

new Marae for Pokeno. The programme starts with refreshments at 9.30am and continues to 1.00pm and all are welcome to then have lunch. For those who wish to stay for lunch please RSVP to Haupai Montgomery: Mob 0274 708 674 or Email: haukaingamanawhenuapokeno@gmail.com

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.

THIS WEEK 21-28 April

Sunday 28 April

9:30am Holy Communion at St Mary on the Hill, Pokeno
4pm Holy Communion at Kaiaua Bowling Club Hall

Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-21; **John 15: 1-8**

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21 April 2024

4th 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

The Good Shepherd

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

Sentence of the Day

'I am the good shepherd', says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.'

John 10: 14

Prayer of the Day

**Good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold;
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
where you reign one God for ever. Amen**

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

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

Reflection

This 4th Sunday in the Church's season of Easter is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". Both Psalm 23 which is set for the day and the Gospel reading from John 10: 11-18 use the image of a shepherd "The Good Shepherd" to illustrate God's profound care for God's people and Jesus' own continuing action to care for, protect, and support all in the community of faith and beyond. The power of the image comes through to us when we think not of the modern shepherd with quad bike or helicopter but think rather of the middle-eastern shepherd in biblical times who had a "hands on" caring role with his or her flock – living and working alongside the sheep in remote and wilderness places. "The Good Shepherd" works with the dedication and self-sacrifice required to provide care for the flock, with Jesus giving his own life – in living and dying and rising again – all to fulfil the great mission that God places upon him.

This week in Aotearoa/New Zealand and Australia we observe Anzac Day and at commemorative events throughout our communities we gather to give tribute to and offer abiding thanks for the sacrifice of our forebears in armed services at times of war. Many lost their lives and many others suffered from wounds and afflictions that impacted them for the rest of their lives – and we remember them often and especially on Anzac Day, April 25th. ANZAC DAY SERVICES in our communities are: BOMBAY at the Memorial Arch on Papatara Road (opposite Bombay School): starting at 8.45am, and POKENO at the War Memorial on Great South Road: starting at 9.00am.

Every blessing, **Andrew**

Prayers Bidding: The Lord is our Good Shepherd
 Response: **there is nothing we shall lack.**

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

GARDEN CLEARANCE AT ST. MARY'S – many thanks to Bruce & Diana, Ken & Patricia, John & Marcia, Margaret Firth and Sandra for a great job clearing overgrowth at St. Mary's last Saturday.

FROM THE PARISH AGM – the four ex-officio members of the Vestry for 2024/5 The Revds. Andrew Beyer, Bruce Owen, & Penny Barnhill and Priest's Warden Marcia Anderson were joined by the following elected members: People's Warden Wayne Barnhill, Margaret Overdevest, Linda Speight, John Anderson, Patricia Graham, Angela Morey, and Lynn Woodyard. Retiring members Beverley Berwick and Rosemary Stoppard were recognised and thanked for their many years of service. ALSO the proposal to close St. Jude's Church in Mercer and sell the property was unanimously supported by the meeting. A formal application to implement that decision will now be made to the Auckland Diocese.

POKENO HITORI/HISTORY DAY – Saturday 4th May at the Pokeno Community Hall. There will be visual displays and presentations about Pokeno history and a look ahead towards the