

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 30 November 2025

Liturgy: p.404 Advent 1: Hope (Tumanako) Psalm 122

Greetings:

Yesterday Christine and I attended the Diocesan Ordination service in Napier. We witnessed the Reverend Derry Boylan (Parish of Taradale) be admitted to the order of priests, and Birgitta Rolston (Parish of Central Hawkes Bay) to the transitional diaconate (meaning that it is intended that she will become a priest in due course).

I am always taken aback by this service; in my mind I see two new colleagues called into the service of those who are not yet members. What events and past challenges have brought them to this place and time? What future challenges will they face in which we can support them? How will the Holy Spirit make His presence known to others through them? This might sound a bit deep, but I assure you these thoughts will not be far from their minds at this time. This is not a job you want ... it is a calling you cannot lay down.

On a lighter note, we are clearly getting ready for another lovely summer in this part of the world, albeit perhaps a busy one. Set aside time for rest in the weeks ahead ... and reflection on Who Jesus is ... to you!

Happy Advent!

Grace and peace,

Tony

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 30 November 2025

Sentence:

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.

Isaiah 2:3a

Collect:

Praise and honour to You living God; Your coming will be like a thief in the night, like lightning flashing across the sky. Grant that we may be ready, and our hearts answer, Come Lord Jesus. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.

OT Reading *Isaiah 2: 1-5*

NT Reading *Romans 13: 11-14*

Gospel *Matthew 24: 36-44*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Five Marks of Mission – Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure, and for the Christian World Service and for the Uniting Churches of Aotearoa.

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

Choral Evensong

All Parishioners are invited to attend the liturgy of Choral Evensong at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Mount Maunganui on the first Sunday of every month at 4.00pm.

Foodbank

Foodbank will be putting together their special Christmas parcels in the first week of December so donations of goodies for Christmas will be much appreciated. Thank you for support of Foodbank.

This Week Beginning: 1 December

Wednesday	10:00 am Mid-week Communion 11:00 am Advent Study 2:00 pm SAYGO in the hall
Thursday	12:30 pm 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 7 December -

9:30 am Holy Communion

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