

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 12 January 2025

Liturgy: p.476

Baptism of the Lord

Psalm 29

Greetings:

Happy New Year! We've had lots of family to stay over the last few weeks, so it's been chaotic but great fun, and then Christine and I attended my Dad's 90th birthday party this weekend, while my brother and his family are visiting from Australia.

We are straight back into it now though, with Alpha starting on Wednesday 22 Jan at 6.30pm in the lounge. The course is open to anyone who would like to attend, and I will be advertising it wider than just our parish, so please don't be surprised if you see some new people around. The more the merrier! Please pray about getting involved, even if you don't want to attend. There are plenty of things to do: help set up, prayer groups behind the scenes, etc. Just let me know if you have some time and would like to help. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church. Thank you.

I have also received our Lenten Study guides for this year; it's a six-session look at the Book of Revelation and starts Wednesday 12 March, at 11am. There won't be an evening session this time as it clashes with Alpha, but if you want a study guide just let me know. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Shalom, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 12 January 2025

Sentence:

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are My Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased.'
Luke 3: 22

Collect:

Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed Him as Your own beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into His Name may give our lives to Your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading *Isaiah 43: 1-7*

NT Reading *Acts 8: 14-17*

Gospel *Luke 3: 15-17, 21*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the staff and Board of Anglican Missions and for the people of the Te Puke Parish and their clergy.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Hazel, Lawrence, Adam, Sheryl T, Lynda.

Foodbank

Many thanks for your generosity in donating goods for our Foodbank Christmas collection. Foodbank were very appreciative of our offering.

This Week Beginning: 14 January

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist

Op Shop 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday
10.00 am - 1pm Saturday

Playgroup Re-opens 21 January

Toy Library Re-opens 21 January

Service for Sunday 19 January –

9.30 am Holy Communion

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