

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 24 November 2024

Christ the King/Aotearoa Sunday Liturgy: p.404

Greetings:

This last weekend of our liturgical year signals a change of season; we move from White this week to Violet (for Advent) next. I don't know about you, but I can't shake the sense that there's some 'spring' cleaning to be done. The argument surrounding the *Treaty Principles Bill* has disturbed my peace. Our Archbishops attended the final stages of the hikoī in Wellington this week and made the following statement (abridged):

"The Treaty Principles Bill calls us to embody our Christian values in action ...

Powerful images of the national hikoī emphasise the kotahitanga [unity, connectedness] between Māori and Tauīwi— people singing, praying, and walking in solidarity, symbolising a nation of peace and harmony.

Many of us stand firm in the pursuit of partnership, social justice, and equity, which can be achieved by supporting Te Tiriti o Waitangi. A cause we began as Anglicans in the early 1800s, and one we must see through to its realisation.

Some of us have hesitated on this issue as a response to the fears and anxieties that true partnership can evoke. As with Christianity, Te Ao Māori [a Māori worldview] is rooted in values of hospitality and respect, always extending manaakitanga [hospitality] to others.

We are the Church of Te Tiriti, integrating a Te Tiriti o Waitangi based framework that upholds the principles of partnership and bicultural development. Our Three Tikanga streams represent a forward-looking approach to co-governance, thoughtfully shaped in response to the legacy of colonial oppression.”

Any idea that seeks to redefine our Government’s understanding of how the Treaty should be applied in a public context, especially one that is developed in isolation of our only partner, demonstrates that we still have much to learn from our turbulent past.

This Bill is not an indication of our political ‘maturity,’ it is a demonstration of both ignorance and arrogance. It risks undoing years of work by the Waitangi Tribunal and many others. I pray that the authors of this Bill see sense and withdraw it, before any more harm is done.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 24 November 2024

Sentence:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

Revelation 5: 12

Collect:

Christ our Redeemer, You have crushed the serpent's head; You have freed us from our sin; rescue all Your suffering world from evil that attracts us still. Hear this prayer for Your Name’s sake. Amen.

OT Reading

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

NT Reading

Colossians 1: 3-14

Gospel

Mark 4: 26-34

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for Anglican churches in the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, and for the people of the Taupō Parish and their clergy.

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

Advent Study

Advent Study will be held at 11am and 7pm on Wednesday 4th, 11th and 18th December. All welcome. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

Remembrance Tree of Light

Sponsor a light in memory of a departed loved one and support St John New Zealand (Ambulance Services) and St John's Anglican Church Community Outreach. A beautiful, lighted tree will stand in church from Advent Sunday 1 December and through the Christmas period. Names of loved ones remembered will be displayed around the *Tree*. *Application forms are available in the foyer.*

Lavender Craft Morning Tea

Don't forget the annual Christmas Devonshire tea in the lounge from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon this coming Monday (25 November). Admission will be \$5. There will be a sales table with wonderful gifts for Christmas, raffles and a \$200 spot prize.

This Week Beginning: 25 November

- Monday** 10.00 am Lavender Craft Morning Tea
- Tuesday** 7.00 pm Vestry meeting
- Wednesday** 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist
2.00 pm SAYGo
- Friday** 9.00 am Senior Chef
- Op Shop** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday
- Playgroup** 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Toy Library** 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 1 December –

9.30 am Holy Communion

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