

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 19 April 2026

Liturgy: p456

Easter 3/AGM Psalm: 116: 1-4, 12-18

Greetings from Archdeacon Peter

It is a privilege to be with you at Ōtūmoetai this Sunday to preach and preside during your morning worship service as well as lead your AGM.

I have just returned from Vanuatu, supporting the Oceania Anglican Fono gathering of Primates and General Secretaries from Australia, Melanesia, Papua New Guinea and our Church (Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia). There we discussed, in the light of the hope we have during Easter, events of mutual concern across our Churches. Chief among these was climate change and disasters. Our Pacific sisters and brothers were mindful of New Zealand facing into Vaianu as we met, reflecting on their own experiences with devastating cyclones. Our archbishops are committed to taking actions that support climate justice, including disaster preparedness work, particularly in the Pacific where churches are often the core of communities. These actions also include creative youth-led initiatives like the Sails of Hope programme which sees young people learn about the Scriptures, different cultures and climate change all while experiencing traditional voyaging - see

https://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz/news/common_life/sailsforhope_fiji26

While we always have our own issues before us - and as a parish looking towards the next appointment of a vicar looms large - may we also "lift our eyes to the hills" to see what is happening in the world and Church around us. I invite you to pray for our wider Church as they consider matters, like climate change, which affect us all.

Peace and all good, *Peter*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 19 April 2026

Sentence:

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2:38-39

Collect:

Jesus, we believe You; all we heard is true. You break the bread, we recognise You, You are the fire that burns within us; use us to light the world. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

OT Reading *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

NT Reading *1 Peter 1:17-23*

Gospel *Luke 24:13-25*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network and its work in developing, training, and resourcing its international members, and for the people of the Greater Hastings Parish and their clergy.

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

Anzac Day Civic Services

6.00 am	Pāpāmoa Memorial, Pāpāmoa Beach Road
6.00 am	Mount Maunganui Cenotaph, Marine Parade
6.00 am	Tauranga Memorial Park, Memorial Field.
9.30 am	Tauranga Memorial Park, Memorial Field
11.00 am	Pyes Pā Cemetery, 403 Pyes Pā Road

This Week Beginning: 20 April

Please note: No Lavender Craft this month. Back to normal next month.

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Communion
2.00 pm SAYGo in the hall
7.00 pm Vestry meeting in the lounge
Friday 9.30 am Senior Chef
Sunday 9.30 am Holy Communion

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

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