



Sunday 12 March 2017

2nd Sunday in Lent

Te Rātapu Tuarua o Rēneti

Naumai, Haere mai! 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 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Collect **Holy God, you blow where you will. Blow once more through us your chosen people. Enliven us with your power, and move us with your strength, that we might be born again into your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ 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

Revised English Bible

Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abram

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The example of Abraham

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus visits Jesus



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 Jutta Chisholm, then returning to the service in time for Communion. Grown-ups are welcome too!

Today

10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Tony Gardiner
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	Jutta Chisholm, Rose Odlin
Morning tea	Leonie Burke, Heather Molloy



Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** During 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.
- ◆ **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:** Parish of St Matthew's Palmerston North: Rosie Dell; and the Diocesan Board of Trustees: Bishop Justin, Richard Dean, Jon Hartley, Hilary Kendall, Brian Steele and John Whitehead. We pray for Bishop Justin, all those who hold leadership positions in the diocese, and all involved in the Electoral College this weekend.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** Women's outreach around the world: the AAW Overseas and Outreach Programme, the Mothers Union, and the many social justice, craft and medicine outreach programmes in Africa, Asia and the Pacific.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Maseno South - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Francis Abiero, Maseno West - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray for needy children of Christian families around the world, that God will be their comforter and protector in times of violence and their provider when families have to flee in the face of danger. We pray for those who have no access to education for a release from the cycle of illiteracy and poverty.
- ◆ 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.

The Games

Last Sunday we joined with hundreds of young people from around our diocese for the annual games. We joined forces with Trinity Schools in Masterton and had a fantastic time!

Reflection Time for Women - starts Tuesday 28 March

A chance to catch up and reflect on God's word. Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm at St Ronan's fellowship room, starting on Tuesday 28 March. Contact Jennie Lovell-Smith 562 0242.

2nd Parish Consultation Workshop Next Sunday 1-4pm

All parishioners welcome at our 2nd parish consultation workshop. In preparation for this, Denise Church will share a summary of the first workshop which will be emailed this week, and SEAT is gathering more mission and ministry information as we lean into the future together.

KnitWits Wednesday, 2pm at Sheila's, 1 Heketara St

St Alban's KnitWits start their 2017 meetings this week on Wednesday, 2-4 pm. Please call Sheila on 562 7411 if you are coming. For this first meeting, bring along whatever is on your needles while we talk about KnitWits projects for 2017. Beanies, blankets, jackets, toys – or good ideas you may have nurtured over the summer!

All Together Service and Baptism 26 March

On the 26th we welcome families of Wellesley College as well as the Cathedral Choristers. Hector Hewins, a Year 5 student at Wellesley College and also a Cathedral Chorister, will be baptised.

Supporting orphans in India

Maya Hammarsal from our parish will be travelling next week to India and invites us to contribute small light-weight gifts for the orphanage she will visit. Stationery, gifts and new/clean children's clothes may be left at the vicarage until this Thursday.

TODAY 2pm "Reclaiming Grace in a graceless world"

An event to mark 500 years since the Reformation. 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: today at 2pm: 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> Knitwits: <i>2pm, 1 Heketara St</i>
Thurs	Intercessory Prayer: <i>7am, 6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay</i> Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Eucharist: <i>10am, 1 Heketara St</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>

Coming Up

Sun 19 Mar	Parish Consultation Workshop 2 <i>1-4pm, Wellesley</i>
Sun 26 Mar	<i>10am</i> All Together Service with Wellesley, Baptism, and Cathedral Choristers <i>7pm UP!</i>
Mon 27 Mar	Vestry meeting, <i>7pm</i>
Tue 28 Mar	Reflection Time for Women: <i>7.30pm, St Ronan's</i>
Wed 29 Mar	Parish Consultation Workshop 3 <i>7pm, Wellesley</i>
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

16 Mar	Home of Sheila Johnson, <i>1 Heketara Street</i>
23 Mar	San Antonio's Church
30 Mar	Home of Sally & Alan Collins, <i>17 Marine Parade</i>

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.

Sunday 19 March - 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Tony Martin
Set-up / pack-up	Hamish Pilbrow, Wendy Manson
Welcomers	Mike & Carolyn Parker, Annie Hayward, Stephen Lee
Liturgical Assistant	Penny Grigg
2nd chalice	Fran Baldock
Readers	Wendy Manson, Lynda Eteveneaux
Intercessions	Penny Grigg
Musician	Jacqueline Ward
Sound / tech	Peter Baldock
Children's ministry	Jen Young
Morning tea	Lilian Martin, Marina Hanbury-Sparrow



Gospel Readings this week

Monday

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday

Luke 16:19-end

Friday

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Luke 15:1-3, 11-end

Readings next Sunday

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42



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