

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

## **St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai**



**Sunday, 1 December 2024**

*Liturgy: p.404*

*Advent 1*

*Psalm 23*

### *Greetings:*

Welcome to Year C. Over the coming year we will use the gospel of Luke more than some of the others, and we will discover (again) a story that is written for a Greek (non-Jewish) audience. Some find this easier to follow and it also contains parables and stories not found in Matthew and Mark, so perhaps more clearly outlines a 'journey narrative' than some. I look forward to discovering together, what it is we shall come to know.

Please join with me in praying for Rev'd Carl Tinnion this weekend as he is ordained priest in the Anglican Church. I'm sure there are other reasons for which we should pray for him and his family (eg. he is also involved in doctoral studies) but this will do for the moment. Carl will not change his role at this time, but he will be available from time to time to administer the sacraments.

Please also add Rev'd John Hebenton to your list. John is having a series of different medical procedures over the coming weeks and two of their children are coming to live at home as they return to live in NZ again from time overseas. Life in their small abode will be cramped for a while until jobs and other accommodations are found.

I'll leave you with a question that I hope to address in the sermon this week: "If Advent is a season of preparation, what is it that we are preparing for?"

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 1 December 2024**

### **Sentence:**

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

*Luke 21:28*

### **Collect:**

**Come, O come Emmanuel, You are the way, the Truth and the Life;  
Come, living Saviour come to Your world which waits for You.  
Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.**

### **OT Reading**

*Jeremiah 33: 14-16*

### **NT Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13*

### **Gospel**

*Luke 21: 25-36*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the people, staff and clergy of Fiji, and for the Bishop of Waiapu: Andrew Hedge & Raewyn, and their children Jessica, Ethan & Caitlin.

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.

### **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. Please phone or email names of those to be remembered to Lynda.*

### **Advent Study**

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

### **Foodbank**

Christmas is a particularly hard time for families in need so we ask that you give generously to our Foodbank collection as we lead up to Christmas. In the last 12 months the Tauranga Foodbank has assisted 7,862 households, including 12,000 children. Sadly the need in our community is great - any assistance is much appreciated.

### **Taizé Service**

All are invited to a contemplative service based on the music of the Taizé Community – at 7pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at St George's.

## **This Week Beginning: 2 December**

- Wednesday** 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist  
11.00 am Advent Study  
2.00 pm SAYGo  
7.00 pm Advent Study
- Thursday** 12.30pm Books and Friends at Kunul Cafe
- 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 8 December –**

9.30 am Holy Communion

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