

aged 9 or over from our Church communities are welcome to attend these now regular events. Contact Andrew: 0274 508 389 Email: apbeyer49@gmail.com

**Pokeno Community Meet and Greet** – this gathering is on again this Thursday 9th August 10am – 12 noon at the Pokeno Community Hall. All are welcome to attend and join in the light activities, good conversation and morning tea.

**Gold Card Wanderers'** – Trip to Half Moon Bay Tuesday 21 August Meet at Papakura Station at 9.30am for the 9.39 train to Britomart. Coffee in town and then 11.30am ferry to Half Moon Bay for lunch at the Ara Tai cafe. Return to Middlemore station by bus afterwards.

## THIS WEEK 5-12 August

### Sunday 12 August

9:30am Family Communion Service and Sunday School at St Mary's, Pokeno followed by morning tea  
*Only service in the Parish on this day*

Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2;  
**John 6: 35, 41-51**

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~ You are welcome to take the Tidings with you ~

# Tidings

for the Bombay-Pokeno Anglican Church

worshipping at Bombay, Pokeno, Mercer and Kaiaua

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5 August 2018

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Welcome & Gathering

A very warm welcome to you, and especially to any visitors, as we gather to praise and worship God this morning.

### Theme

#### **The Bread from Heaven**

Today's service can be found in the Family Service folder...

### Sentence of the Day

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.  
*Isaiah 55: 2*

### Prayer of the Day

#### **Holy God,**

**you have shown us the bread that never perishes,  
you are the bread of life;  
may we hunger for that bread above all else  
and seek to feed others with your life giving love.**

**Through Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrating Common Prayer: A Version for Aotearoa, New Zealand, & Polynesia*

Readings: 2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12: 13a; Ephesians 4: 1-16; **John 6: 24-35**

## Reflection

This Sunday we continue our reading of St. Paul's letter to the early Church at Ephesus (Eph 4:1-16). In this passage Paul urges the Church community to live and work in keeping with their calling into God's grace "with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". He goes on to remind the community of the deepest unity to which they are called – one body and one spirit in the one God who is "above all and through all and in all". Then, a little surprisingly, Paul emphasises the variety and diversity of gifts that the members of the community bring into the unity of this "one body". This is not a unity of sameness and conformity – this is a unity in which each is free and encouraged to recognise their own gifts, abilities and ministries and to develop them to maturity. This unity in diversity and diversity in unity is one of the fundamental themes through all St. Paul's writing and forms his model for illuminating the community of the Church. It remains a good model for our Churches today and it is also a good model for life in our increasingly diverse and complex society – to focus on the points of unity we can achieve in the midst of diverse cultures, histories, capabilities, hopes and dreams. From within the active unity of the Body of Christ we move in that wider world with patience, forbearance and love, seeking the truth and building the peace that St. Paul so eloquently puts in front of us.

Every blessing,

**Andrew**

Prayers

Bidding: Feed us Father:  
Response: **with the Bread of Life.**

**The congregation are invited to sit after the offertory hymn for the Great Thanksgiving Prayer.**

*During the week please remember in your prayers*

In our intercessions we pray for our three Tikanga Church and our Bishops, Bishop Ross and Assistant Bishop Jim, and Bishops Kito and Winston. We pray for all ministry units and chaplaincies in our Diocese. We pray for our country and for those who hold leadership roles and positions of responsibility. In particular we pray for those who are unwell or in need and for those who provide support to them. We pray too, for the faithful departed and for those who grieve.

**Goodwill offerings** – Your contribution for the work of our church will be collected during the Offertory Hymn. Our regular parishioners contribute by envelope or by automatic payment. One off or regular payments can be made on line. Our bank account is **Bombay Pokeno Parish 02-0404-0013078-00**. Include your initials and name to be eligible for tax deductions. It costs our parish about \$1600 per week to run.

**Food Bank** – The Manurewa Anglican Parish Foodbank Programme continues to welcome your contributions of food to support families in need.

## NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

**Cleaning Roster – St. Mary's:** We need to rebuild a roster of volunteers to help clean St. Mary's Church prior to our services twice per month. The work is not arduous and the more who join the roster the less each one will need to do. Please contact Janet McRobbie Ph. 09 233 6293 [janetmcrobbie@hotmail.com](mailto:janetmcrobbie@hotmail.com)

**Visit from the Bishop of Auckland:** Bishop Ross Bay will be visiting us for our 9.30am service and morning tea at St. Peter's Bombay on Sunday 19 August. Bishop Ross will preach and preside at our Holy Communion and we look forward to welcoming him on that day.

**Young People's Gathering** – the next gathering will be on Saturday 18th August 3pm – 5.30pm at St. Peter's Bombay. All young people