

details of our financial performance and requirements and of the ways in which we may make or increase our regular contribution. Thank you for your consideration of this call.

**Gold Card Wanderers** are off again this time to **Orewa** on **Wednesday 26 September**. Meet at Papakura station at 9.30am for the 9.39am train. Coffee in town, then Northern Express to Silverdale, local bus to Orewa and lunch at the Dear Coastie's Cafe.

## THIS WEEK 16-23 September

### Wednesday 19 September

10:00am *Faithworks*, Kaiaua Home Group, Kaiaua Hall

### Thursday 20 September

7:00pm Vestry Meeting at St Peter's, Bombay

### Sunday 23 September

9:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Pokeno

4:00pm Holy Communion at Kaiaua Hall

Readings: Proverbs 31: 10-31; James 3: 13—4: 3, 7-8a; **Mark 9: 30-37**

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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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**16 September 2018**

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

### Welcome & Gathering

A very warm welcome to you all as we gather to praise and worship God this morning. We welcome **Harrison Edward Frost** to be baptised and to all his family and friends.

### Theme

#### **Take Up Your Cross**

Today's service can be found on page 456 of the NZ Prayer Book...

### Sentence of the Day

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. *Mark 8: 35*

### Prayer of the Day

#### **Almighty God,**

**you are Alpha and Omega, beginning and end,  
the Word made flesh;**

**grant us the courage to take up our cross,  
and bear it gladly for the sake of the gospel,**

**risking mockery and rejection,**

**following the example of Jesus,**

**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: Proverbs 1: 20-33; James 3: 1-12; **Mark 8: 27-38**

## Reflection

Kia ora tatou,

When I read the epistle reading from James, set for this weekend, I had to chuckle to myself. The version that I was reading from was headed "*Taming the Tongue*"!! The reading from James letter is well known and often quoted from and as appropriate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as it was in his time, such is human nature. I wonder how many of you had a parent who said, "*If you don't have anything nice to say then don't say it*". Oh, if only some people had listened to their parents! James is reminding us that sometimes people speak before they think. He supports his advice with appropriate imagery like, "*How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire.*" How many times have known when a throwaway comment caused offence.

If James was writing today, his message would be less about the tongue, but more about the impact of social media on our personal interactions. A loose tongue is one thing but social media commentary can get very nasty, threatening and unpleasant. There can be no place for deriding another person, no matter who they are, what they believe in, or what they have said, by making offensive comments hiding behind the anonymity of social media. James' message is clear and unequivocal. We should respect one another and what each of us believes. We may have differences of opinion but respect for one another as people should be the focus of us all. If only we could all embrace that concept the world would be a happier, safer place to be.

Have a good week.

Aroha nui,                      Blessings  
Noho ora mai.                Look after yourself

**Bruce**

Prayers

Bidding:        In the spirit of obedience:

Response:      **we ask your guidance.**

**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

**Regular Funding Appeal:** with "Tidings" each Sunday through September we will receive an additional invitation for each of us to consider our regular financial contribution to the mission and work of our Church in Bombay-Pokeno. Alongside our continuing appreciation of our generous and regular givers, this invitation is a call for a lift in our overall giving. The material with Tidings gives