

Gathering for Young People: after an enjoyable and successful gathering with young people in mid-March we are proposing a monthly gathering on the third Saturday of each month for a programme guided by the young people and welcoming people from 9 years age and above – our next gathering will be:

SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 3pm – 5.30pm at St. Peter's Church Bombay for a programme that will include some learning, some socialising, some fun and a snack. Contact for information: Andrew 0274 508 389
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THIS WEEK 10-17 June

Thursday 14 June

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

Sunday 17 June

9:30am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's, Bombay followed by morning tea

Only service in the Parish on this day

Readings: 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, (11-13), 14-17; **Mark 4: 26-34**

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10 June 2018

10th 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

Doing the Will of God

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

Sentence of the Day

Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Mark 3: 34-35

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

give us such a vision of your purpose

and such an assurance of your love and power

that we may ever hold fast the hope

which is in Jesus Christ our Lord;

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Readings: 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20; 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1;
Mark 9: 33-37

Reflection

In our epistle reading this morning Paul writes in the context of 'Living By Faith'. We are challenged to consider what we might mean by the word faith. In one sense 'faith' is an attitude of trust. If we have faith in something, it implies that we have trust in it. In the religious sense then, faith is an attitude of trust in the presence of God.

Yet having faith is more than that. To say that we have faith is one thing, but to say that we live by faith is quite another. Living by faith in our 21st Century world is quite a challenge. For many having faith in God is no longer for them. They do not see the relevance in church. Yet in rejecting a religious faith they struggle to find an alternative to 'anchor their soul'. For some it might be in music, for others in meditation, exercise, reading or the outdoors. Yet how many can honestly say that their inner selves are fulfilled.

We need no reminding of the value of our faith in God and what it means to us. As a Church community we do our best to reach out and share our faith with others. Long may that continue. I came across this prayer for the beginning of the day. You may find it helpful in your quest to live by your faith.

Oh, Lord, I thank You that I belong to You. I thank You that You live within me, and I thank You that You have forgiven my sins. I thank You that I am Your child. Now, as I begin this day, and as I continue throughout the day, I invite You to walk around in my body, love with my heart, speak with my lips and think with my mind. I thank You that You promised to do greater things through me than You did when You were here on the earth. By faith, I acknowledge Your greatness, Your power, Your authority in my life, and I invite You to be with me and through me today.

Have a good week.

Blessings

Bruce

Prayers

Bidding:

Father:

Response:

let your will be done.

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

Special General Meeting: The Vestry has been considering proposals for the scheduling of future services at St. Jude's Mercer – these are to be discussed and decided at a Special General Meeting of parishioners on Sunday June 17th after the service and morning tea at St. Peter's, Bombay.

Pokeno Community Meet and Greet: This gathering is on again this Thursday June 14th 10am – 12noon at the Pokeno Community Hall. All are welcome to come along and share in some light activities, good conversation and morning tea.