



# MARKINGS

## St Mark's Anglican Parish Te Aroha

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*Knowing † Sharing Christ's Aroha*



**12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**  
**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**THEME:** Baptism of Tommy Karl

**SENTENCE:** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

*Ezekiel 36:26*

**COLLECT:**

**God of grace,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you have given us new life  
in the waters of baptism;  
strengthen us to live in righteousness  
and true holiness,  
that we may grow into the likeness of your Son,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**



**READINGS INTRODUCTIONS**

Psalm 8. God – and Humans: what are mere mortals that you should think about them.

Mark 10:13-16. To enter God's kingdom we must all become, not childish, but childlike – receiving him with humble, loving trust.

*Next week's readings:*

*Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14. Psalm 104:25-35,36b. Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21. John 15:26-27,16:4b-15.*

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<b>MAY</b>	<b>COMMEMORATIONS</b>	<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK</b>
<b>Sun 12</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion and Baptism. Rev. Geoff Lamason.
<b>Mon 13</b>	Ihaia Te Ahu, Missionary, Priest in Te Arawa.	
<b>Tue 14</b>	St Matthias the Apostle.	
<b>Wed 15</b>	Piripi, Taumata-ā-kura, Missionary in Ngāti Porou	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Thu 16</b>	Te Wera Hauraki, Missionary to Ngāti Kahungunu.	
<b>Fri 17</b>	Wiremu Te Tauri, Missionary in Whanganui.	
<b>Sat 18</b>	Tāmihana Te Rauparaha, Missionary to Te Wai Pounamu	
<b>Sun 19</b>	Pentecost (Whitsunday)	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion Rev. Geoff Lamason.

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

Today we welcome in Holy Baptism Tommy Graeme Karl, and pray for him and for his family as they care for him and guide his progress.

*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** the Anglican Mission Board members.

**IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND we pray for**

- **The Wider Church:** Anglican Consultative Council, Social Justice Commission.
- **Our Diocese:** Clergy, People and Communities of Paeroa, Piopio/Aria/Mokau, Putaruru CP, Raglan.
- **Community:** Food banks in the Diocese.
- **Our Parish:** Food Bank and other free food outlets in Te Aroha.



**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 MAY

**Thu 16** 1.30pm Fellowship

**Mon 20** 1.30pm Vestry

**Fri 24** 1.30pm Craft Group

**CRAFT GROUP NEWS:** The handiwork that the group has produced, plus some additions from other interested people, will be taken to the collection centre in Thames on 14<sup>th</sup> June, and will be on display in the Thames Civic Centre on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 10am to 3pm. A trip to Thames to view the work would be well worth while. Beverley Coote.

### FROM VESTRY:

- 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.

### ANNIVERSARY

Gayle & Geoff Lamason  
today, 51 years



### FROM THE RESTORATION TEAM:

On Wednesday, two members of the Team, with two Vestry members and Geoff, met Clark Taylor, a structural engineer from Cambridge. He had worked on the church at Gordonton and was able to get earthquake strengthening at a reduced price. June had asked him to look at St Mark's to give us a second opinion. He was very interested in the history of the church, and its construction. Vestry will discuss his visit at the next meeting.

### 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.



## **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 GOSPEL.**

Status and Christian responsibility. No one who is preoccupied with selfish ambition can become a 'great' Christian. It has to be other people first, self last. Today we lay great stress on self-fulfilment and the full development of personality. Jesus puts this in perspective. It is better to deliberately limit that fulfilment, to handicap ourselves in this life, than miss God's kingdom altogether.

*The Lion Handbook of the Bible*

## **Psalm 8 For the choir director, a psalm of David.**

O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>You have taught children and infants

to tell of your strength,

silencing your enemies

and all who oppose you.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—

the moon and the stars you set in place—

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should think about them,

human beings that you should care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you made them only a little lower than God

and crowned them with glory and honour.

<sup>6</sup>You gave them charge of everything you made,

putting all things under their authority—

<sup>7</sup>the flocks and the herds

and all the wild animals,

<sup>8</sup>the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,

and everything that swims the ocean currents.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

As it was, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

*Thought for the week:*

*Garden for God. Lettuce be kind and squash gossip!*

P.S. Can you spare about one hour a week to help with cleaning the lounge? We have just lost one of our helpers and are looking for another volunteer for a little light work. Pat will love to hear from you!