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The Pebble

Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Ordinary 16



Psalm 23:1 Collect.

Father,

imprint upon our hearts
that because we belong to you
no one can pluck us from your hand,
and because we fear you
we need fear no other.

Amen.

WELCOME

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

The Liturgy for Today.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

415 0 for a thousand tongues to sing (*Second tune*) We sing the 3-part Alleluia at the Gospel

273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

461 Ther's a wideness in God's mercy

READINGS FOR TODAY

<u>Jeremiah 23: 1-6</u>

<u>Psalm 23</u> *Response:* The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 2: 13-18

Mark 6: 30-34

READINGS NEXT WEEK

2 Kings 4: 42-44

<u>Psalm 145</u> *Response:* You open your hand to feed us, Lord: you answer all our needs.

<u>Ephesians 4: 1-6</u>

John 6: 1-15

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

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

Morning Prayer is said in the Lady Chapel each Wednesday at 9 am.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday at 10 am.

<u>The Fellowship Group</u> will meet for lunch at the Kensington Hotel *this Tuesday* June 23, 12 noon. Please phone Raylene on 455-2389 if you intend coming along.

<u>The Rock</u> The latest edition of the Rock is available at the back of church and in the Link.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian.

<u>Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time</u> Arthur Hughes, Irene Wright, Martha Allen, Marie Brown, Alice Hopkins, and Beryl Heazlewood.



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.

Kia ora from the Curate

This has been a very busy week for both Natalie and myself. Natalie is taking a well-earned break, visiting her family. I have been up north, working for my employer and also visiting whanau. Visiting whanau is hard work, especially when you haven't seen them for so long and while it is a joy there can be very little downtime. I can identify with Christ's need in this weeks' Gospel reading. The desire to go to a quiet place and just rest. But there is always that desire, the pull, to come back and spend time with those we love.

But having family (as frustrating as they are sometimes) is a privilege, something that not all of us have. Many around us either have no whanau, or relationships are severely dysfunctional. Many are lonely and long for the love that we can receive from our family.

This is where our church whanau is important. I much prefer the term whanau over family, as whanau extends much further than our direct relatives. Christ (quoting Isaiah) teaches us to be there for the most vulnerable in our community. The widows, travellers, orphans and the lonely.

To share his love and to demonstrate his love. This may be as simple as picking up the phone or calling in for a cuppa. But it demonstrates our love and can bring a sense of being whanau to the lonely in our community.

Aroha nui - Joel

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