

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

Vicar Val Writes

This month we are raising money for Anglican Action. Anglican Action or Mahi Mihinare is the social justice arm of the Anglican Church. As well it offers great refreshment to the wider public through the Ethos Café on Morrinsville Rd – I encourage you to visit it and enjoy some of its good and well decorated walls.

Next Sunday after Church we will provide a soup and bun lunch and ask for a donation (greater than a gold coin please) to go to Anglican Action. If you are willing to donate on another Sunday please put in envelope in the plate or through the office door marked with AA

Anglican Action works in four specific areas

Parent education, which is dedicated to creating a nurturing and supportive environment where wāhine and tamariki can thrive; prioritising the well-being of children and empowering women on their journey to a better life.

Reintegration program which is a transitional accommodation for people coming from time in prison or other institutions. Also supported accommodation for those who would be otherwise held in remand awaiting sentencing simply because they do not have a safe address to be bailed to.

Youth justice services empower “rangatahi on their journey toward personal growth and self-improvement. Through a combination of mentorship and supported bail services, we aim to guide these young individuals toward brighter and more promising futures, ensuring they gain access to the opportunities and support they need to break free from the cycle of offending and pursue a path of positive change.”

Social Justice and advocacy “Our goal is not simply to mitigate current distress but to instigate lasting change by challenging and reshaping the very structures that perpetuate the need for community intervention. We firmly believe in the power of knowledge, information, and systemic reform to break the cycle of intervention dependence and usher in sustainable, positive transformation. Mahi Mihinare's commitment to justice, evidence, and advocacy is a resolute endeavour to foster a more equitable and fair society for all.”

May 19th, 2024

Pentecost celebrating the Spirit

Website: stmatthewsmorrinsville.org.nz

Readings: Acts 2:1–21

Psalm 104:22–34

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Sentence: May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

Psalm 104:31

Collect: Holy God, your power shines through in the elements of water and fire. You have shown there is within both the power to destroy and to build up, to end life and create it anew. You have baptized us with both and revealed the work you intend in and through us. May it be. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY.

Acts 2:1–21

Question: How do we impose uniformity in church communities and how can we better foster and celebrate difference and diversity?

Prayer: Wild Spirit Holy, you who burn away the dross of fear and division, ignite your power and compassion within and among us, through Jesus.

Psalm 104:22–34

Question: Alongside caring for the earth, play and enjoyment in creation might also be pleasing to God. How does this challenge you?

Prayer: Most high, help us to care for and enjoy this sacred earth as you do.

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Question: As you think of the Holy Spirit as the Advocate what imagery comes to mind? How might you incorporate this imagery in your prayer life?

Prayer: Being of light, Bread of life, Breath of love, we bring our longings to you. May your new life be birthed in us and throughout the earth.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- We pray for a return to peace across Myanmar and that those people displaced would be safe to return to their homes. For the provision of adequate humanitarian resources.
- We pray for civilians caught up in the war between Israel and Hamas, especially those in Rafah who are trapped with no-where else to go.
- We pray for those who are sick, especially Jill Brookes (having surgery), Neville and Harold from the Methodist congregation, and others we may know.
- Pray for all families mourning the death of a loved one.

GIVE THANKS

- For Peter Samson from Anglican Action, and his talk about the work they do rehabilitating people after being released from prison.
- For the dancing horse display this Sunday at 1pm to raise money for the Cambridge RDA.
- For General Synod as it meets with representatives from all over NZ and the Pacific Islands to discuss issues facing our Church at a National level.

Trinity Sunday: 26th May 2024. 8.30am and 10am Wednesday 10am

Readings – Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17

26 th May	Sides person Abigail & Jo	Welcomer Jacky	Data Rachael	MOW Margie	Bible Reader Vince & Rodney	Prayers Margie	Chalice Vince	Morning Tea Joy & Peter
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This afternoon - Sunday May 19th 1pm – fundraiser for Cambridge RDA – All welcome Adults \$10 cash under 14 free. Coffee cart, Sausage sizzle and raffle. Limited parking so you may need to get there early

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