

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 9 March 2025

Liturgy: p.456

Lent 1

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Greetings:

Over the next few weeks, we have a few extra things happening around the place; first, our AGM this morning, at which we elect a new Vestry and consider budgetary issues for the coming year. I am very grateful for the offers of extra help at Vestry. This will be followed by a practice event for the Community Emergency Hub, where the TCC team are coming to rehearse a couple of things, topping off what we did a couple of weeks ago. In addition, I am hopeful that our new signs have been installed by the time you attend church on Sunday.

Next Sunday (16 March) we have a visit from the United Seafarers Mission (USM) at the Port, and a team from the Mission To Seafarers (MTS) who work closely with USM. This visit hopes in part, to encourage us to become 'Friends of the Mission to Seafarers' and support welfare initiatives from time to time.

On Sunday 23 March we have a baptism to perform as part of our normal service. The Parsons family (four of them) are being welcomed as new brothers and sisters in Christ. Tim Parsons grew up in this neighbourhood and feels that a return to this church is best to mark this important day in their shared journey. Very exciting!

On 30 March (after church) our new Vestry will gather for a day looking at the year ahead and will address some of the issues around our financial performance. This is because we have prepared a deficit budget this year, which in conjunction with last year's out-turn gives us a reason to look more closely at options and consequences. We will of course bring you more detail about this meeting and the issues we address over time.

In all things, give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

Shalom, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 9 March 2025

Sentence:

Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him. *Luke 4:8*

Collect:

Hear us, Jesus Christ, when we ask for help to recognise temptation, for honesty to face it, for strength to resist it and humility to give God the glory. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.

OT Reading *Deuteronomy 26: 1-11*

NT Reading *Romans 10: 8b-13*

Gospel *Luke 4: 1-13*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for peace in the Ukraine, and for the people of the Westshore Parish and their Ministry Support Team.

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

Lenten Study

Our Lenten study this year is a six-week session look at the Book of Revelation. It starts this Wednesday at 11am. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. There won't be an evening session this year as it clashes with Alpha, but if you want a study guide just let Tony know.

This Week Beginning: 10 March

Tuesday 7.00 pm St John's Women's Fellowship meeting

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist

11.00 am Lenten Study

2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

3.15 pm Service at Radius Matua

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 Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 16 March –

9.30 am Holy Communion

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