

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 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.

THIS WEEK 9-16 September

Thursday 13 September

7pm Vestry Meeting at St Peter’s, Bombay

Sunday 16 September

9:30am Holy Communion Service at St Peter’s, Bombay
followed by morning tea
Only service in the Parish on this day

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

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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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9 September 2018

23rd 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

Voicing Justice

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

Sentence of the Day

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

James 2: 13

Prayer of the Day

Healing God,

**you speak into the hurting and wounded places;
empower us to speak your vision of wholeness,
and turn us to action in the face of injustice,
that empowered by the Spirit we may be agents of your
healing love,
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen.**

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

Readings: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2: 1-10, 14-17;
Mark 7: 24-37

Reflection

Our Sunday readings in September take us through sections of The Letter of James. This book conveys a firm understanding of the teachings of Jesus and especially that our faith must be lived out in action. For James a central example of living our “faith in action” is the attitude and response of people of faith to “the poor” in our communities. James makes the persistent call to us as individuals and to the collective body of the Church to live and act towards “the poor” in respectful, accepting, helpful and supportive ways. This call echoes deeply some of the most striking words and actions of Jesus. In our individual and collective lives many of us do think and act in ways that are welcoming and supportive of “the poor” – at this week’s Diocesan Synod we received substantial reports from our Church’s social service agencies as another expression of response to this calling. In an increasingly unequal and economically disparate society this call comes upon us more persistently – to embrace and care for the poor with our hospitality and generosity and find the ways that we can help to change the unfair or unjust structures that help to push people into poverty. This way of life, in faith, is beautifully summarised in another of this week’s readings from the Book of Proverbs: “Those who have a bountiful eye will be blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.”

Every blessing,

Andrew

Prayers

Bidding: Father of mercy:

Response: **let your kingdom come.**

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: our gathering this month is on Saturday 15th September 3pm -5.30pm at St. Peter’s Bombay. This programme is offered for people 9 years of age and older and all are welcome to come along for some learning, some socialising and some refreshments.

News of Former Priests in the Parish: we have received the sad news of the recent death of The Revd Frank Harrison who served as Vicar of Bombay-Pokeno 1980 – 83; and the further news of the appointment of the Revd Nicky Frater as Chaplain at Selwyn Village in Point Chevalier. We pray for Frank’s peaceful repose in God’s care and for Nicky’s forthcoming ministry as Chaplain.