers/ hosts/ Morning tea and
Powerpoint
Please let the office know whether
you available to do these duties.*

Upcoming Events



Next Messy Church

Date to be advised.

Regional Conference: at the conference this year, on 21 July, we are to discuss the long term positive and negative effects of COVID-19 for our parish. Please speak to the priest in charge, Anne, or one of the wardens.

Continuing the 9 am service: It was planned to return to 8 and 10 am Sunday services from July, but Vestry discussed continuing with one service at 9 am, perhaps for winter when numbers are lower and more coughs and colds about. Please give your views to Anne or the wardens, or email Charmaine.

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As the incidence of Coronavirus in New Zealand increases, just a few tips to help keep our congregations safe:

- Ask celebrants, liturgists and communion assistants to wash and dry their hands thoroughly with soap and water, before the service, as well as:
- Using hand sanitiser after exchanging 'The Peace'
- Please, don't use intinction as a means of taking communion in church.

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