

St Andrew's Welcomes You



TRINITY, COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate the reality of our Triune God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life. Three-in-One and One-in-Three. By its very nature the Holy Trinity reminds us of the importance of our own interconnection—with God, with one another and with creation. Independent, interconnected, interrelating. Three independent aspects of the Godhead, dynamic, interrelated and interrelating in community - inviting us into loving relationship.

In recent weeks we have seen, so many times, how important connection is - as we have been encouraged to stay connected even in isolation, as we have missed many important forms of connection with people and places, with rhythms and routines in our lives.

This week as protests around the world following the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis have demanded racial justice and equality, we have seen the power of violence; and the power of love and connection. I was profoundly moved to see police in many US stand, march or indeed kneel in solidarity with protesters and their calls for justice and respect for all people. Our care and respect for ourselves and for others, is an outworking of our relationship with a caring, respectful, interconnected Triune God. Here we see God's love.

I met this week with community leaders in Epsom to reflect on how we can assist one other in these challenging times. The recovery of our society and our economy depends on us all working together for the common good. Like many local businesses and individuals, our city council has been significantly affected by the financial fall out of Covid-19. Not opening council facilities, has meant a massive drop in income. Auckland Council wants to hear from us about the needs and priorities for our community and our city in the months and years ahead. Google: "*AK have your say emergency budget*" before June 19, to share your thoughts, inspired by the love of God for all.

The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross



7TH JUNE 2020
TRINITY SUNDAY

Readings: Psalm 8 / Genesis 1:1-2:4a / 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS *Source: Our Daily Bread Jenny Harrison & John McAlpine*

Monday

Psalm 121 / 1 Kings 17:1-6 / Matthew 5:1-12

Beatitude God, you promise hope and consolation to all who hunger and thirst for your ways. As your prophets of old trusted your abundance, so too may we. Blessed by their faithful example, may we be agents of your comfort to all who hunger and thirst today.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Tuesday

Psalm 4 / 1 Kings 17:7-16 / Matthew 5:13-16

Steadfast God, you come among us, promising us everlasting life. You assure us that such life will not dry up. May we, like Elijah and the widow, realise this hope. May we, like the early disciples of Jesus, live as the salt and light of your love. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Wednesday

Psalm 16:1,6-end / 1 Kings 18:20-39 / Matthew 5:17-19

True Centre, you come among us, showing us your wisdom and law. You come seeking to share your way with us. As your prophets of old required confirmation of your presence, so too do we. Enable us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus – confirmation of your truth.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Thursday

Psalm 65:8-end / 1 Kings 18:41-end / Matthew 5:20-26

Living Water, you desire to save us from all that harms or dries us up. As we try to imitate the model of your grace found in Jesus, empower us to forgive our brothers and sisters, before we approach your altar, that all may know your compassion and love.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Friday

Psalm 27:8-16 / 1 Kings 19:9,11-16 / Matthew 5:27-32

God of surprise, you come to us in unexpected ways, even in utter silence, speaking to us of your grace. Guide us with your Spirit in our decision-making. Enable us to strive always for true love. May we live not only the death of Jesus, but also his risen life.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Saturday

Psalm 16:1-7 / 1 Kings 19:19-end / Matthew 5:33-37

Holy One, as Elisha was loyal disciple of your prophet Elijah, may we be devoted disciples of Jesus. May our pledge to follow him be a true 'yes', as true as he is your 'yes' to us.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- * Karen is back in the office and the hall has re-opened to users.
- * The Sunday Service will still be zoomed for those worshipping from home. Phone 884 6780 from a landline or www.zoom.us Meeting ID # 664-003-107
- * Tuesday Coffee has started again. 11am at Hollywood Bakery, Royal Oak.
- * The Wednesday Service has resumed.
- * Sunday School starts again next week, Sunday 14th June.
- * Ginger 'n Bread—plans are underway to gather again soon, so watch this space!
- * Te Papapa School are once again welcoming contributions for breakfast, and at this time would be grateful for lunch spreads too.

NOTES FROM THE VESTRY MEETING 2 JUNE 2020

Finance

Stephen Hamilton, our Treasurer reported that the month was very unusual in terms of both revenue and expenditure due to being the first full month affected by the Covid 19 situation. However, there was a small positive net cash flow, and there are some positive indications re the impacts in May, including a small 'catch up' in envelope giving which was disrupted by the closure of the church for regular services. Any parishioners who wish to contribute to the 'catch up' in their giving, please do so, as we have projects and initiatives we wish to undertake, but which are 'on hold' until our financial position is stabilised and our future outlook for offertory giving is clearer.

Coping with Covid

The Vestry members felt that on the whole given the difficult circumstances the St. Andrew's community coped well with the situation. Telephone trees, Zoom services, Zoom coffee group meetings all helped the feeling of being in it together, and some very positive comments have been received by vestry members about the communication throughout the Level 4 and Level 3 lockdown, and also many church members greatly appreciated the organisation that went into our first service in the church for several weeks.

Health and Safety

Gordon Attwood, our health and safety champion, is bringing the Vestry up to date with their responsibilities connected with the requirements of the Health and Safety Act. The process of incident reporting will be clarified, and also the reporting of possible hazards. First Aid equipment will be checked over and items replaced if necessary.

Space for you and your baby

Preparations for this group to start in Term 3 are well under way. Maddy Langley is the co-ordinator and an oversight group of St. Andrew's parishioners has also been set up.

Music and Choir

The choir will be getting back together in Level 1 and a full programme is planned for the rest of the year. The Junior Choir will also be starting up.

Reported by Bridget Graham.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Mailing Address: 100 St Andrews Road, Epsom, 1023

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Services: During Level 2: Sundays 9:30am in Church and via Zoom

Wednesday Prayers 10am

**If you would like to give via Automatic Payment or Direct Credit
The Parish bank account is: 06 0103 0780441 00**



**One Can -
Two Can
2020 Appeal**



Help support Aucklanders in desperate need by supporting the Auckland City Mission's One Can - Two Can 2020 Appeal

Please bring any non-perishable food items with you to church. This year's appeal will run from Tuesday 2 - Sunday 14 June and all donations will be collected by the Mission from the 15th June onwards. Thank you for your generosity!

CEMETERY REPAIR WORK

Work is underway to upgrade the cemetery. You may see that a lot of plaques have been removed as the area is prepared for the contractor. These plaques are being held securely and will be replaced accurately when the work is finished. Please take care if walking around the cemetery,

**TUESDAY COFFEE
HOLLYWOOD BAKERY
2/100 Pah Road Royal Oak
at 11am**

Everyone is very welcome!

**HOLLYWOOD
BAKERY ESPRESSO**