

Creator God, you spoke the word and the wind and waves responded. Speak your word to the storms of doubt and fear that assail our troubled world. Set within us a love for your creation and for all your people. May our actions honour and care for this fragile world. 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**

### THIS WEEK

Monday	21 May	9.30 Baby Sensory; 4pm Auckland Girls' Choir rehearsal
Tuesday	22 June	9.30am Communicare; 5.30pm Remuera Lions
Wednesday	23 June	10.00am <b>Holy Communion (BCP 1928)</b> , Kinder Chapel <i>Followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.</i> 1pm Funeral for Carol Stone.
Thursday	24 June	10.00am Yoga in the Lounge; 5.30 Girl Guides
Friday	25 June	5.30pm Remuera Jr Chess Club
<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>	27 June	8.00 am Said Eucharist 9.30 am Choral Eucharist

### LOOKING FORWARD

**Sunday 27 June** 3 to 5pm in St Mark's Church, **The Auckland Girls Choir**, who rehearse every Monday in the Parish Centre, will hold a Musical Celebration in the church and would like our parishioners to attend if possible. Entry by suggested donation of \$10.00

**Sunday 8 August** 4 to 5pm in St Mark's Church. The Auckland branch of RSCM, of which St Mark's is a member, is hosting an hour of "sing your favourite hymns." You – our congregation and friends – are invited to submit a couple of your favourite hymns; from these submissions about a dozen will be chosen and sung. Caveat – you must be present to hear and sing your chosen hymn(s)! Brian Millar, music director at St Mark's, will lead proceedings. So – put the date into your diary; and start thinking about *your* favourites. Requests in writing please - to [music@stmarks.org.nz](mailto:music@stmarks.org.nz) or hand to Brian or to the church office. Last day for requests – Sunday 1 August 2021

**Donations towards Organ Console Refurbishment now stands at \$67,320 (Target \$87,000).** The account to deposit your gift into is **03 0104 0109908 02**. Please use 'donation' for the reference and 'organ' as the particulars. Also, if you are not on our Parish Roll, please email Diana in the Parish Office ([office@stmarks.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarks.org.nz)) with your contact details so we can properly thank you and send you a tax-receipt.

### **Parish Directory**

Parish Office	<i>Monday to Friday 9.00am until 3.00pm</i>	09 520 2258
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**The Anglican Parish of Saint Mark, Remuera**  
**A Community of Faith for 174 years**  
**20 June 2021 - Third Sunday after Trinity**  
**9.00 am Said Eucharist**  
**9.30 am Eucharist with Hymns**  
**5.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Water has rich symbolic resonances in the Bible. It is associated in both the Old and New Testaments with cleansing, healing, renewal, growth and prosperity. There is a darker side, however, to water as a symbol in the scriptures. Right at the beginning of the Bible, in the first account of Earth's creation (Genesis 1), water is present in vast quantities, representing the chaos from which God would fashion an ordered universe. Psalm 107 bears witness to the enormous power of the sea which, during storms, has waves that ascend to the heavens and descend to the depths (v26) causing sailors to 'reel to and fro, and stagger like drunken men,' until they are 'at their wits end.' (v27) Clearly there was considerable cultural unease about oceans and lakes, but there was the recognition as well that, ultimately, God was in control of even the most violent storm (v25), and that when beleaguered sailors call out to the Lord, 'he makes the storm be still, and the waves of the sea are hushed.' (v28) The unwilling prophet, Jonah, and the zealous apostle, Paul, were both beneficiaries of God's sovereign power over the might of raging seas – Jonah being saved from the depths by a whale or great fish (Jonah 2:10), and St Paul and his shipmates being plucked miraculously from the jaws of death when their prison ship foundered off the coast of Malta (Acts 27). In our day, the sea has become less of a threat to people in the western world, because we have had the good fortune of being able to develop technology to protect ourselves on it. Even though the sea might be a bit less frightening to us than it was to our ancestors, our lives are not free of anxiety. In fact, anxiety disorders across all age groups in developed societies are frequently reported in the media. There is just as much need for the people of this generation – including ourselves – to hear and experience the commanding words of Christ speaking into the chaos of our lives, 'Peace! Be still!'

**Tony Surman**