

From the Vicar

Last weekend I had the privilege of joining with women from across Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific to discuss how to engage more people in learning and worshipping God.

It isn't that people aren't spiritual, sadly it is because of the apparent lack of relevance the church has in society today. This may surprise you, but it's nothing new. How we conduct ourselves and how we treat others speaks volumes. People are attracted to people who are friendly, engaging, patient, gentle, slow to anger, humble and loving.

God isn't asking us to change ourselves, just develop the gifts we have received through faith in Jesus Christ. No two of us, not even identical twins, are the same. We are required to develop the qualities that make us who we are with Jesus Christ as our model. We are reminded that we only need to ask and the fruit of the Spirit will grow within us. As these heavenly properties manifest, the ability to avoid evil and darkness develops, and we learn to walk more purposefully in the kingdom of God.

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The Pebble

Sunday March 10, 2024.

Lent 4



Collect

Most merciful God,
by the passion of your Son Jesus Christ,
you delivered us from the power of darkness;
grant that through faith in him who suffered on
the cross
we may be found acceptable in your sight,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

(A NZ Prayer Book)

Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and all those who read the Pebble on-line.

The Liturgy for Today.

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

434 Oft in danger, oft in woe

383 Jesu, lover of my soul

282 Faithful shepherd, feed m

459 The Lord's my shepherd

READINGS FOR TODAY

2 Chronicles 36: 14-17, 19-23

Psalms 137 *Response:* Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!

Ephesians 2: 4-10

John 3: 14-21

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 51 *Response:* Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Hebrews 5: 7-9

John 12: 2--33

After the Intercessions:

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)

Come and listen to me.

Parish News

Healing Ministry During communion at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Kit will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

Lenten Eucharist and Fish and Chip Supper As has been our custom for some years, Lent sees the return of the Friday evening Eucharist and Lenten Study in the Parish Lounge at 5.30 pm followed by a Fish and Chip Supper.

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

Brass Cleaning Tuesday March 19 at 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Concert at St Michael and All Angel's, Anderson's Bay, March 20 at 7pm to support the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Entry by donation.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond King Charles, Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Victoria Douglas, Jimmy Sprague, Fr. Carl.

Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time Claude Morris, Philip Hitchcox, John McNae, Cecil Steele, Shirley Hall, and Frederick Allen.

Please remember the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, which we support, when you are shopping. Why not buy an extra grocery item to place in the basket at the back of church. The need is very real.