

**FOOD SUPPORT CONTRIBUTIONS** – The Anglican Church Foodbanks we support in Manurewa and Pukekohe are both now in full operation and responding to strong demand – our contributions of canned and packaged goods and fresh fruit and vegetables can be brought to our Churches on Sunday mornings.

**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 online. 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 \$1700 per week to run.

## THIS WEEK 14-21 April

### Sunday 21 April

**9:30am** Holy Communion at St Peter's in the Forest, Bombay

Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16-24; **John 10: 11-18**

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# Tidings

for the Bombay-Pokeno Anglican Church  
*worshipping at Bombay, Pokeno, Mercer and Kaiaua*

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**14 April 2024**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

### Welcome & Gathering

A very warm welcome to you, and especially to any visitors, as we gather to praise and worship God today.

### Theme

#### **Growing Community**

Today's service can be found on page 476 of the New Zealand Prayer Book.

### Sentence of the Day

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

*Acts 3: 19,20*

### Prayer of the Day

#### **Lord, help us to see:**

**to see what is eternally good and true,  
and having seen, to go on searching  
until we come to the joys of heaven.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ  
our Redeemer.**

#### **Amen**

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

Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1-7; **Luke 24: 36b-48**

## Reflection

Last week we heard of Thomas's disbelief that Jesus had appeared to his colleague disciples. As we heard then, Thomas had to 'eat his words' so to speak, when Jesus arrived while he was there. Thomas then became convinced.

Again, we hear in today's reading that Jesus arrived in their presence, but this time clearly causing distress. '*They were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost*'. Jesus does appreciate their distress. 'Why are you frightened?' He asks. Clearly, they were still a bit confused and given what they had been through in the previous days, is it any wonder.

Jesus reminds them all of what he had told them previously, that he had to suffer but would rise from the dead on the third day. But just as importantly Jesus proclaims that repentance and forgiveness of sins are to be proclaimed in his name.

Just as the disciples are reassured, so too are we given that reassurance.

Today, we have our Annual General Meeting. Though such meetings may not always be at the top of our things to do, it is important that we do take time out to focus on our operations as a church community. We need to focus on our financial reports so that we are fiscally responsible and financially viable. We also need to focus on our day-to-day operations from our mission to our people as well as to our day to day maintenance and care. Likewise, it is important that we take our nominations to Vestry carefully. This year we have a very significant decision to make about the future of our church of St Jude at Mercer.

We have much to focus on.

Blessings,

**Bruce**

Prayers

Bidding: In all this,

**Response: May God be glorified.**

**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 **Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa** (Bishop of Polynesia), our three Tikanga Church and our Bishops, **Bishop Ross**, and **Bishop Kito**. 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 for the faithful departed and for those who grieve.

## NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

**PARISH AGM** – The Annual General Meeting will be held after the 9.30am service at St. Mary's Pokeno this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. The meeting will receive reports on finances and activity in the past year, consider a proposal to close St. Jude's Church in Mercer, and elect a People's Warden and Vestry members for 2024/25.

**VESTRY MEETING** – the newly elected Vestry will meet on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at St. Peter's Bombay.

**THE POKENO COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET** will gather again on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 12 noon at the Pokeno Community Hall.

**DIARY NOTE** – Pokeno Hitori/History day – 9.30am – 1.00pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at Pokeno Community Hall (more details to follow)