



Come and help us make palm crosses on Monday 23 March at 2pm in the Narthex. We need people to cut the lengths of flax as well as to make the crosses so all you need to bring are scissors. There is a template to use if you want to learn how to make the palm crosses this year.

### Vestry Meeting

Tuesday 24 March at 7pm in the Narthex All Welcome

**Parish Morning Prayer 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday by Zoom**  
using the following link - <https://zoom.us/j/91088205757>  
Meeting ID: 910 8820 5757 Passcode: 759012

### Contacts in the Parish

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**Parish Administrator**  
Hannah Stewart  
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**Local Priest**  
Rev'd Bruce Cavanagh  
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**Permission to Officiate**  
Rev'd Christopher Rodgers  
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**Vicar's Warden**  
Patricia Tytler  
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**People's Warden**  
Heather Hetaraka  
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**Vestry Secretary/Treasurer/Recorder**  
Anne Gover  
03 208 5235 027 311 0625

**Acting Parata Chaplain**  
Rev'd Canon Gary Griffith-Smith  
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*Please ring a cell phone number rather than leaving a message on the office answering machine.*

## Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Parish of Gore & Districts - where faith and life meet  
10am Eucharist Service followed by Morning Tea  
Prayer for healing is offered every Sunday following Communion



Welcome to our Family Eucharist

*5th Sunday in Lent*

Sunday 22 March 2026

### Sentence

### Collect



*I will put My Spirit  
in you and you  
will live.*

*Ezekiel 37:14*

God in Trinity, Creator, Saviour, Giver of life and truth, reveal the possibilities within us, that we may attain to the fullness of our humanity. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

### Hymns

Lord I come to You  
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me  
Breathe on me breath of God  
And can it be that I should gain

### Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

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## Annual Giving to The Parish of Gore and Districts

A memo for those who make annual offertories - the end of the tax year is coming up - 31 March 2026

Receipts for all offertories given between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 will be delivered mid—late April. These may be used for tax purposes.

If you would like to check what your contribution for this past year has been to date please contact the Recorder, Anne Gover 208 5235 or 027 311 0625

For those on the Parish of Gore & Districts planned giving system who wish to continue using numbered envelopes for cash giving during 2026/2027 please let Anne know so that these can be delivered late March/early April.

If you would like to join the regular offertory system - either by envelopes or direct credit please phone Anne.

**Direct credit or online deposits** Account name **Holy Trinity Church** Account number **06-0923-0004683-00**

Please use either your name or your envelope number (or both) If you wish to donate to the Dunbar's mission fund use 'Dunbars' in the reference, or to the Lenten Appeal use 'Lenten Appeal' in the reference.

## Our Parish AGM was held on Sunday 15 March following the 10am service.

The following people were elected –

Vicar's Warden	Patricia Tytler	appointed by Rev'd Gary Griffith-Smith
People's Warden	Heather Hetaraka	
Synod Reps	Keith Gover	(1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2-year term)
	Trish Tytler	
Committee	Penny Baynes	
	Rev'd Bruce Cavanagh	
	David Liddicoat	
	Sue Sanson	
	Richard Sutherland	
Observers to Vestry Meetings with no voting rights		
Recorder	Anne Gover	
Vestry Secretary/Treasurer	Anne Gover	
Parish Administrator	Hannah Stewart	

Eleanor Groves was thanked for her years acting as Parish Recorder. Gary and Heather presented their Vicar's and People's Wardens reports. Anne spoke to the Unaudited Financial Statements, and reports from Works, Mission, AAW, Catering and Parata were tabled. There was unanimous agreement to renew Gary's covenant with the diocese for a further three years. Following the AGM, we enjoyed Gary and Debbie's hospitality at the vicarage with a sausage sizzle and ice-cream cones for dessert.

<b>Monday</b> Ps 73 Exod 8:1-19 Heb 11:17-31	<b>Tuesday</b> Ps 35 Exod 8:20-end Heb 11:32-12:2	<b>Wednesday</b> Ps 111,113 1 Sam 2:1-10 Rom 5:12-21
<b>Thursday</b> Ps 40 Exod 9:13-end-end Heb 12:14-end	<b>Friday</b> Ps 22 Exod 10 Heb 13:1-16	<b>Saturday</b> Ps 23 Exod 11 Heb 13:17-end

**The Five Marks of Mission:**  
**Treasure —**  
Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

## HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

### Monday 23 March

2pm Making Palm Crosses in the Narthex

### Tuesday 24 March

9am Morning Prayer  
11am Parata Service  
7pm Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday 25 March

9.30am Eucharist Service

### Thursday 26 March

9am Morning Prayer  
**NO LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

### Friday 27 March

9am Morning Prayer  
**NO HOME GROUP AT 4 LENNOX ST**

## LORD, WE PRAY FOR:

- \* the clergy and people of the Anglican Church in NZ and the Pacific
- \* our Bishop Anne Van Gend, Michael and their family
- \* Rev'd Gary and Debbie, bless them and their family
- \* the Dunbar family
- \* the diocese of Auckland and their bishop Ross Bay
- \* UNICEF, World Vision, Save the Children and other agencies responsible for providing aid to children world-wide
- \* Anglican Family Care
- \* South Centre
- \* Anglican Financial Care
- \* those grieving for the loss of a loved one
- \* people in need of God's healing or provision: Bill, Keith, Whandana, Lazlo and David

## A Memorial

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American Flag were mounted on either side of it.

The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex."

"Good morning pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque.

"Pastor McGwire, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well, son, it's a memorial to the men & women who died in the service.

"Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:45 or the 11:00?"



## Hour of Power - this week we

**pray for:** Lex & Jan Miller, Rev'd Maud Milligan, Nancy Moffat, Lyn Nichol, Robyn & Hamish Pahl, Marianne Parks, William & Debbie Paterson, Steve & Leisa Perry, Davina & Jack Prattley, Dianne & Jeff Rankin, Hilary & Stuart Riordan, Dave & Penny Roberts, Helen Robertson