



Trinity Sunday

St Marks E-News

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Welcome

Worship this Week

Sunday 31 May

**9.30am Eucharist for Trinity
Sunday
(followed by morning tea)**

Thursday 4 June

**10.00am Eucharist with anointing
(followed by morning tea)**

Prayer for St Mark's Discernment Journey

*Lord Jesus, thank you for all those you have called
to be the body of Christ in this place.*

*Guide and strengthen this parish as we seek your
will for the future. Teach us to wait without fear
and to trust that you are already at work in what
we cannot yet see.*

*Grant us a discerning heart, a listening ear, and a
prayerful soul. Unite us in faith and love and give
us courage to follow where you lead. Amen.*

Readings and Collect

**Sunday 31 May
Trinity Sunday**

**Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28: 16-20**

Father,
you sent your Son
to bring us truth
and your Holy Spirit
to make us holy;
open our hearts to exalt you,
open our lives to reveal you,
our one true God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
This we ask through Jesus
Christ our Saviour.
Amen.



Sunday 7 June

Next Sunday we will have two worship services at St Marks.

The first is a said **Eucharist** in the church at **8.00am**. It will be followed by breakfast in the meeting room.

The second is at **9.30am** and is our regular monthly **Café Church** which is held in the hall. We gather around tables and enjoy coffee, tea, juice and croissants, while sharing in a time of worship, conversation, creativity and the Eucharist.

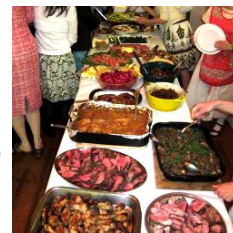


Parish Shared Meal 2 June 5.30-7.00pm

The regular monthly parish shared meal is next Tuesday. It is held in the hall.

Bring some food—main courses or desserts—to share. Then pull up a chair and join in the conversations at your table. It's a great way to get to know other parishioners and their guests.

All are welcome.



Fellowship Meeting 17 June

There will be fun and games at the next Fellowship meeting.

Margaret Bush will be the MC and encourages everyone to bring their imagination!

The meeting will begin at the earlier time of **12.30pm**, with soup and rolls.

As usual there will be raffles, the sales table and afternoon tea.

All are welcome.

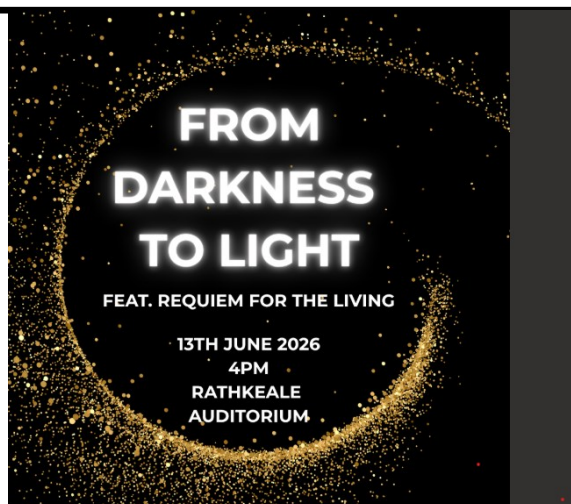
Wairarapa Singers Concert

The next concert by the Wairarapa Singers is titled "From Darkness to Light" and will be held at the Rathkeale Auditorium on Saturday 13 June at 4.00pm.

Lead by their Music Director Mark Stamper, the choir will perform Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* and other shorter pieces. The concert will also feature solo singers and an eight-piece orchestra.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and Under 18's are admitted free.

For more information go to wairarapasingers.weebly.com or talk with Glenys Crooks who will have tickets available for purchase on Sunday.



Trinity Sunday

In the church's year, Trinity Sunday is the day when we stand back from the extraordinary sequence of events that we've been celebrating for the previous five months—Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost—and when we rub the sleep from our eyes and discover what the word 'god' might actually mean. These events function as a sequence of well-aimed hammer-blows which knock at the clay jars of the gods we want, the gods who reinforce our own pride or prejudice, until they fall away and reveal instead a very different god, a dangerous god, a subversive god, a god who comes to us like a blind beggar with wounds in his hands, a god who comes to us in wind and fire, in bread and wine, in flesh and blood: a god who says to us, 'You did not choose me; I chose you.'



You see, the doctrine of the Trinity, properly understood, is as much a way of saying 'we don't know' as of saying 'we do know.' To say that the true God is Three and One is to recognise that if there is a God then of course we shouldn't expect him to fit neatly into our little categories. If God did, he wouldn't be God at all, merely a god, a god we might perhaps have wanted. The Trinity is not something that the clever theologian comes up with as a result of hours spent in the theological laboratory, after which he or she can return to announce that they've got God worked out now, the analysis is complete, and here is God neatly laid out on a slab. The only time they laid God out on a slab he rose again three days afterwards.

On the contrary: the doctrine of the Trinity is, if you like, a signpost pointing ahead into the dark, saying: 'Trust me; follow me; my love will keep you safe.' Or, perhaps better, the doctrine of the Trinity is a signpost pointing into a light which gets brighter and brighter until we are dazzled and blinded, but which says: 'Come, and I will make you children of light.' The doctrine of the Trinity affirms the rightness, the propriety, of speaking intelligently that the true God must always transcend our grasp of him, even our most intelligent grasp of him.

~ N.T. Wright, in *For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1997), p24

Car Boot Sale Saturday 6 June

We've changed to winter hours for our car boot sale in June. We're open **10.00am to Noon**.

There will still be the regular parish stalls: baking, produce, bric-a-brac, books, morning tea and sausage sizzle as well as regular stallholders.

We welcome contributions to our stalls: drop them in on Saturday morning. If you'd like a stall for yourself or know someone who would like one please contact Kevin Jelley or Roger Wigglesworth.



“Everybody Gets to Play”: Rediscovering Pentecost Together by Bishop Justin Duckworth

As we continue to reflect on Pentecost, Bishop Justin Duckworth is inviting us—across our churches and communities—to rediscover just how transformative the gift of the Holy Spirit really is.



Bishop Justin draws us back into the story of Acts chapter 2, where Peter quotes the prophet Joel: “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.” It’s a familiar passage, but Justin suggests we might need to hear it again with fresh ears—because it carries a truth that reshapes how we see ourselves and one another in the Church.

At the heart of his reflection is a simple but powerful idea: everybody gets to play.

Pentecost is about all of us. The Spirit is poured out across every dividing line—young and old, women and men, people from every culture and background. The miracle of Pentecost, with its many languages and voices, shows us that God meets people where they are, speaking into their own context and experience.

“The Spirit... is the great leveller,” Bishop Justin says. And that means none of us is left out. Each of us, wherever we are and whoever we are, is invited into a life empowered by the Spirit.

This helps us see why Pentecost is often called the birth of the Church. It’s not just the beginning of an institution, but the beginning of a Spirit-filled, worldwide movement—one where every person has a part to play.

And that’s where Justin both encourages and challenges us.

On one hand, this is deeply good news. The Spirit is not something distant or reserved—it’s a gift offered freely to each of us. On the other hand, he gently acknowledges that many of us may not feel like we are living fully into that reality.

“I find it deeply encouraging... but also... a bit sad,” he reflects, noting that not all followers of Jesus seem to experience the Spirit as something that truly empowers and transforms daily life.

So what might we be missing?

Bishop Justin points to the Spirit as the one who enriches our lives, enables our ministry, and empowers us for mission. It's also about seeing our families, our communities, and our churches transformed.

To bring this home, he offers a simple analogy many of us can relate to: a house without electricity. When the power is off, even basic tasks become slow and difficult. But when the power is flowing, everything changes—it becomes easier to live, work, and thrive.

In the same way, life with the Holy Spirit is different. It's not about striving harder; it's about being connected to the source that makes all things possible.

The invitation, then, is clear. Pentecost is something we're invited to step into, again and again.

"You are invited to receive the Holy Spirit... do not miss out," Bishop Justin urges us.

A Spirit-empowered church is one that is truly diverse and inclusive. But, this kind of Church doesn't happen by accident, or by effort alone.

If we want to see boundaries broken down—across culture, background, and experience—then we need the Spirit at work among us.

"If we want an inclusive and diverse church, we want the Holy Spirit's work in our church," he says.

In other words, the vision we carry for the Church is inseparable from the presence of the Spirit. It is the Spirit who brings unity without uniformity, diversity without division, and life where there might otherwise be limitation.

As we continue in this season, Bishop Justin's encouragement lands simply but powerfully for all of us: the same Spirit poured out at Pentecost is still being given today.

And that means each of us is invited to receive, to be empowered—and to join in what God is doing.

Because in God's Church, filled with the Spirit, everybody really does get to play.

Bishop Justin's full message can be seen on a video that can be found at <https://anglicanmovement.nz/news>





31 May Eucharist for Trinity Sunday @ St Marks, 9.30am
 2 June Shared Meal @ St Marks, 5.30 –7.00pm
 6 June Car Boot Sale @ St Marks, **10.00am** – Noon
 7 June 8.00am Eucharist in the church
 9.30am Café Church in the hall
 17 June Resthome Communions
 17 June St Marks Fellowship @ St Marks, **12.30pm**
 20 June Men's Breakfast @ Hadlow School, 8.00am

Zoom Morning Prayer Tuesday-Thursday 9.00am

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9.00am a small group meets online for 20 minutes to share in morning prayer.

Our time together is shaped by a short liturgy and includes naming things for which we are grateful, hearing and briefly reflecting on the day's Gospel reading, and praying for others

We'd be delighted if you could join in regularly or every so often. The link is:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87866921496?pwd=eZ44MfsbeelUyIFtpxHoVYb0zVfbAL.1>

You do not need the Zoom app to join the Zoom. The link above should enable you to open the Zoom window from your usual internet browser.

Bible Readings this week

Mon Luke 1: 39-57
 (The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth)
Tue Mark 12: 13-17
Wed Mark 12: 18-27
Thu John 6: 51-58
 (Thanksgiving for Holy Communion)
Fri Mark 12: 35-37
Sat Mark 12: 38-end

Sunday 7 June 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

Trinity Prayer

Loving God,
 we are limited
 in our understanding of you,
 but we know that you care
 for us and for all creation.
 Thank you for loving us
 and remaining with us
 in our sorrows and joys.
 Thank you for the life of Jesus
 whose life shows us
 the way to life and happiness
 and trust.
 Thank you for your Spirit
 who leads us.
 Warm our hearts and unite us,
 that we might open our lives
 to you
 to accept all your love
 and to respond to it
 by entrusting ourselves to you
 with all that you have made us
 and given us.
 We ask this in the name
 of Jesus the Christ.
 Amen.

- <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/>

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