

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday 25 May 2025**

*Liturgy: p.476*

*Easter 6*

*Psalm 67*

### *Greetings:*

You will notice this week that Vaughan's organ is no longer with us. We are very grateful for his generous loan for the last few weeks, and for a peek into what might be possible for us in the coming time ahead. Thank you Vaughan. Vestry has received two reports about what needs to be done to our own organ to improve its utility and function for us and will be considering those reports in detail at our meeting next month. Whatever we do will be expensive, so we need to think wisely about the options. One possibility is that we create an "organ/music fund" and invite people to contribute to it discretely over time. We will consider this and other proposals and keep you informed of decisions.

Similarly, I mentioned last week that a pastoral care network and prayer chain might be ways in which people might contribute to the health of the parish and to the flourishing of life in the Kingdom in this place and time. There are many forms such an initiative might take and several ways for each of us to get involved: visitors, support teams, mentors/coaches, prayer teams, bakers/cooks, etc. I will consult with interested parties in the coming weeks. Training will be required by those who take a direct role, as they will need to be properly prepared so that

everyone can have confidence that they are competent and discrete in the execution of their work. Much to do, but it's just as important to do it well. If you would like to get involved, please let me know.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 25 May 2025**

### **Sentence:**

‘Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you,’ says the Lord.  
‘Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’  
*John 14:27*

### **Collect:**

**Almighty God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to Your redeeming love and draw all people to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**1st Reading:** *Acts 16: 9-15*

**2nd Reading** *Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5*

**Gospel** *Luke 5: 1-11*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the Bricks for Life programme in Ethiopia, and for the people of the Southern Hawke's Bay Parish and their clergy.

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

### **This Week Beginning: 26 May**

**Wednesday**    10.00 am Mid-week Communion  
                      2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

**Op Shop**        10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday  
                      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 1 June -**

9.30 am Holy Communion

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