

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.*

7 March 2021

Today's Services

8am & 10am Holy Communion

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Presider & Preacher The Reverend Bruce Allport

Liturgists 8am Trish Brown / 10am Fenella Playne

Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Cor 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Sentence of the Day

God spoke these words and said, "I am the Lord your God,
I who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery; you shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1

Collect of the Day

**God of Moses, You guide us with your law,
You welcome our worship on the mountain and in the temple;
We worship you. Draw us deeper into you that we will reflect your
love and faithfulness and serve you with holiness.
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you,
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
- ◆ **Picnic at Boyes Beach, Sunday 14 March** weather permitting, after the 10am All Age Worship Service — all welcome!
- ◆ **St Luke's Annual General Meeting**



Sunday 21 March following 10am Service

- ◇ Thank you for reports received. If you are still to submit a report, please email to admin.rotorua@waiapu.com by this Wednesday
- ◇ Nomination forms are at the back of the church for **Vestry Members, Peoples' Warden and Shop Committee Members** which need to be completed and returned by **12noon Sunday 14 March 2021**

Next Sunday

- ◆ **14 March 2021— All Age Worship / Family Service**
- ◆ Numbers 21:4-9
- ◆ Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- ◆ Ephesians 2:1-10
- ◆ John 3:14-21

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Meditation 6 Lent 2 – 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Preaching a crucified Saviour

‘The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, to those who are being saved, to us, it is the power of God’. Christianity is not a triumphalist religion. At its centre is a crucified Saviour who gave His life so that we could deal with sin and find forgiveness and freedom. Jewish and Pagan religion expect a warrior god who has success over enemies.

Salvation and perishing are both processes, as is indicated by the present participles in the Greek. Salvation is a process throughout our lives of growth in grace, while perishing is envisaged as separation from God as one moves progressively away from the source of grace. Paul’s point is that we cannot work this salvation by our own cleverness, we have to approach our salvation in faith. The Christian believer is likely to be mocked as a fool by the pagan who cannot understand how salvation can come from a crucified Saviour and he counts this as foolishness. Paul says that this principle applies broadly to Jews who seek signs to establish the truth and to Greeks who try philosophy. There is a well known caricature found on the Palatine in Rome, which shows a slave bowing down to a crucified figure with an ass’s head, inscribed ‘Alexamenos worships god’. The mockery dates to the Imperial period.

The Christian preacher proclaims the crucified Saviour. The message is enshrined in the Gospel, the Good News. This is a simple and straight forward message. It is summarized by Mark in the first chapter of his Gospel – ‘Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in the gospel’. We are called to believe and trust, to believe in Jesus as the divine Son of God and to trust His love and His grace. This in turn will enable us to repent and so to behave appropriately.

In Lent we try to grow in grace, letting Jesus get on with His work in our life.

Reverend Dr Calum Gilmour

Notice of AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Luke's after the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 21 March.

Please ensure you are on the electoral roll if you wish to vote.

Committee reports are due in no later than Wednesday 10 March.

Nomination forms for Vestry Members, Peoples' Warden and Shop Committee Members are currently at the back of the church.

Nominations will be received up until 12noon Sunday 14 March.

The AGM agenda, reports and the previous AGM minutes will be at the back of the church on Sunday 14 March.

The AGM agenda and all reports will be emailed out prior to 21 March.

There will be no paper copies available on the day, but reports will be displayed on the projector. If you would like to receive an email copy, please ensure the office has your current email address.

A BIG thank you to all the helpers at the Working Bee here yesterday.

Great Effort!!



Please note Bruce's new mobile number



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