

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 14 July 2024

OT 15

Greetings:

Today is Sea Sunday, the day we set aside to give thanks for the work of all seafarers and those who work in support of those who work on the sea. As a nation that is arguably the furthest from anywhere and fundamentally reliant on seafarers for our daily sustenance, I'm surprised we don't make more of this as a country. Fuel, food, retail goods, electronics, cars, trucks and other machinery, the list is very long indeed. Our exports and the value we derive from them in international markets. And then there is our very long coastline and huge Exclusive Economic Zone over which we exercise legal jurisdiction. It seems to me that we have a great deal to think about and be thankful for when it comes to the sea, particularly in this city surrounding our largest and most important port.

In this context, ours is so very different from Jesus' culture. As migrant people, more used to being surrounded by desert and wilderness, Jews were naturally fearful of the sea and all it represented.

Fishermen and others who plied their trade upon the waves, did so at enormous risk of storms and of the depths themselves, where "great monsters" dwelt below. At least above ground you could see the threat coming.

Let's pray together for all those who work on the sea; for their safety and well-being, and for their families from whom they spend so much

time apart. Let's pray for the companies which operate vessels and who employ the seafarers; that they may do so fairly and equitably. Let's pray in particular, for the seafarers still stuck on the vessel in Baltimore harbour that had the bridge collapse on it a little while ago; that they may have access to shore based facilities and comforts while their journey is delayed. Let's pray also for all those who pass through our Port; may they enjoy fair seas and a following wind, and may they and their families receive all God's care and kindness this and every day.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 14 July 2024

Sentence:

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false.

Psalm 24:3-4

Collect:

God our Strength and our Hope, grant us the courage of John the Baptist, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading

Amos 7.7-15

NT Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, and for the people of the East Coast Parish.

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

Mission to Seafarers

We are making a special request seeking donations to the Mission to Seafarers Women's Welfare Packs (toiletries, hygiene items, etc). Could you please place donated items in the labelled bins in the foyer by Sunday 14 July and we will make sure the donated goods get to the Mission at the Port.

Soup and Rolls Lunch

Thank you to all those who attended the St John's Women's Fellowship Soup and Rolls lunch, and to all those who involved in organising and setting up the event. The raffles were won by Elizabeth Gaskell, Geoff Crawshaw and Sue Reed.

This Week Beginning: 15 July

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 Closed for school holidays

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

**Service for Sunday 21 July –
9.30 am Holy Communion**

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