



MARKINGS

St Mark's Anglican Parish Te Aroha

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Knowing † Sharing Christ's Aroha

21st APRIL 2024
4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

THEME: Sacrificial love.

SENTENCE: 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord: 'I know my own and my own know me.'

John 10:14

COLLECT:

**Good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold;
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
where you reign one God for ever. Amen.**



READINGS:

Acts 4:5-12. The activities of Peter and John, in ascribing the healing of a cripple to the name of Jesus, led to their arrest. When questioned, they give an account of their faith in Jesus.

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24. The author of the first letter of John, writing at the end of the first century AD stresses that God's love for us has been shown in the person of Jesus, and that therefore we may have confidence before God.

John 10:11-18. At the end of chapter 9 in John's Gospel, Jesus argues with the Pharisees over their blindness as leaders. In chapter 10 the metaphor of leadership changes to the character of the true shepherd of people.

Next week's readings:

Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 22:25-31. 1 John 4:7-21. John 15:1-8.

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APR	COMMEMORATIONS	EVENTS THIS WEEK
Sun 21	4 th Sunday of Easter	10am Holy Communion Rev. Geoff Lamason
Tue 23	George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England, c.304	
Wed 24	Toyohiko Kagawa, Teacher, Evangelist, Japan, 1960	10am Holy Communion
Thu 25	ANZAC Day	
Fri 26	St Mark the Evangelist	1.30pm Craft Group- Rag Cutting, all invited!
Sat 27	Freedom Day, South Africa, 1994	
Sun 28	5 th Sunday of Easter	10am Holy Communion Rev. Geoff Lamason.

We pray for Shirley Doreen, Cilla, Jemima, Jenny, Elaine, Gloria & Brian, Beverley, Tom & Carolyn, Jann and her family, Chrissy, Rori.

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list for the next 4 weeks, please contact Geoff (022 080 7297,) or Pat (8849182)

IN THE MISSION FIELD we pray for
IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND we pray for

- **The Province:** Sharing of Ministries Abroad
- **Our Diocese:** Headmasters, Chaplains, Staff, Students and Families of St Mary's Diocesan School, St Paul's Collegiate School, St Peter's School, Southwell School, Waikato Diocesan School.
- **Community:** National Groups for Non-Violence
- **Our Parish:** Parish AGM.



ST MARK'S MATTERS;

Prayer and the oil of anointing are always available after services – just ask the priest or members of the healing team.



† **VISITING:** If you know that a parishioner is unwell, please contact Geoff 022 080 7297, or Joan 884 7058.

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Sun 21 11am (approx.) Parish AGM

Fri 26 1.30pm Rag Cutting Group – ALL welcome, bring your sharp scissors!

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Fri 10 1.30pm Craft Group

Thu 16 1.30pm Fellowship

Mon 20 1.30pm Vestry

Fri 24 1.30pm Craft Group

FROM VESTRY:

- The Parish AGM will be held **today** after the 10am service. At this meeting we will elect the vestry and Peoples' Warden. There is a Nomination Sheet at the entrance, please ensure you have the nominee's signature, and the names of the nominator and seconder. Besides receiving the report of the Priest-in-Charge, the Annual Accounts and the annual reports from Church groups, we will also receive a report from the Restoration Team, and elect its members.
- The March Minutes are on the noticeboard.
- There is a notebook in the Kitchen, by the First Aid Kit, to register all accidents and incidents that happen here. There is also a notebook to record items from the First Aid Kit that need replacing. Please note down anything you use, so it can be replaced.
- Elaine Bootten is still collecting and sorting stamps for Missions. Stamps with a money value on them are all acceptable, Kiwi stamps have no value at all. Thank you to all who continue to supply stamps.

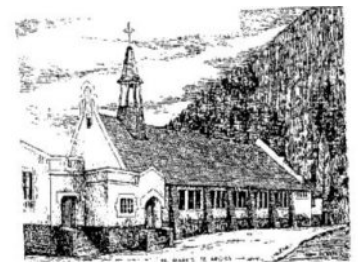
BIRTHDAYS

Beverley Coote on 23rd
Daniel Coote on 24th

RAGS. For many years Raywin Davey and her team cut up bags and bags of rags, to sell to local garages and other businesses who needed them. Now that Raywin is gone, Mark and Philippa Davey, and Gloria and Brian Swney are continuing this work. Last year \$1000 was raised this way. Now the Craft Group is sacrificing one of their afternoons to assist with the cutting, and are inviting **anyone** and **everyone** to come and help. Bring a pair of sharp scissors and a smile, we will love to see you, on
Friday 26th April at 1.30pm (cup of tea available!)

A PRAYER FOR THE RESTORATION TEAM.

God of compassion and grace;
grant wisdom, insight, and creativity to the team as they work to raise funding for the restoration of St Mark's Church, Te Aroha. May they be encouraged by our and the wider community's support and co-operation, be it through word or action, so that together St Mark's becomes a beacon of hope and inspiration for all who live in our district. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Compassionate and gracious God we ask for your intervention, through men, women, and organisations of authority, to restore peace in nations engaged in armed conflict throughout each continent of our world. Protect and sustain all who are bringing medical aid, food, shelter, and comfort to the innocent victims of such conflict. This we ask in the name of Jesus, The Prince of Peace. Amen.

THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS.

The shepherd is a common biblical image, from the Psalms to Revelation. David had been Israel's shepherd-king; now the hopes and aspirations of God's people are fulfilled in Jesus the 'Good Shepherd.' Unlike a hired hand, he knows the sheep by name and is prepared to sacrifice himself for the flock, laying down his life and taking it up again. There is more than a hint here, too, of John's message of universality, with 'other sheep' of another fold still to be gathered in – as Frederick Faber reminds us in 'There's a wideness in God's mercy,' 'the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind.' *RSCM: Sunday by Sunday*

Psalm 23 (Crimond)

1.The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not
want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2.My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

3.Yea, though I walk through
death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4.My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5.Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be.



Thought for the week: We're not old fashioned, we're rooted.