

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday 10 May 2026**

*Liturgy: p476*

*Easter 6*

*Psalm 66:7-19*

### *Greetings:*

Last week in John 14:1-14 we were invited to live the way of Jesus. “The Way of Jesus is the embodiment of the dream and hope of God.... We must be people of the way, being the dream and hope of God, as we participate in abundant life while here on earth together” As we live the way of Jesus, we come to know both who God is and God’s commitment or covenant to restore humanity and renew all creation.

This week we continue to read from John 14. Jesus continues to be the good shepherd for his fearful and grieving disciples as their dreams seem to come to an end. But it is not the end. Jesus has walked beside them, teaching them about God in the way he lived and how he saw and treated people. He is now sending another to go with them, another advocate, The Spirit, to walk alongside and within each of them that Jesus’ Way might continue, and the dream and hope of God be fulfilled.

In our uncertainty the Spirit abides in us and accompanies us as we seek to live the Way of Jesus today. And we are invited be advocates for others – walking alongside them in the same way Jesus showed. He had washed their feet as one who serves and given them the commandment to love. As we do that may we see the divine Spirit already abiding in them.

How do we experience the Spirit accompanying us in our doubts and fears. Who do we walk alongside and are we open to discover God’s life already present? Finally, who walks alongside us allowing us to live the way?

*John Hebert TSSF.*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 10 May 2026**

### **Sentence:**

‘Those who love me will keep my word,’ Jesus promises, ‘and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’

*John 14:23*

### **Collect:**

**Eternal God,  
light of the minds that know you, joy of the hearts that love you,  
strength of the wills that serve you;  
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may gladly serve you, now and always.  
Amen**

**OT Reading**    *Acts 17:22-31*

**NT Reading**    *1 Peter 3:13-22*

**Gospel**            *John 14:15-21*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the youth and children in Aotearoa and Polynesia, and for the people of Papamoa East Anglican Mission and Sandra Johnston.

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

### **Sunday Morning Tea Helpers Needed**

We're looking for a few extra people to help with Sunday morning tea. It's very light duties, and someone will always be there to show you what's involved. Many hands make light work! If you're able to help, please let Erica or Frances know.

## New Organ

The new organ has been ordered and will take 5 or 6 days to assemble and package. It will then be shipped from Italy. Once it is loaded into a container at Genoa a tracking number will be allocated so that we can track its progress to New Zealand.

### **This Week Beginning: 11 May**

**Tuesday**      7.00 pm St John's Women's Fellowship  
                    3.15 pm Communion at Radius Matua

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

**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    9:30am – 11:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Toy Library   9:30am – 11:30 am Thursday, Saturday

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