

Gold Card Wanderers trip Monday 9 July to Onehunga: Meet at Papakura station by 9.30am for the 9.39am train. Coffee in Newmarket and then catch the 11.49am train to Onehunga at Newmarket. Lunch at the Good Home Bistro at Onehunga. Some walking required.

THIS WEEK 1-8 July

Thursday 5 July

2:45pm Thursday School at St Jude's, Mercer

Sunday 8 July

9:30am Family Service at St Mary's, Pokeno

Readings: 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1: 3-14; **Mark 6: 14-29**

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8 July 2018

14th 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

Mission of the Twelve

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

Sentence of the Day

Of Jesus many said, 'What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!'

Mark 6: 2

Prayer of the Day

Caring God,

you equip us with all we truly need

in the business of our daily lives;

turn us to you in prayer that we might

trust in your provision

and hold only to those things of true value.

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 5: 1-5, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; **Mark 6: 1-13**

Reflection

It would be very easy to overlook the significance of this morning's gospel reading. You will have noticed that the theme for today is 'The Mission of the Twelve'. Jesus has gathered the twelve of his inner circle together and he has laid out the plan for them.

The twelve disciples are given their directions. The details were plain and simple. By Jesus' authority they were to go out on a journey of mission, two by two, with nothing but bare essentials, not even food or money. One can only imagine what went through their minds on hearing these instructions.

Clearly the mission was successful. The challenges were overcome and no doubt not without some difficulties. We are told that they went out and proclaimed that all should repent, but more than that, many were healed and supported. We can only admire what they achieved. But what they achieved does give a very clear message for us.

It is now our turn. Jesus has given us the authority. It is our challenge to carry out our mission into our communities, noting that the disciples went out to the people. We, too, need to take that on board. If we wait for people to come to us, we will be disappointed. Mission is all about being outward facing and community involved. The journey has begun. Will you travel with us?

Have a good week.

Blessings

Bruce

Prayers

Bidding: Give us your grace:
Response: **to hear your word with joy.**

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

Gathering for Young People: the next monthly gathering will be on Saturday 28th July, 3pm -5.30pm at St. Peter's Bombay.

Pokeno Community Meet and Greet: this gathering is on again this week 10am-12noon at the Pokeno Community Hall on Thursday July 12th – all are welcome to come to enjoy our light activities, good conversation and morning tea. Contact: Andrew 0274 508 389 04
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