

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 5th June 2022
The Feast of Pentecost

Gluten free communion wafers are available.

If you require one, please speak to one of the clergy before the service.

Dear Friends

The Day of Pentecost completes the journey that began with Ash Wednesday and continued through Lent, Holy Week and into Eastertide. It is the culmination of a journey that moves symbolically from ashes to fire. Pentecost sums up the Gospel: Jesus Christ offers wholeness and healing to all and the church exists to proclaim it.

The contemporary church may not much resemble the early church. Even the most encouraging signs of spiritual growth seem tepid compared to Pentecost's infectious energy. Such comparisons are unnecessary. The story of Pentecost is not meant to be a benchmark of what the church should look like on any given Sunday. Rather, it serves as a reminder of our identity and purpose – of who we are as a church, what we proclaim and the source of that proclamation. Pentecost is a message to the church from the church, passed down through millennia to each generation, calling us today to live its promise and celebrate its global witness.

The first important dimension of the church is its universality. Pentecost reminds us that, even though our faith practices are rooted in local contexts, the church's identity extends beyond every congregation, denomination and cultural tradition 'to the ends of the earth'. Pentecost celebrates the face of Christ throughout the world in all its theological, cultural, and liturgical diversity.

A second dimension of the church is the local congregation. So today we celebrate the participation of *this* congregation in the work and worship of the whole church. We celebrate because we are able to meet for worship in safety, not something given to all Christian communities in the world. We are a supportive community holding each other in prayer and loving support when needed. To add to our established community presence – the Op Shop, the Playgroup and the Toy Library – we have recently started new initiatives – Senior Chef, Fish n Chips & Games and the Book Club – which provide opportunities for fun and friendship both for our church members and for anyone in the community who wishes to join in.

The Holy Spirit is an ongoing gift, not just a onetime event and the church is constantly changing, according to the Spirit's leading. The many dimensions of the church's identity – global, local, and personal – are interrelated and essential. Whether we are together in the same place or apart we are one. None can exist apart from Christ or from the others.

Arohanui,

Sue (Vicar)

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 5th JUNE 2022

Sentence

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

Collect

**Holy Spirit of God,
as of fire, forging, purging, all-consuming:
touch us with love,
purge us from the dross of sin and self,
so that we may tell your glory
in the furnace of the world.
With the Father and the Son, you live and reign,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

1st Reading *Genesis 11.1-9*

2nd Reading *Acts 2.1-21*

Gospel *John 14.8-17, 25-27*

Prayers of the People

On the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, we give thanks for her steadfast faith and loyal service, in times of joy and in seasons of affliction. May God ever provide her with all she may need to meet the demands which her office may make, and in all things may she be nourished by Christ's word and example.

Today we pray for all clergy within the Diocese of Polynesia and for the people of the Waiapu Anglican Cathedral Parish of St John the Evangelist and their clergy.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Colin, Shirley.

PLAYGROUP LEADER: 'GOODBYE' and 'HELLO'

On Thursday 9th June we say goodbye to Debbie Allan who has been with us since July last year. She is leaving for a job nearer her home. We thank her for her excellent and imaginative contribution during a difficult period which has been punctuated by Covid restrictions.

We are delighted to welcome Stephanie Suttmeier as our new Playgroup Leader. She will start on 7th June to enable a few days to learn from Debbie. Please give her a warm and supportive welcome.

Word and Light OUR PARISH MAGAZINE

The theme for the next edition will be **Stars**. Articles on other topics are also welcome. Photos add interest. Please send your contributions to Lynda, the Parish Administrator, by **4th July 2022**. Remember that, to keep readers' attention, your articles should not be too long (*up to around 700 words*).

This Week Beginning: 6th June

Tuesday	12.00pm	Fish n Chips and Games
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	2.00 pm	SAYGo in the hall
	3.00 pm	Service at Radius Matua
Friday	9.00 am	Senior Chef
Op Shop	10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)	
Playgroup	9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	
Toy Library	9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	

Services for Sunday 12th June – Trinity Sunday

8.30 am	Holy Eucharist
10.00 am	Holy Eucharist

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