



## THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE

Callie Plunket-Brewton writes: "Isaiah 45:1-7 is a portion of a prophetic poem that is about the dominance of YHWH over the created world as well as over human history...The prophet was writing to a people in exile, attempting to inspire hope by reminding them of their ancient faith and calling on them to see that ancient faith at work in their contemporary lives. They are called to look for the signs that YHWH is at work, and they are called to look in surprising places for those signs. Even a Persian king who doesn't know the name YHWH can be YHWH's instrument. If God is the creator of the world, hope can grow anywhere in the heavens or on the earth.

"We live in an anxious time. Recent events have left many of us holding our breath when we turn to the news, anticipating the next disaster. It is terribly important to...[remember]...that we are a people of hope and that God did not abandon the exiles of Judah and does not abandon us either. Our ancient faith bears witness to the power of God to redeem and restore sometimes in unexpected ways. We have received this faith and are called to live into it just as the writer of Second Isaiah called the exiles to live into it. To do so requires us to be a people always looking for the signs of God's work in the world. It requires us to be a people of hope."

It is possible, I think, to describe our current experience of life in a Covid-19 world as being so far removed from our previous life experience, that it is an exile of sorts. And the threat of the climate crisis as removing humanity so far from our comfort zone that the experience of exile is set to increase. Where do you see signs of God's work in our world? Where do you see God's work of redemption and restoration in unexpected ways? *Sarah S-C*



**18th OCTOBER 2020**

**29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

St Andrew's  
Welcomes You

## **Eucharistic Liturgy : Thanksgiving and Praise Page 476**

### **Opening Hymn**

1.Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
There they behold thy mercy-seat;  
Where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

2.For thou, within no walls confined,  
Inhabitest the humble mind;  
Such ever bring thee when they come,  
And, going, take thee to their home.

3.Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
Thy former mercies here renew;  
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
The sweetness of thy saving name.

4.Here may we prove  
the power of prayer  
To strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
To teach our faint desires to rise,  
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

5.Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:  
O rend the heavens, come quickly  
down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

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### **Sentence**

“Give to Caesar the things that are  
Caesars, and to God the things that are  
God’s.” *Matthew 22:21*

### **Collect**

**Generous God,  
you know each of us by name,  
and you show no partiality.  
Each of us is equally special to you.  
May we become imitators of Jesus,  
demonstrator of  
your prodigal hospitality,  
that we be known  
by the quality of our ‘welcome’.  
May we also be known  
for our commitment  
to the wellbeing of our country.  
With Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### **Reading: Isaiah 45: 1-7**

*The Psalm and Offertory hymn are  
omitted at 8am.*

### **Psalm 147:1-7**

### **Gradual Hymn**

1.Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before Him now,  
with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

2.Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
is shining all around.

3.Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
in faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
is moving in this place.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

**Sermon:** The Reverend Sarah  
Stevens-Cross

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**Offertory Hymn**

1.Song of faith that sings forever  
through God's people, ages long,  
Word that holds the world together  
when our hearts take up the song,  
always, always somewhere sounding,  
though the source we do not see,  
counterpoint to all despairing,  
it is hope that sets the key.

2.Song of faith in exultation,  
rising through the vaults of prayer,  
tune of simple celebration  
offered up in open air,  
song in chapel and cathedral,  
descant to our daily tone,  
song from sickbed or in prison:  
faith must often sing alone.

3.And when life would overwhelm us,  
when there seems no song to sing,  
hear the constant voice of courage  
out of fear and suffering:  
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,  
all who lift us to be strong,  
endless, endless are the voices  
of the faith that makes the song

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**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Instructions**

*Communion will be served in one kind  
(bread only) from the centre of the  
church in front of the altar. Please come  
forward via the central aisle and return  
to your seats via the side aisle,  
maintaining physical distance as you do.  
You may prefer to remain in your seat or  
to come forward for a blessing.*

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**Parish Notices**

## Closing Hymn

1. Stand up and bless the Lord  
ye people of his choice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise,  
above all blessing high,  
who would not fear his holy name,  
and laud and magnify?

3. O for the living flame  
from his own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our mind inspire, and  
wing to heaven our thought.

4. God is our strength and song,  
and his salvation ours;  
then be his love in Christ proclaimed  
with all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless his glorious name;  
henceforth for evermore.

## Blessing

The peace of God which passes all  
understanding keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and  
the blessing of God, the Creator, Jesus  
the Christ and the Holy Spirit be with  
you all and remain with you always.  
Amen.

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## FINDING A SEAT

THERE IS USUALLY ENOUGH ROOM IF EVERYBODY MOVES ALONG THE PEW A LITTLE BIT

① ROOM FOR A COUPLE MORE?



② ROOM FOR A COUPLE MORE?



③ ROOM FOR A COUPLE MORE?



④ ROOM FOR A COUPLE MORE?



⑤ ROOM FOR A COUPLE MORE?



⑥ ROOM FOR A COUPLE MORE?



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## **DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS**

### **Monday**

Psalm 100 / Ephesians 2:1-10 / Luke 12:13-21

O God, you are rich in mercy, showing grace and compassion to all people. Teach us to discern your 'wealth' from the wealth of the world, so that we may share what we have with our neighbours, and store only the treasure of peace and hope. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **Tuesday**

Psalm 85:7-end / Ephesians 2:12-end / Luke 12:35-38

Ever-watchful God, we wait, lamps lit, willing to open ourselves to your presence. Reconcile and re-member all who are 'far-off', and all who are 'near', into one body, that we may become a living sign of your grace. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **Wednesday**

Psalm 98 / Ephesians 3:2-12 / Luke 12:39-48

Holy Mystery, as we live lives of faith in you, give us the bold confidence of Jesus, to proclaim your promise of everlasting life for all peoples. Help us to serve you faithfully, for you have entrusted us with hope of new life. With Jesus we pray. Amen

### **Thursday**

Psalm 33:1-6 / Ephesians 3:14-end / Luke 12:49-53

God of passion, you are beyond our knowing, and yet you are the fire burning in our hearts. Disturb us by your love, that we may share your hope with our neighbours. Open our hearts that we may be bearers and sharers of your abundant love and grace. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **Friday**

Psalm 24:1-6 / Ephesians 4:1-6 / Luke 12:54-end

O God, you are our hope, unifying all people as your body of grace. Unite us in love and compassion. Help us pay attention to the signs of our times, and to see you in our midst. Give us strength to challenge that which divides, so that we may be as one, serving your promise of peace. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **Saturday**

Psalm 122 / Ephesians 4:7-16 / Luke 13:1-9

Creating God, you knit us together as your body in the world. Shower us with your grace, that we may be equipped for the ministry to which we are called. Through Jesus, remind us that even when we suffer, you are there, like a faithful gardener, pruning, replenishing, nourishing our growth in your grace. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Source: Our Daily Bread Jenny Harrison and John McAlpine*

# CHURCH NEWS and INFORMATION

\* The 9.30am Sunday Service will be zoomed for those worshipping from home.  
**Ph 884 6780 from a landline or [www.zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us) Meeting ID # 664-003-107 Passcode: 698518**

**Please note zoom now requires a passcode to join a meeting.**

- \* Sunday School is back today.
- \* **There will be a meeting to discuss the revised budget after the 9.30am service today.**
- \* Sarah is away from 21st October to 28th October and The Reverend Bob Hornburg will preside and preach at both services on Sunday 25th October. For any pastoral matters please contact the office on 638 8264 or Lucy Best on 520 0093.
- \* The Reverend Julian Morris will lead Wednesday Morning Prayer on 21st October.

## GINGER'N BREAD CIRCLE



**Thursday  
22nd October  
1.30-3pm**

**Held in the Parish Centre**

Have you seen the happenings in the St Andrew's Cemetery over the past few months? Come along and hear Malcolm & Ann Wilson speak about their work restoring and developing new paths and plots in our cemetery. This has been a challenging and interesting project which is nearing completion. Afternoon tea will follow. Everyone is welcome.

## INTERCESSORS AND LITURGICAL LEADERS NEEDED

Training and support will be provided if you would like to explore this ministry . Please register your interest with Sarah or email the office [office@standrewsepsom.org.nz](mailto:office@standrewsepsom.org.nz)

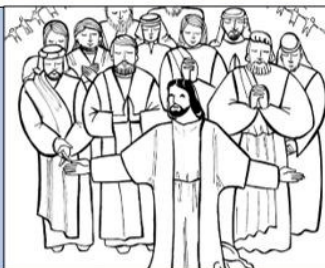
## UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS

### 01 NOVEMBER

#### All Saints

8am

9.30am - Family service with Children's Choir



### 01 NOVEMBER

#### All Souls Evensong

5pm

Refreshments at 4.15pm following the interment of Pat Danilo's ashes at 4pm

### 22 NOVEMBER

#### Our Patronal Festival

No 8am Service

One Service only at 9.30am

Followed by Parish lunch in hall



## INTERMENT OF ASHES, PATRICIA DANILO, SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT 4PM

Pat Danilo's family invite you to join them as they lay Pat's ashes to rest in the St Andrew's Church grounds at 4pm.

This will be followed by refreshments and the All Souls Evensong at 5pm.





**ALL SOUL'S EVENSONG**— At this service we particularly remember our deceased loved ones.

There is an opportunity to light a candle. If you would like the name of a loved one included in the memorial list on All Soul's Day please email the name to [office@standrewsepsom.org.nz](mailto:office@standrewsepsom.org.nz).

### **STRAWBERRY FAIR Things we need and ways you can help!**

**FAIR HELPERS:** Helpers are needed at the fair either on the day or during the week leading up to the fair. Helpers are always needed during that week, and most appreciated of all are the ones who are willing to make tea and coffee for the workers getting their stall ready. We still need someone to help with the strawberry stall.

Any questions or offers please ring Bridget 022 533 7300 or email [bm.graham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bm.graham@xtra.co.nz)

**LINEN STALL:** We need donations of sheets, blankets, eiderdowns, throws, table cloths, aprons, etc. Please label your items and sizes etc where applicable, (Single, Double, King). Please drop off your contributions to the church or office. If you can't get to the church or office then let Sally know and she will collect from you.

**FABRIC STALL:** Please drop off any wool, fabric, cottons, zips etc to the church or office.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE:** Please bring any non-perishable donations for the Christmas hamper raffle to the office or leave in the basket at the back of church. This will be drawn on the day of the Fair.

**CAKE AND SWEET RECIPES:** Please start thinking about recipes for this stall!

**TOYS:** Please encourage children to think about tidying their toy cupboards after the holidays, with a view to donating articles surplus to requirements to the fair.

**BIG RAFFLE** If you haven't collected your raffle book from the back of church please do so today. The first prize this year is a print by one of our own parishioners, Susan Hurrell-Fieldes. Thank you to Susan for donating this art work. This will be drawn at the Patronal Festival on 22 November. A picture of the print will be on our website for you to view.



### **CHURCH WORKING BEE**

We are cleaning inside the church

**Saturday 31st October**

**9am start**

*We need people to help with:*

- \*Dusting, vacuuming and tidying
- \*Wiping around the windows
- \*Cleaning the skirting boards
- \*Cleaning the brass

Please get in touch with Denise Bray if you are able to help on the day. Thank you to all those who have already offered to help!  
[denisebray97@gmail.com](mailto:denisebray97@gmail.com)



## PARISH DIRECTORY

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

**Parish Office:** Karen Ross (09) 638 8264

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Tuesday to Friday 9:30am - 2:30pm

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Vicarage (09) 623 2290 Mobile 021 921 080

vicar@standrewsepsom.org.nz Please note Monday is Sarah's day off.

**Deacon Assistant:** The Reverend Julian Morris (09) 638 8264

**Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:** Lucy Best (09) 520 0093 Mobile 021 350 480

**Services:** Sunday 8am and 9:30am, Wednesday 10am

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



## WE'RE RUNNING FOR THE CITY MISSION!!!

I'm sure, like us, you're grateful for the many blessings we have in our lives. We know, however, that there are many in our community who struggle with even the bare essentials. This year more than any other, we know that there is a great need for us to support our neighbours during difficult times. For 100 years, the [Auckland City Mission](#) has been ministering amongst Aucklanders in desperate need by providing them with practical assistance such as food, clothing and support to address longer term issues.



On **Sunday 1 November**, we will be running various distances in the Auckland Marathon event to raise money for the Auckland City Mission so they can provide emergency food parcels for those who really need them. As we train for the run, we'd love your support!

**REBECCA, MICHAEL, Sophie and Isabel**

If you'd like to make a donation, please head to the Berry family fundraising page:  
<https://aucklandmarathon2020.everydayhero.com/nz/berry-family-running-with-a-mission>

### *Those assisting with worship today are:*

**Presider, Preacher** The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross

**Director of Music** Neil Shroff

**Liturgical Leader** 9.30 am Lesley Anderson

**Servers** 8.00 am Susan Hurrell-Fieldes

**Chalice Bearer** 9.30am Diana Burslem

**Readers** 8.00 am Basil Hutchinson

**Intercessors** 8.00 am Beverley Ford

**Welcomers** 8.00 am Dale Siebert & Joy Stubbs

**Morning Tea** 9.30 am Celia Caughey

**Technical Team** 9.30am Simon Smith

**Flowers** Sue Shroff and Judy Haslett

**Deacon** The Reverend Julian Morris

**Organist** Stephen Hamilton

9.30 am Brian Tracey

9.30 am Matthew Hanley

9.30 am Simon Smith

9.30 am Geoff Lamb and Emma Lamb