

Today's Services

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Rev Harry Hicks

Liturgist: Alastair Gibson

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Confession/Forgiveness:

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Sentence & Collect

1st Reading:

-Acts 7:55-60

-Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (Screen)

2nd Reading:

- I Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Sermon:

Rev Julie Guest

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Welcome

♪ *To God be the Glory*

Children's' Talk

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♪ *Christ is the World's Light*

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♪ *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Communion: p.485

♪ *Surrexit Christus*

♪ *Loving Spirit*

Prayer/Blessing/Notices

♪ *To God be the Glory*

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Sentence.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life", says the Lord.

"No-one comes to the Father except through me". **John 14:6**

Collect: Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in His way, to rejoice in His truth, and to share His risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Amen

Flowers & Brass

Florists please notify brass-cleaners ahead of special services, for the large brass vases to be polished up. (A copy of their roster/phone no.s is in the flower room - or leave a note in the Sacristy for them). *Many thanks brass & flower ladies! God Bless You*

St Luke's Anglican Church

If you are visiting Rotorua and St Luke's for the first time, you are very welcome. Children are welcome to either remain in our services or to go upstairs to the children's program. If they are restless, activities can be found for them in the Parish lounge at the back of the church. Baby Change facilities are in the downstairs toilet. If you need help, or assistance please do not hesitate to ask the host/ess at the door.



18 May 2014 — NZPB 5th Sunday after Easter p.476

8.00am & 10.00am: Holy Communion Services

Presider: Rev Harry Hicks

Preacher: Rev Julie Guest

Liturgist: Alastair Gibson

Prayer -available during communion during 10am service, beneath the cross.

REFLECTION

The first words in our gospel reading today are spoken by Jesus, ***"Do not let your heart be troubled"***. He is warning the disciples that the next few days will be dramatically and tragically different from their hopes.

For some, the news that this week's Synod passed a resolution that "will create a pathway towards the blessing of same-gender relationships – while upholding the traditional doctrine of marriage", will be dramatically different from their hopes too. There were hopes for a decisive direction, one accepted, one rejected. How do we *"let our hearts not be troubled"* in these circumstances?

The disciples also wanted a clearer way ahead, some firm directions from Jesus. Jesus response? ***"I am the way, the truth and the life."*** Jesus is inviting them, and us, to focus on following Him. How then do we understand and live into what Jesus is saying?

I like the way Eugene Peterson puts it in *The Way of Jesus*: *"To follow Jesus implies that we enter into a way of life that is given character and shape and direction by the one who calls us. To follow Jesus means that we can't separate what Jesus is saying from what Jesus is doing and the way that he is doing it"* - (p.22).

I believe Synod's decision is reflective of making Jesus the focus of our direction and invites us to do the same.

Reverend Julie Guest—Curate

WELCOME ALL

A warm welcome to all visitors from within New Zealand or overseas, this morning. Please stay on for morning tea after the 10.00am service.

Please TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AS A REMINDER OF THE SERVICE, READINGS, PRAYER SUBJECTS & COMING EVENTS

This Week

ST LUKES PROGRAMME:

Sunday 18 May 2014—Easter V

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

5pm Celtic Service

Tues 20 May

10am *Drop-In* Starts 10am, come in for a cuppa & a bun. Stay on for Lunch, served 12 noon - *All Welcome*

Wed 21 May

10am Holy Communion Service

and Cuppa—*All Welcome*

Order of St Lukes the Physician—Rotorua Chapter

Next Meeting at St Lukes—

Wednesday 28 May 2014

12 noon -1pm. Please bring your Bible for study.

Brass Helpers Needed:

- roster—once a month. If you could assist, please call the office.

Short Term Angels—would you be able to take on a *random stint* for June or July to give others a much deserved break?

- Morning-tea helpers for Sunday 10am services
- Service Hosts on the door for Sunday services 8am or 10am

If so, please call the Office Ph: 348 5390

Many thanks

Growing Through Grief:

Contact Coordinators: Gaelyn & Shona Ph: 350 3384.

ST LUKE'S CENTRESHOP

Open Mon - Fri 10am-4pm with lots of bargains. New stock needed: please bring in any clean clothing, bric a brac, manchester etc. *Thank you*

Hospice Prayer Group: Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 2pm in the Quiet Room Q.E. Health. Contacts: Pat de Carteret Ph: 348 2602 and Anne Boyd Ph: 345 6347.

Choir Group: Further information sr.therese.parkin@gmail.com or Telephone: **346 3463** We would love new members, singing all well-known church hymns - *Sister Therese*.

Annual Tax Receipts have been posted out in the mail. If you have not received your receipt, please call the Office.

Parish Office: If you need to liaise with the Parish Secretary, please telephone ahead to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time—to ensure proper attention to your requests can be given. Thank You

Electoral Synod Dates:

- 14th & 15th June to elect a Bishop.

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For Direct Donations: Parish BNZ Account No.:

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NB: Please type your name in the reference box, if you require a tax receipt. *We thank you for your thoughtful contributions.*

Intercessions!

*In the world today We give thanks that there are more good people in the world than evil. That in a troubled world, You are in control of everything.

Our Diocese— Bless Wairoa Parish; ministry team Richard & Joy Senior & retired clergy-member Eric Sweeting.

In our Parish:

Bless those in hospital and recovering from surgery. Bless our ministry to the community. Bless Alex & Jocelyn for a safe and wonderful trip.

- We *remember* and *give thanks* for our rich heritage - in gratitude to those before us who founded and established St Lukes Rotorua.

Our Country:

New Zealand churches ministering to immigrants; the Anglican Chinese Mission; Polynesian Clergy in NZ.

***World-wide Anglicans** and Phil & Becky Sussex and their children—bless their ministry in Cambodia.