



Sunday 5 March 2017

1st Sunday in Lent

Te Rātapu Tuatahi o Rēneti

Naumāi, Haere māi! Welcome!

It's good to have you here with us today. We hope that in our worship you may encounter God afresh and enjoy the company of others.

If you are new to our faith community, visiting with us,
or bringing greetings from another faith community,
we'd love to chat with you before or after our worship.

Please stay for morning tea and fellowship after our worship.

Sentence We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4:4*

Collect God of the desert, you lead us by day and by night. Be with us when we are tested; may it be your bread we eat, your world we serve, and you alone we worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Revised English Bible

Human disobedience

Adam and Christ

Jesus in the wilderness



Welcome to children and families today.

Children will be invited to gather at the front after the first song for a prayer of blessing before going to today's all-age activity with Joy Baird, then returning to the service in time for Communion. Grown-ups are welcome too!

Today

10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Set-up / pack-up	Hamish Pilbrow, Liz Barrow
Welcomers	Keith Levy, John Nippert, Kevin & Helen Mosley
Liturgical Assistant	Philip Plimmer
2nd chalice	Mike Parker
Readers	Jutta Chisholm, Rieki Teutscher
Intercessions	Carolyn Parker
Musicians	Music team
Sound / tech	Chris Burt
Children's Ministry	Joy Baird, Rose Odlin
Morning tea	Jennie Lovell-Smith



Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** As we begin our Lenten journey, may we listen to the nudges and prompts of God's Holy Spirit and be open to opportunities for transformation, however tiny, as we seek to deepen our connection with God this Lent. We pray for all young people from around the diocese as they gather today for "The Games" at Featherston.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** We pray for faith, hope and love to surround us as we work through the decision making discernment of our parish's future mission and ministry.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** The parish of Northland-Wilton: Paul McIntosh (Catherine); Chaplains to Retired Clergy, Clergy Widows and Widowers: Judy Hardie (Belmont), Lyall and Sally Perris (Kapiti), Janice Lyons (Manawatu), Maurice Dagger (Ohariu), Richard Garner (Wairarapa) and Robert McLay (Wanganui).
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** The Diocese of Polynesia: for youth, schools and colleges, all who lead children and youth ministries, and for opportunities to share resources.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Marathwada - (North India) The Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray for Christians whose lives have been torn apart by violence, and those who have endured or witnessed violent attacks. We pray for the meeting of the material needs of those who have been left destitute after being forced to flee their homes. May vulnerable Christian communities find in God a mighty rock and refuge, and the courage they need to maintain a loving witness to Jesus Christ in the face of violence.
- ◆ We pray that our homes and families will be places where the Christian story comes alive day by day in our love, encouragement and support of one another.
- ◆ Thank you to those who have committed to praying for our parish in a regular rhythm through the week. There are also specific prayer requests which we receive in our parish, which Reverend Ellie circulates. Do talk with Ellie if you would like to participate in this rhythm of prayer, or the ministry of intercession, or if you would like to receive prayer support.

Morning tea in Lent

During Lent we follow last year's pattern of offering a "plain option" for those who seek to maintain a discipline of simplicity during Lent. We continue to offer generous hospitality throughout the year, particularly as we welcome visitors and newcomers, and we give thanks for all who provide food for our shared fellowship over morning tea.

Take A Break this Thursday 11am-1pm at St Ronan's

All seniors invited. If you could help pick up seniors without transport please call Elaine Parr 027 349 8635.

Seismic Scoop

46 people attended St Alban's first consultation workshop last Sunday, with a further 20 signalling their interest by registering an apology. With participants sitting in groups, facilitator Denise Church asked groups to discuss their hopes for the process, and led us to form the questions that should shape our processing together. Key hopes revolved around listening, finding common ground, valuing our heritage and recognising the gift of this discernment time to shape the future living presence of God in Eastbourne and the bays. Key questions included what our community, our diocese, our neighbours and our future generations need from us. The final discussion included a quick gaze into the crystal ball to imagine how Eastbourne might look in 20 years time.

The second workshop is planned for **Sunday 19 March at 1pm**. In preparation for this, Denise Church will share a summary of the workshop to distribute to everyone beforehand, and SEAT is gathering more mission and ministry information as we lean into the future together. The third workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday evening 29 March, 7- 9pm**.

Next weekend Electoral College

Please pray for the diocesan Electoral College next weekend as clergy and Synod reps gather in Palmerston North to elect an Assistant Bishop.

"The Care of our Earth" 7pm, this Wednesday Salvation Army Citadel, 92 Vivian St, Wellington City

Speakers from Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths share their perspectives on how our faith traditions can make a distinctive contribution to this global issue. All welcome.

500 Years since the Reformation: Anniversary Events

St Paul's Lutheran Church, 12 King St, Mt Cook, has put together a programme of events with speakers from various backgrounds and a major organ work by one of the Baroque/Lutheran masters, every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2-4pm from March-October. First up:

Sunday 12 March 2pm: "Reclaiming Grace in a graceless world". Speaker Reverend Jim Pietsch and Organist Bishop Mark Whitfield.

This week

Mon	Rev'd Ellie at Wellesley: <i>morning</i> Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i>
Tue	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i>
Wed	Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Centering Prayer: <i>12noon, vicarage</i> Rev'd Ellie at Wellesley: <i>afternoon</i> Vestry meeting: <i>7pm</i>
Thurs	Intercessory Prayer: <i>7am, 6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay</i> Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Eucharist: <i>10am, St Ronan's</i> Take a Break Activities for seniors: <i>11am-1pm, St Ronan's</i> Eastbourne ministers: <i>12 noon</i> Lenten Study: <i>7.30pm, vicarage</i>
Fri	Pop in and Play: <i>9am, St Ronan's</i>
Sat	Contemplative Prayer: <i>8am, 1 / 47 Pukatea St</i> Diocesan Electoral College: <i>PN</i>

Coming Up

19 Mar	Parish Consultation Workshop 2
26 Mar	10am All Together Service with Wellesley, Baptism, and Cathedral Choristers
29 Mar	Parish Consultation Workshop 3
9 Apr	Palm Sunday
16 Apr	Easter Day
30 Apr	Parish AGM after 10am service

Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal

Envelopes are at the back of church. Please take one and bring back on a Sunday during Lent. You can choose the project your donation goes to - details on the envelopes.

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

9 Mar	St Ronan's Church
16 Mar	Home of Sheila Johnson, 1 Heketara Street
23 Mar	San Antonio's Church
30 Mar	Home of Sally & Alan Collins, 17 Marine Parade

If you would like to support the mission and ministry of our faith community by giving regularly, and/or serving in a particular ministry role, please talk with the clergy or wardens, or contact the parish office.

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Preacher	Reverend Canon Peter Stuart
Set-up / pack-up	Myles Breen, John Nippert
Welcomers	Joy Baird, Graham Olds, Denis Packer, Philip Plimmer
Liturgical Assistant	Mike Synnott
2nd chalice	Elaine Parr
Readers	Priscilla Synnott, Katherine Fahey
Intercessions	Mike Synnott
Musicians	Music team
Sound / tech	Denis Packer
Children's ministry	Jen Young
Morning tea	Leonie Burke, Heather Molloy



Gospel Readings this week

Monday
Matthew 25:31-end

Tuesday
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday
Matthew 5:43-end

Readings next Sunday

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17



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