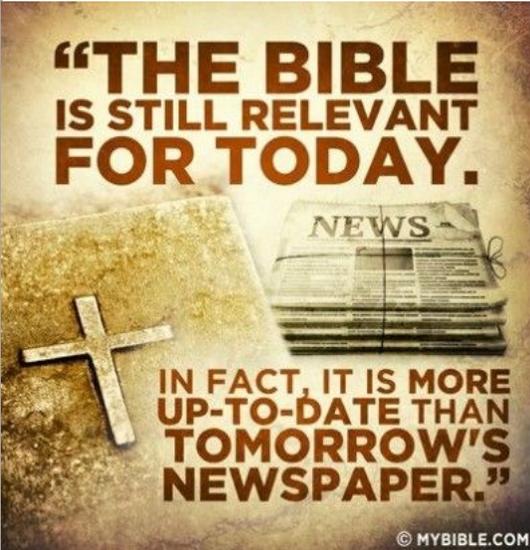


**St Matthew's Service
this evening.**

Rev Michael Brantley, recently appointed as Priest-in-charge of the Parish of St Matthew's in Masterton will be installed in the role by Archdeacon May Croft during Evensong 7pm Sunday 19 Feb. During the service Rev Michael will also receive his Bishop's licence. All are very welcome to attend.



Fundraising

Paley Downs is a fundraiser extraordinaire for St Luke's by gathering donations large and small and selling them. He's had great sales success over the internet. The container at the rear of St Luke's is often full of treasure for sale. So, if you are having a clean out, think of St Luke's and phone Paley (06) 304 7049. He'd love to hear from you.

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Welcome Kia Ora

St. Luke's Church Greytown

**Sunday 19 February 2017
9.30am Service**

Our commitment is to love, accept and forgive in Christ.

Sentence of the Day

You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
Leviticus 19:2, 18

Collect of the Day

Give us, we pray you,
gentle God,
a mind forgetful of past injury,
a will to seek the good of others
and a heart of love.
Hear this prayer for your love's
sake.
Amen

Readings

Psalms 119:33-40
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



Remember morning tea is offered in the hall after today's service. Please join us .

Food for Thought

Karl Marx, father of communism, said, "*The social principles of Christianity preach cowardice, self-contempt, abasement, submissiveness and humbleness.*"

Before dismissing this critique too quickly we should perhaps point out that, indeed turning the other cheek and returning hatred with love, is no way to get ahead in this world.

For the rules of *this* kingdom are well known: it's a dog-eat-dog world where only the strong survive. *But that's just the point.* Jesus isn't trying to modify the rules of the world. He's not, contrary to prosperity preachers, inviting you to figure out how to make the most of this world, or have your best life now. And he's not even inviting you to find a safe port amid the storms of this world. Rather, he's starting a revolution by calling the rules of this world into question and, at the very same time, redeeming this world that he loves and that will, in due time, put him to death.

Jesus calls the powers of the day into question by describing an entirely different way to relate to each other, inviting us into relationships governed not by power, but by vulnerability grounded in love.

"*An eye for an eye' makes all people blind,*" Gandhi would similarly say almost two thousand years later. Here, Jesus invites us to overcome the urge to retribution with loving submission and forbearance. Yet he isn't satisfied with merely overturning this world. For the very essence of his critique -- that we were created not merely for justice, but also for love and life -- is simultaneously the only possible hope for those enmeshed in the orders of the world. Strength eventually fails. Power corrupts. And survival of the fittest leaves so many bodies on the ground. Love alone transforms, redeems, and creates new life. As Martin Luther King, Jr., a student of both Jesus and Gandhi, once said, "*Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.*"

Rev David Lose 2014

Shalom, *Andy*

Garage Sales. They're something we all love. Scratching around looking for treasure. Paley Downs has been running the St Luke's garage sales for years and would like someone else to take over. If this interests you, please contact him for details.
Phone (06) 304 7049.

Rubbish Pile. Work on the church grounds lately has resulted in a huge pile of greenwaste which needs to be taken away to the dump. If you have a trailer, the energy, and time to do this—it's piled up under the trees at rear of church. Many thanks.

DROP IN CENTRE

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat
Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 – 3.30pm
St John's Hall, Main Street, Greytown
Gold coin donation



If you, or anyone you know, would love to have the opportunity for company and to meet other people, then visit the Greytown Drop in Centre, run by volunteers, who appreciate the value of community connectedness.

Any questions, please phone:
Bronwyn Hallot (06) 3048442 or 027 2288651; or Pam Lloyd (06) 3047997

**CELEBRATE
CHILDREN'S DAY
MARCH 5, 2017**



The Family Service in March will focus on and celebrate our precious Children even more than we normally do. We'll have all kinds of fun activities in the church grounds planned for the younger children until around 12.30pm. Then, the annual youth event 'The Games' will be held in Featherston for older children and youth. This starts at 2pm and is being organised by Wairarapa Anglican Youth (WAY). The 12 crazy games over 4 crazy hours need a small army of volunteers to help muster the troops.

Featherston's Youth Leader, Alan Maxwell is visiting our congregations over the next few weeks to inspire us to offer help. This is the first opportunity this year to have a great time together and experience our young people in action!