



DAY ONE

31 December – 21 January 2018

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, TAKAPUNA

Happy New Year to you, one and all! Here we are at the threshold of another year: 2018. Thresholds are magical things in some cultures; halfway places between one form of existence and another. As a result, some people are a little nervous of them. Of course there is a perfectly good reason for this. One doesn't barge into another room (especially if it is the front door of somebody's house) without going through the correct protocols. It could be dangerous! But more often than not we are nervous of them because they imply commitment to something new: in other words, change!

Change; that thing we all fear and yet which happens to us nonetheless. The silly thing is we pretend that it doesn't happen and yet it, along with death and taxes, is the one certainty. Mind you, with such companions, perhaps it is understandable why some don't like it.

Here's the truth: when we embrace change and manage it for our benefit, we always do much better than we do when we pretend that it isn't happening, when we try desperately to conserve that which we are used to. When we do not adapt to the change in our environment we gradually become extinct.

However, as the writer to the Hebrews says, **But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. (Hebrews 10: 39)**

Those first Jewish disciples who embraced the Christ of Christmas were changed profoundly. In this new year of 2018, let's all allow the baby Jesus to emerge from the manger of our fear into the adulthood of our faith.

God bless you in 2018!

Blessings, Jonathan

GENERAL NOTICES

OFFICE:	The office will be closed from 22 nd December – 4 th January. Holly will be back in the office on the 22 nd January.
MORNING PRAYERS:	Morning Prayers will resume in February.
WEDNESDAY COMMUNION:	Wednesday communion will resume on the 10 th January at 10am

31 DECEMBER 2017 – 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8AM:	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)	PREACHER:	Rev'd Trevor McCracken
10AM:	FAMILY EUCHARIST (ANZPB)	PREACHER:	Rev'd Trevor McCracken
SENTENCE:	My people, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you.' (<i>Isaiah 41:8,9</i>)		
COLLECT:	Glorious God, your Son was baptised by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Grant that all the baptised may have grace and humility to fulfil all righteousness, and live into being your beloved sons and daughters. We ask this through the beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen		
THANKSGIVING:	We give thanks for those who serve in the Home Communion ministry.		
READINGS:	Isaiah 61: 10- 62: 3	Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 22-40

07 JANUARY 2018 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8AM:	HOLY COMMUNION (ANZPB)	PREACHER:	Rev'd Jonathan Gale
10AM:	FAMILY EUCHARIST (ANZPB)	PREACHER:	Rev'd Jonathan Gale
SENTENCE:	And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. (<i>Mark 1: 10</i>)		
COLLECT:	O God your Spirit hovers over creation, filled the disciples in Ephesus and descended like a dove upon Jesus at his baptism. Fill us, dear Lord, with that self-same Spirit, that we might follow you more nearly. Amen		
THANKSGIVING:	We give thanks for those who serve in the Home Communion ministry.		
READINGS:	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11

14 JANUARY – 2ND SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY

8AM:	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)	PREACHER:	Rev'd Jonathan Gale
10AM:	FAMILY EUCHARIST (ANZPB)	PREACHER:	Rev'd Jonathan Gale
SENTENCE:	You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <i>(Psalm 139: 3)</i>		
COLLECT:	O God you know us through and through. Open our eyes to just who you are, and all that we have in Christ. Amen.		
THANKSGIVING:	We give thanks for those who give of their time serving refreshments to us all after church.		
READINGS:	1 Samuel 3:1-20	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51

21 JANUARY – 3RD SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY

8AM:	HOLY COMMUNION (ANZPB)	PREACHER:	Rev'd Jonathan Gale
10AM:	FAMILY EUCHARIST (ANZPB)	PREACHER:	Rev'd Jonathan Gale
SENTENCE:	But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <i>(Galatians 4: 4 – 5)</i>		
COLLECT:	O Lord, on this the third Sunday after Epiphany, help us to discern the time: that your salvation is present and that we are challenged by you to turn to you and to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.		
THANKSGIVING:	We give thanks for all who give of their time to arrange flowers at St Peter's and especially to Dorothy.		
READINGS:	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20

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