

LOVE - THE HEART OF OUR FAITH

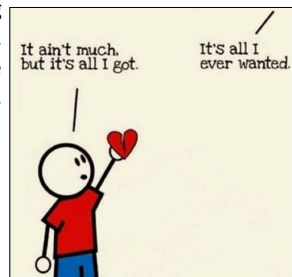
In today's gospel reading, (Matt 22: 34-46) quoting the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy, Jesus encourages his disciples to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and will and your mind." And if that wasn't enough he adds: "Love your neighbour as yourself." This is important Jesus says because on this hang all the prophets and the law.

Joy Cowley reflects on love:

The word "love" can be seen as a bit of a cliché even in a religious context, but believe me, it is the stuff of spiritual journey. Love is the impetus for journey. Fear is the inhibitor. Love – Fear. How do those operate in my life? I'm made a list of the effects that I recognize in my life.

Love always calls us to a larger place.
Fear always tries to draw us back to a narrow place.
Love has a quiet soft voice.
Fear had a loud strident voice.
Love is compassionate.
Fear is judgemental.
Love is unitive.
Fear is divisive.
Love is a slow feeling, a movement of the heart.
Fear comes quickly as strident thought.
Love opens me up like a flower.
Fear closes me down.
Love is my spiritual truth.
Fear belongs to my animal instinct for survival.

We know the words from scripture: God is love and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them. We tend to think: oh yes, but this is pious talk. It's not that simple. Well, actually, it is that simple. We can feel a little cautious about the word "love" because it is so loosely used, but if we think of it as "hessed" the Hebrew word for "loving kindness" we come home to it. "God is loving kindness and those who live in loving kindness, live in God and God lives in them." When we give or receive loving kindness we move into a larger place. We feel good about ourselves. Because we come home to who we really are. Loving kindness is our true nature.
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Sarah Stevens-Cross, Vicar

25th OCTOBER 2020

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St Andrew's
Welcomes You



Eucharistic Liturgy : Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption

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Opening Hymn

1.O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love,
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour
and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace!
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space.
his chariots of wrath
the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.

3.The earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

4.O measureless Might, ineffable love,
while angels delight
to hymn thee above.
thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
with true adoration
shall sing to thy praise.

A Prayer for Kids Church

Loving God,
bless our young people
this morning,
Be with them in their searching,
their questioning
and in their understanding. Amen.

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Sentence

“You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind. This is the great
and first commandment. And a second is
like it: you shall love your neighbour as
yourself. On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 22:37-40

Collect

**Holy God,
you spoke your great commandment
of love to the people of Israel.
Now speak it in our midst.
May we love and serve you
in our gentle care for our neighbours.
Help us realise that in Jesus,
‘Messiah-Anointed-One’,
you are among us,
showing us your way
of justice and compassion.
With Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

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

Psalm: 90

The Congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain for the psalm.

Please see next page.

Gradual Hymn

1. God comes to us as one unheard
in silences profound
Or marvels of a symphony
sublimity of sound.

2. God comes to us as one unseen
in beauties of the earth
a sea-gull's flight, a sunset sky,
the miracle of birth.

3. God comes to us as one unknown
to share our joys, our pain;
that presence felt, the gift of grace
our peace and hope sustain.

4. Teach us, O God to recognise
your spirit everywhere
make us aware, responsive, keen
your love for all to share.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46

Sermon: The Reverend Bob Hornburg

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Offertory Hymn

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways:
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.

3. O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats
of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

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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.O turn to God, rejoice in hope,
the vision lies ahead.
God's love for all, revealed by Christ,
throughout the world must spread-

2.Each race on earth, each country, tribe,
obedient to God's laws;
and justice, mercy, lasting peace
replacing conflict, wars.

3.Let wisdom's light on all be shed,
dispersing hate and fear.
Inspire us with a global dream
to bring your kingdom here.

4.Revitalise the faint of heart,
renew your Church world-wide,
may all rededicate their lives,
in Christ be unified.

5. We pray for that free gift of grace
which keeps the faith flame bright,
so all rejoice and turn to you,
the source of hope and light.

Blessing

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90 Turn again at the last

Turn a-gain— at the last, and be gra-cious to your ser-vants.



DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

Monday

Psalm 1 / Ephesians 4:32 – 5:8 / Luke 13:10-17

Healer of hearts, Jesus comes among us to liberate and heal, turning old laws into ways of grace and hope. Give us thankful, tender hearts, so that we may share such liberation. Heal our hearts and habits, so that we may embody your mercy and grace.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Tuesday

Psalm 128 / Ephesians 5:21-end / Luke 13:18-21

Holy Mystery, in Jesus you show us new ways to live in love. Nourish with your Spirit every seed of love within us. Just as wives and husbands should love and respect each other, becoming more together, so too may we become your love and respect to all we meet.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Wednesday

Psalm 145:10-20 / Ephesians 6:1-9 / Luke 13:22-30

O God, you lead us to a narrow doorway filled with unexpected neighbours. Where are the famous faces? Instead, we are surrounded by people like ourselves, all feeling hesitant and insecure, yet desiring to be with you. Touch us, that we may know your presence here.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Thursday

Psalm 144:1-2,9-11 / Ephesians 6:10-20 / Luke 13:31-end

Breath of Life, we need your strength to be your prophets in our age. Where there is violence, help us strive for peace; where there is hatred, give us songs of love; where people suffer, make us your healing balm. Give us the courage of Jesus, that we might stand against all human authority that acts unjustly. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Friday

Psalm 111 / Philippians 1:1-11 / Luke 14:1-6

Eternal Hope, you sent among us prophets and teachers as messengers of Good News. May we live by the grace they proclaim. May our hearts and minds be so healed by your presence, that each day becomes holy, lived wholly in love for you.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Saturday

Psalm 42:1-7 / Philippians 1:18-26 / Luke 14:1,7-11

O God, you are mystery, inviting us into new ways of being, beyond our imagination. You are the Good News that guides our journey. Through Jesus, you invite all to your table, including those we would reject, and humbling those we would exalt. Strengthen us to proclaim your way of justice and love. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Source: Our Daily Bread Jenny Harrison and John McAlpine

CHURCH NEWS and INFORMATION

- * It is a delight to welcome The Reverend Bob Hornburg to preach and preside for us today. Bob will be joining us as Priest-in-Charge from February 2021 when Sarah goes on maternity leave. Today is a great opportunity for those of you who don't already know Bob to meet him.
- * The 9.30am Sunday Service will be zoomed for those worshipping from home.
Ph 884 6780 from a landline or www.zoom.us Meeting ID # 664-003-107 Passcode: 698518
- * Sarah is away from 21st October to 28th October. For any pastoral matters please contact the office on 638 8264 or Lucy Best on 520 0093.
- * The Reverend Bob Hornburg will lead Wednesday Morning Prayer on 28th October.

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS

01 NOVEMBER

All Saints

8am

9.30am - Family service with Children's Choir and the Baptism of Florence Rooke



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

4PM

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

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.



**CHURCH
WORKING BEE**
Saturday 31st October
See you at 9am !



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.*



Can you help?

**WE NEED INTERCESSORS,
SERVERS AND
LITURGICAL LEADERS**

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

STRAWBERRY FAIR UPDATES

BIG RAFFLE: A reminder about returned tickets for the big raffle. Please write a phone number or a name ON EVERY SINGLE TICKET returned. This makes it so much easier for the organisers, who otherwise would have to do it before they are put into the box from which they are drawn.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE: We would love donations for the hamper raffle which is drawn on the day. Anything a little bit special that doesn't need refrigeration would be most acceptable. There will be baskets in both the office and church for this. No matter how tempting, NO ALCOHOL, as this would require us to acquire an alcohol licence which is quite expensive, and would come out of the return from the raffle.

STRAWBERRY STALL: One wonderful person has volunteered for the Strawberry Stall, but I would like another as it takes two. Be brave take the plunge. You will probably like to so much you will want to do it in 2021.

Any questions or offers please ring Bridget 022 533 7300 or email bm.graham@xtra.co.nz

FINE CHINA & COLLECTABLES: Any donations of fine china and collectables can be dropped at the office or contact Jane McNamara on 021 932 690 and she will collect.

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 or 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.

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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Vicar: The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross

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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 Bob Hornburg

Deacon The Reverend Julian Morris

Director of Music Neil Shroff

Organist Stephen Hamilton

Liturgical Leader 9.30 am Rod Oram

Servers 8.00 am Susan Hurrell-Fieldes

9.30 am Susy Carryer and Iris Hanley

Readers 8.00 am Cynthia Landels

9.30 am Richard Lamb

Intercessors 8.00 am Susan Collier

9.30 am Chris Allan

Welcomers 8.00 am Graeme Landels and Basil Hutchinson

9.30 am Liz Jones and Mala Sinhalage

Morning Tea 9.30 am Dianne Kenderdine

Technical Team 9.30am Lynn Oram

Flowers Mala Sinhalage and Dianne Denman