

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday, 20 April 2025**

*Easter Day*

*Liturgy: p.404*

*Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24*

### *Greetings:*

You've heard the saying that "a week is a long time in politics?" Well, this season is proof that a lot can happen in three days!  
*Jesus Christ is risen ... He is risen indeed!*

The "Great Three Days" (Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day) are arguably the most important in our calendar. In recent years we at St John's have celebrated Foot Washing and Eucharist here, but in future we might take a different path and take time to experience these days through a different lens, to enhance our experience of the full range of feelings that Easter can bring about. This might include a Parish Dinner and Tenebrae (a service of Shadows) through which we can learn something of the Jewish experience of Passover. I am not proposing to hold a "Seder" which might be offensive to the Jewish community, but we have much to appreciate about our Judeo-Christian history nonetheless.

Happy Easter ... with or without hot cross buns, eggs (decorated or otherwise), chocolate and/or rabbits!

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 20 April 2025**

### **Sentence:**

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

*Luke 24:34*

### **Collect:**

**Jesus Christ our Saviour, You have delivered us from sin and death. You have brought with the dawn a new beginning and an empty tomb; grant us strength and humility to enter into life. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.**

**OT Reading**     *Isaiah 65: 17-25*

**NT Reading**     *Acts 10: 34-43*

**Gospel**             *Luke 24: 1-12*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for those still affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in Aotearoa New Zealand and for the people of the Gate Pā Parish and their clergy.

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

### **Lavender Craft**

Lavender Craft Group will not be meeting this month.

### **Anzac Day Services**

6.00 am	Mount Maunganui Cenotaph
6.00 am	Tauranga RSA Cenotaph, 1237 Cameron Road
9.00 am	Tauranga Memorial Park, Eleventh Avenue
11.00 am	Remembrance Service, Pyes Pā Cemetery

### **This Week Beginning: 21 April**

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

**Op Shop**        10.00 am - 4.00 pm Tuesday to Thursday  
                      10.00 am - 1pm Saturday

**Playgroup**     9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Toy Library**   9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

### **Service for Sunday 27 April –**

9.30 am Holy Communion

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