

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday, 31 March 2024**

*Easter Day*

### *Greetings:*

*Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Welcome to our service today, on this happiest of days we are privileged to share our joy with you, the body of Christ. If you are just visiting, please make yourself known to the Vicar, and join us for morning tea after the service.

We have a choice of gospel messages today; I preach on the passage from John but the alternative, the ending of Mark's gospel is equally enthralling. The seemingly mundane nature of many of the details included, both adds to the authenticity of the story and sets an interesting contrast with the completely incomprehensible divine aspects of the story. The details of how the women prepare and come to anoint Jesus but are not able to do so because He has already gone, contrasts with the fact that He was mysteriously anointed by the anonymous woman at the table in chapter 14. The women have come to perform an ordinary and necessary ritual but leave in extreme fear (terror) anxiety and amazement. The stone at the door of the tomb wasn't rolled away to let Jesus out ... but to let us see in!

What we are presented with in all of the gospel narratives is less a collection of incontrovertible facts, than a series of observations and

circumstantial evidence that we are left to ponder and make of what we will ... and the consequences in every age have been extraordinary!

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*Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 31 March 2024**

### **Sentence**

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

*Luke 24:34*

### **Collect**

**Living Christ, You are risen from the dead! Love reigns!  
You are life stronger than death; raise our eyes to see You  
as the new day dawns; for the glory of Your holy Name.  
Amen.**

### **OT Reading**

*Acts 10: 34-43*

### **NT Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11*

### **Gospel**

*John 20: 1-18*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ and we pray for Kawakawa Mai Tawhati Pariha: Rev. Raunikau Stainton, Rev. Kingston Cooper, Rev. Campbell Dewes.

We pray for those in need, especially those who ask for our prayers: Craig, Reece, James, Viv.

### **Daylight Saving**

Daylight Saving ends at 3 am Sunday 7 April – please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

### **This Week Beginning: 1 April**

<b>Tuesday</b>	12.00 pm	Fish n Chips and Games
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	11.00 am	Study Group – “The Potter”
	1.30 pm	Golden Age
	7.00 pm	Study Group – “The Potter”
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am	Senior Chef
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am	Silent Meditation
<b>Weds – Sat</b>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
<b>Op Shop</b>	10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday	
	10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday	
<b>Playgroup</b>	9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	
<b>Toy Library</b>	9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	

### **Services for Sunday 7 April –**

8.30 am Holy Eucharist

10.00 am Holy Eucharist

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