

ANGLE

Week Beginning Sunday 6 July 2025 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Working in partnership with Jesus - Serving Christ and the community



Dear friends

Was this mission of the 70 in Luke just for them or is there something for us to learn about mission in this story? In fact if it was just for them, why would we have it in our scripture - the stories that were preserved were the ones that we could continue to learn from. Some things are more obvious and others a little subtle. Why 70 (in some texts it is 72)? What significance is there to this number? Back in Genesis 10 there is a list of all the nations of the world (the known world at the time in the Middle East). Guess how many - 70! Scholars understand this number here in Luke to imply that the mission and indeed God's salvation is for all of humanity.

There is a sense of urgency in the mission, "the harvest is plentiful, the labourers are few. This urgency has often been viewed as relating to Jesus' return and there is that element but it relates to the readiness of the harvest - there are people ready to hear the good news; and perhaps it relates to the need - if we look at the state of the world is it not critically urgent that we bring God's message of love, peace, unity, forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation? The world needs this so badly, the community around us needs this. The mission is always urgent, until the end of days.

The mission is holistic. When I was a teenager there was a an evangelistic leaflet called "The 4 Spiritual Laws". The mission is not about handing out a leaflet or telling someone to go to church. The mission includes preaching, teaching, healing, bringing the peace and presence of the Kingdom of God, and it also includes receiving hospitality.

The mission is dangerous and requires courage. Its inclusive nature and message of peace bring it into conflict with forces both this-worldly and other-worldly. The courage needed is not just the courage to confront the powers and confront injustice. The apostles were called to be vulnerable, to travel light and accept poverty. Jesus tells them to "carry no purse" - clearly this makes them dependent on others, but it also means they can't accumulate wealth.

The mission is not about gaining status - it's about participating and partnering with God, being on the team "having your names written in heaven".

2

The Apostles' single purpose is to prepare others to encounter Jesus. This is done peacefully, through grateful presence and conversation. The apostles must be relational and respectful in order to be invited into others' homes, where they might share the gospel of the kingdom of God. Theirs is a vulnerable position, for they cannot force receptivity or hospitality on the part of others. The apostles must be willing to go without food, shelter, or welcome for the sake of the gospel

How are we doing in Mount Anglican Parish? We are called to reach out to the whole community and it is urgent. How can we be holistic in bringing the peace and presence of the Kingdom of God to Mount Maunganui? Do we have the courage to do things differently? to be vulnerable and uncomfortable?

Arohanui

Sue+

This week Sue will be attending the Anglican Pacifist Gathering in Wellington.

3

Readings for today

1st Reading:	Isaiah 66:10-14
Reader:	Margaret Clarke
2nd Reading:	Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16
Reader:	Nicola McMahon
Gospel Reading:	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Reader:	Rev'd Sue Genner
Reader: Intercessions:	Rev'd Sue Genner Carolyn Fisher
Intercessions:	Carolyn Fisher

Hymns for today:

Opening: The Kingdom of God is the Queerest of Nations - pg 5 of Angle Gradual: Christ Is the World's Light - 99 Offertory: O Worship the Lord in the Beauty - 552 Closing: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy –662

St Peter's Choir:

Anthem: Teach Me, O Lord - Th. Attwood

Motet: Alleluias of St. James - arr. J. Greeni

Service Setting: Missa Sanctus Petrus - Poppy

The Kingdom of God is the Queerest of Nations

The kingdom of God is the queerest of nations With peasants its leaders, no borders in sight. There's kindness and peace at the heart of its creation, An endless celebration of joy and delight.

The kingdom of God is an upside-down kingdom The first are now last and the last are now first. The humble exalted, the children bearing wisdom. The wealthy and the poor have their stations reversed.

The kingdom of God is a lot like the leaven We use in our baking when we add the yeast. The work of a woman will point us to the heaven Awaiting the lepers, the lost, and the least.

The kingdom of God welcomes all to the table, No matter your status, your heart will be fed. Whatever your sadness, the Realm of Love is able. Whatever your label, partake of the bread.

The kingdom of God is our ultimate promise If we, like the prophet, will open our hearts. The hour is here and the work is now upon us. Our lives will be a witness. In wonder we start.

Wednesday 9July, 10am Mid-week Eucharist at St Peter's

Service:

Mid-week Eucharist

Preaching: Chalium Poppy

Readings:

Genesis 41:55-end Matthew 10:1-7

Sentence of the Day:

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Luke 10:2

Collect:

God of nations, your boundless compassion for all is like a mother's care for her children; se make us heralds of your reign of peace and justice so that we bring your transforming power to all you have created in your love; through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Prayers of the People:

Today we pray for the Church of Nigeria. And we pray for the Anglicn church of Melanesia in Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, and New Caledonia.

Here in Waiapu we pray for Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke and the people of Ōtūmoetai parish and their clergy.

We pray for our church - for wisdom, guidance, and love as we consider our future together.

We pray for those in need especially those who ask for our prayers: Matthew, Coreen, Amanda, Marie, Jimmy, Regan, Nigel and Wayne.

Parish Duties

If you would like to come on to our Parish Roster and maybe try out reading or intercessions or be trained up to be a Liturgist, please let Sue know. Be great to have some more voices in the parish.

QUEST Magazine

We are now taking submissions for our Winter edition of the Quest. If you would like to submit something to go into the Quest, please drop it into the Parish Office or Email: admin.mtmaunganui@waiapu.com



All submissions need to be in no later than **13 August**.

Choral Evensong

The Chancel Choir of St Peter's will be singing Choral Evensong **TODAY** 4pm in St Peter's, 15 Victoria Road, Mt Maunganui.

Worship at St Mary's

Sunday 20 July @ 2pm

Please join us for afternoon tea after the service

Next Week's Readings

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

7



At our Eucharist bread and wine will be offered from the altar rail. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS INTINCTION (DIPPING) OF BREAD INTO WINE PERMITTED. If this occurs then a fresh chalice of wine has to be prepared for the remainder of the congregation.

Parish Diary This Week

Sun	6 Jul	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's
Mon	7 Jul	12.30pm	Bolivia	St Peter's
Tue	08 Jul	7.00pm	Scholars' Practice	St Peter's
Wed	09 Jul	10.00am	Mid-week Eucharist	St Peter's
Thu	10 Jul	9.00am	Mount Art Group	St Peter's
Thu	10 Jul	10.00am	Saintly Shakers	St Mary's
Fri	11 Jul	1.00pm	Mah Jong	St Peter's

Our Bank Details for Automatic Payment are:

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Mount Maunganui Bank: ANZ Bank, Branch Mt Maunganui Account Number: 01 0373 0008275 00

