

Rangitikei Anglicans

Incorporating Marton, Bulls, Sanson,
Huntermville, Turakina, Greatford, Otairi and
TutuTotara

7th April 2024

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Te Rātapu Tuarua o te Aranga

Sentence

Peace be with you,' says the Lord, 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' *John 20:21*

Collect Prayer

God you are the first light cutting through the void.
You are the final light which we shall enjoy forever.
Help us to welcome the light and walk in it always.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Readings this Sunday:

Acts 4: 32-35, Psalm 133,
1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

Services in the Parish this week:

Sunday 7th April

8:00am Reflective Service - Marton
9.30am Family Service – Marton
9.30am Family Service - Bulls

Wednesday 10th April

10.00am - Ecumenical service with Holy Communion
Towgood room, St Stephen's, Marton

Sunday 14th April

8.00am Reflective Service – Marton
9.30am Family Service – Marton
9.30am Family Service - Huntermville

Other Events in the Parish

Monday: Woolly Blessings, Sanson 10am

Tuesday: Woolly Blessings, Marton 10am
St Stephen's Playgroup, Marton 10am

Wednesday: Bible Study, Marton 11am

Thursday: Finance Committee Meeting,
Marton 7.15pm

Friday: Bible Study, Marton 10am

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**All week –** Diocese Night prayer (zoom)  
9pm

## **Something to Reflect upon: -**

We often read today's gospel reading and focus on Thomas, the doubting disciple who needed to put his finger in the marks of the nails before he would believe. But this story is really about all of those fear-filled disciples, trembling behind that locked door, and wondering what it all means. This story is about each and every one of us: trying to live a life worthy of our Lord and Saviour; struggling with doubt, weighed down with fear, and constantly falling short of what we know that he expects from us.

And this story is also about how Jesus comes to us, in the midst of our doubts and fears and sin and guilt, to offer each and every one of us that simple word of grace, and mercy, and forgiveness. "Peace be with you," says our risen Lord to us all. This gospel reading is really about the peace which surpasses all understanding; the peace which the world cannot give; the peace that can only come from our crucified and risen Lord; and the peace that comes when we most need it.

I would like to thank all those who helped with my move into the vicarage. It feels as if I am moving to be with family. Thank you for your help, meals, prayers and support.

Arohanui, Alison

**AGM AND VESTRY ELECTIONS:** Enrolment forms have been submitted and processed. The due date for vestry nominations has passed. We now look forward to the coming AGM and Vestry elections.

**The AGM will be on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00 am in the Towgood Room at St Stephen's Hall.** All are welcome to attend, even if you aren't on the Parish electoral roll.

### **PSALM 133 – Psalm for 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

*The Blessedness of Unity*

*A Song of Ascents.*

*<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! <sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. <sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore'.*

### **ORDINATION OF ASSISTANT BISHOP ANA FLETCHER:**

This will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30 in the Cathedral. Graham will be taking a minibus down – if you would like a ride we will be leaving St Stephen's at 7:45 am. We will also be stopping at St Thomas' at 8:00 am. Please contact the office or Graham directly if you would like to come.

### **CHURCH PICNIC THIS SUNDAY:**

After the family service this Sunday, we will not have a morning tea, instead I would encourage you to join me at the Marton Harvest Festival at the Sir James Wilson Park for a picnic and relax.

#### **ALPHA:**



Following Pentecost, we will be running an alpha course in combination with the other churches in Marton, if you would like to help with this, or bring someone along. Please get in touch.

### **THY KINGDOM COME:**



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. There will be prayer events throughout this time. Please join in and have a look at the prayer activities in the hall

**ALL NOTICES MUST BE EMAILED TO THE OFFICE BEFORE 5:30 PM ON TUESDAYS TO BE INCLUDED.**

Together We Pray:

#### **Evening Prayer**

**9pm Mon to Sat**

Via zoom – [click here](#)

#### **Prayer Chain**

To join the prayer chain or add a prayer request,

Text Su on 027 577 1527

To receive emails with prayer

requests: [bswells83@gmail.com](mailto:bswells83@gmail.com)

#### **Priest in Charge**

Rev Graham Conlon

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#### **Parish Priests:**

Rev Alison Stewart 021 298 3143

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Marton Reflective Service

Bulls, Huntley, 2iC

Rev Adrian Tofts 021 068 0550

Nga Tawa, Marton Family Service

#### **Assistant Priests:**

Rev Robin Peirce 06 327 5951

Wednesday Service

Turakina, Choir

Rev John Vickers 06 327 7280

Otairi

Rev John Sleep 022 406 8935

Hunterville

Rev Diana Howard

(on compassionate leave)

#### **Parish Deacon**

Rev Michelle Tofts 027 870 6023

Marton Family Service

#### **People's Warden**

Sue Wells 021 201 4483

#### **Parish Office:**

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