

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 23 March 2025

Liturgy: p.438

Lent 3

Psalm 22: 23-31

Greetings:

Today we welcome Tim (Dad), Zoe, Sam and Pippa as new brothers and sisters in Christ! HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Mum Melissa was baptised years ago but now the whole family have something to share and celebrate together.

For any of you who need (or want) to attend the Diocesan Safeguarding Course the next one is being held at Holy Trinity on Saturday 10 May (level 1) and Sunday 11 May (level 2). If you would like to attend please let me know so that we can get you registered etc. For those who attended our last sessions, certificates are available from Erica in the office.

The gospel for Lent 3 is Luke 13: 1-9 (if we weren't having a baptism). In summary, "*Why do bad things happen to good people?*" or perhaps, "*life is less about luck and judgment, than about mercy and forgiveness.*" We have no control over what happens to us either through others' actions, or by accident/natural disaster; best we develop good habits of asking for God's mercy when things are bad and giving Him praise when they go well.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 23 March 2025

Sentence:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you: I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh

Ezekiel 36: 26

Collect:

God of grace, You have given us new life in the waters of baptism; strengthen us to live in righteousness and true holiness, that we may grow into the likeness of Your Son. For You are alive and reign with Jesus Christ Your Son, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NT Reading

Romans 4: 13-25

Gospel

Mark 8: 31-38

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and for the people of the Central Hawke's Bay Parish and their clergy.

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

Foodbank

As we lead up to Easter some treats for children for Easter would be welcomed by Foodbank. Your support of this important cause is greatly appreciated.

Tax Receipts

We will be issuing tax receipts in a few weeks – if you would like your receipt emailed to you rather than have a hard copy can you please let Lynda know.

This Week Beginning: 24 March

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist
11.00 am Lenten Study
2.00 pm SAYGo in the hall
6.30 pm Alpha course in the lounge
Friday 9.00 am Senior Chef

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

Playgroup 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 30 March –

9.30 am Holy Communion

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