

Prayer of the people

**God, you ask, “Have you not known? Have you not heard?”
We try to understand, we think we hear, but there is so much
noise in our world.**

**We hear those who shout the loudest, whose sound-bites
demand the most attention.**

**Forgive us for not hearing the voices of the silenced,
not seeing those who are made invisible.**

**Sometimes, God, the pain and needs of our communities and
our world overwhelm us.**

**Remind us again that you are God and you are everlasting,
even until the ends of the earth. Amen.**

ONE: O God, from everlasting to everlasting you are God, but we really cannot fathom that. You fling the stars in the firmament, yet you are as close as our breath, and you have known us since we were knit in our mothers' wombs. You care about each one of us. In times of despair when we wonder where you are, may we be reassured of your presence; may there be a friend, who will hold our faith for us.

ALL: For the healing of the world, make us your instruments.

ONE: Your love encompasses the world, but also our corner of it. We pray we might work for justice, never flagging in wisdom and zeal. Yet if we do get weary, we pray that another might be there to carry our load, or that your strength might renew us. Grant us wisdom that we might do more good than harm, that we might seek to understand, not to be understood, that we might have companions along the way to encourage and prod.

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ONE: Save us from being seduced by the trappings of power and wealth. May we have discerning hearts and minds to value what is truly important. May we keep a sense of humour, God, and save us from self-righteousness – thinking that our way is the only way. Keep us ever mindful that there is no “them and us,” there is only we. May we have sense of your purpose for our lives that we may move the arc of justice – a tad along the way.

We pray for those in need of our prayers for Hope, Bob, and Gabriel. And for Parishioners and residence in Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bevyn Street, and Braemar Road.

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Next Sunday – February 15th – Quinquagesima (50)

1st Lesson – 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Gospel – Mark 1: 40-45

8.00am – Ian Turner, Millie McHattie, Brynyce Owen, Ian Turner.

9.30am – Tania Manuel, Patrick Jackson, Pam Martin, Jean Parker.



Pat Gamble has died. Pat worked tirelessly with knitting for charities and for our Op Shop. And for many years Pat worked every Thursday morning in the Op Shop. We are grateful to Pat’s family for their support of the shop and giving us her furniture.

Gwen Law also has died (96). Gwen worked in the OP Shop when it was in Milford Road. Gwen’s funeral was at St. Paul’s last Thursday.

Lorelei East The family have shifted the funeral to Henderson, due to the large number of people attending. They will bring Lorelei’s ashes here and have a plaque in the Memorial Garden. She very much wanted to be at St. Pauls. The East family attended Sunday school here.

This Week

Tuesday 10	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00pm. 10am Holy Communion Lady Allum.
Wednesday 11	Holy Communion service at 10am. Morning tea. Study group.
Thursday 12	Mainly music. Preschool programme. \$3.00
Sunday 15	Services 8.00am and 9.30am.

- ❖ **The garage sale** was successful with very satisfied customers. Thanks to all who helped. You will see we have spare furniture. Please let friends know. We made \$2,519. 50. 36 bags of clothes were collected by the Maori mission to take up north.
- ❖ **The Rev. Bryan Haggitt** will be licensed as Priest in Charge of the Glenfield Mission District at 7.30pm February 17th.
- ❖ **Sunday 15th** is the Sunday nearest Shrove Tuesday just before

simple Lent eating. We will have pancakes after 8am and pizzas and pancakes at 10.30am.

- ❖ **New Ministry** – helping in the Op shop or helping with mainly music. Try a new skill.
- ❖ **Jars for Jim** to make marmalade jam for the October fair. We are sure you know the size jar Jim likes. If not please ask him.
- ❖ **Certified and Qualified builder/carpenter.** Phone David on 0212 898654 or 488 9248.

Archbishop Turei's prayer for Waitangi Day

E te Kaihanga,
Nāhau mātau i tārai i Waitangi,
anō he waka hourua,
whakarewangia i runga i te tūmanako;
anō he waka eke noa,
whakaterengia i runga i ngā waikarekare;
He tia, he tia;
He ranga, he ranga;
Whakarere iho te kakau o te hoe,
kia tutuki ai i ngā oati i oatitia;
kia huri mai te whakawā anō he wai,
te tika anō he awa nui.
Ko Ihu Karaiti hoki tō mātau Ariki,
Te Kurahautū o tō mātau Kuratīwaka.
Āmine.

**Creator God,
By your hand we were fashioned together at Waitangi,
like a double-hulled canoe,
launched towards a hope-filled future;
cast together in the same vessel,
traversing turbulent waters;
Our backs bowed in effort, our journey continues,
one paddle-stroke after another;
Help us to strive together in unity,
that we might fulfill the oaths we have made to each other;
That justice may roll like a river,
and righteousness like an everlasting stream;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
The One Who Guides our Waka of Faith. Amen**