

Parish of Papakura. All are welcome to attend his service of induction at that time.

Young People's Gathering – Saturday October 27th: The third Sunday in October is within Labour Weekend and so we will have our young people's gathering next month on the fourth Sunday – October 27th at St. Peter's Church 3pm – 5.30pm. Contact: Andrew 0274 508 389

THIS WEEK 7-14 October

Sunday 14 October

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: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4: 12-16; **Mark 10: 17-31**

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7 October 2018

27th 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

In Whose Hands?

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

Sentence of the Day

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10: 15

Prayer of the Day

Inclusive God,

**your love is offered to the vulnerable and the powerful
and knows no limits;
open our eyes to recognise
where our words and actions exclude others,
and by your Spirit turn us to new action,
embracing all with unity and care,
that your kingdom may be revealed,
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: Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10; Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; **Mark 10: 2-16**

Reflection

Part of our Gospel reading this Sunday Mark 10: 13-16 recounts the familiar story of Jesus telling off his disciples for trying to keep children away from him. These children were being brought by their families to present to Jesus so that he would hold them and bless them. Jesus says "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." At the very least this passage encourages us to be welcoming to children in our lives and in our Church. In our local Churches we are blessed with good people who lead the way for us in welcoming, caring for, and supporting the children who come among us. At another level these words of Jesus speak of qualities that children have that open for us the ways to enter the kingdom of God – what are these qualities? One way of viewing this is that Jesus is promising entry into the kingdom of God to those who come with open-eyed directness, with enthusiasm and curiosity, to those who offer little or nothing in the form of possession or achievement or status but come "as they are". For Jesus this is not about commanding or forcing the kingdom of God, it is about offering, receiving and entering. This offering is extended to all of us and we may take it up more readily when we shed our complexities and complications and approach with the empty-handed openness and directness of a child.

Every blessing,

Andrew

Prayers

Bidding:

Lord of heaven:

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

Baptism of Isobel Ama: we rejoice in joining Isobel's family for her Baptism at St Mary's Church on Sunday October 14th. Isobel's family have moved recently to the very new development in Pokeno and her grandparents are visiting from England.

New Vicar in Papakura: at 2.30pm on Sunday 14th October the Revd Jason will be inducted as the new Vicar in our neighbouring