

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 16 March 2025

Liturgy: p.456

Lent 2

Psalm 27

Greetings:

I am delighted to announce that our new Vestry is as follows:

Vicar's Warden Roger Clark

People's Warden Angela Stensness

Ordinary Members: Wendy Burborough, Tim Cross (Tim is also our Lay Synod Rep and a Diocesan Lay Rep on General Synod), Sue Reed and Liz Skivington.

Thank you all for your willing offer of service. We will be having a special Vestry Day at the Vicarage after church on Sunday 30 March, to talk about some larger questions that we need to address.

On another matter, I have been reading a book called *Intentional: A Way Forward for the Church*, by ABp Justin Duckworth and Dr Alan Jamieson (a senior NZ Baptist pastor with more than 30 years' experience). While what they say has plenty of challenge in it for what they describe as 'centre-churches' (where we fit their model), they also recognise that 'edge-churches' (an alternative) need us, as much as we need them. It's worth a read. We have plenty of challenge ahead ... best we learn from the wisdom of those who have been here before. You are welcome to borrow the book from me at any time.

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

Tony

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 16 March 2025

Sentence:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 3:20*

Collect:

God of life and glory, Your Son was revealed in splendour before He suffered death upon the cross. Grant that we, beholding His Majesty, may be strengthened to follow Him and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and for ever. Amen.

OT Reading *Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18*

NT Reading *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Gospel *Luke 13: 31-35*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for those who lead the Anglican Church in our Province, and for the people of the Ōpōtiki Parish, the tikanga rua relationship with the Te Kaha Rohe, and their clergy.

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

Lavender Craft

Lavender Craft resumes this coming Monday 17th at 10 am. Anyone interested in sewing- embroidery, crafts or knitting is most welcome. We will be creating goods for sale later in year, funds towards the needs of St Johns Church this year. Meet at Liss Lloyd's - 20 Andrew Place (phone 021 1605697).

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: 17 March

Monday	10.00 am	Lavender Craft
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
Thursday	7.00 pm	Vestry meeting
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 23 March –

9.30 am Holy Communion and Baptisms

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