

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 5 May 2024

Easter 6

Greetings:

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Our Chosen series started this week and we had nine folk join us, of whom only four are parishioners! The others came from a variety of places giving us a diverse group so it's going to be a grand gathering ... please don't hesitate to join us at either 11am or 7pm on Wednesdays!

As we head towards Ascension and then Pentecost/Trinity/Te Pouhere we get the opportunity to see ourselves in a very "big church" context; we become aware that we are only one small part of a very large family of brothers and sisters in Christ. I don't know about you but I find this encouraging. I enjoy our Anglican peculiarity and liturgical culture but I also find our Christian breadth and diversity exciting.

In this context we have been invited to participate in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity over the period 12-19 May. I strongly commend this to you and invite you to gather with me for Morning Prayer especially during that week (Tue 14 to Sat 18). While we might each pray individually about the same thing to great effect, I'm convinced of the special power of collective prayer; *"for where two or three are gathered in My Name, I am there among them"* (Mat 18: 20) ... *"if you*

abide in Me and My Words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you” (John 15: 7).

Grace and peace.

Tony

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 5 May 2024

Sentence

Jesus said, ‘You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.’ *John 15:16*

Collect

Almighty God, You teach us in Your Word that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love You with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading *Acts 10: 44-48*

NT Reading *1 John 5: 1-6*

Gospel *John 15: 9-17*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the work of Anglican Missions in partnership with the Diocese of Polynesia and for the people of the Waiapu Anglican Cathedral Parish of St John the Evangelist and their clergy.

We pray for those in need, especially those who ask for our prayers: Craig, Reece, James, Viv, James F.

Taizé at St George's, Gate Pa

You are invited to the next contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France service - 7pm on Sunday 12 May.

This Week Beginning: 6 May

Tuesday 12.00 pm Fish n Chips and Games

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist

2.00 pm SAYGo

3.15 pm Service at Radius Matua

7.00 pm "The Chosen" - movie & discussion group

Friday 9.00 am Senior Chef

Tuesday 8:00 am Silent Meditation

Weds – Sat 8.00 am Morning Prayer

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

Services for Sunday 12 May –

8.30 am Holy Eucharist

10.00 am Holy Eucharist

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