

Welcome! Haere mai!

## St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai



### Epiphany 2021

#### *Greetings*

Welcome to our first Sunday worship of 2021.

Today we celebrate the beginning of the season of Epiphany. The word 'epiphany' comes from the Greek *epiphaneia* meaning manifestation or revelation. This ancient Roman antiphon reminds us of the threefold significance of Epiphany:

*Three wonders mark this holy day: today a star led wise men to the crib; today Jesus came to John to be baptised in the River Jordan, so that he might save us; today wine was made from water at the wedding-feast. Alleluia!*

I offer you this New Year prayer:

Loving God, for the year that has passed with its sorrows and joys, we give you thanks; for in every moment of it, you remained faithful to us, rejoicing and struggling with us, though often we were slow to recognise you there. And with thanks for this past year, we now release it. May its treasures inspire us, but never bind us in nostalgia; and may its troubles teach us, but never hold us captive. For you who have created are still creating...making all things new, including this day. Amen.

Arohanui,

*Sue (Vicar)*

# SERVICES

Through to and including 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 there will be one service at 9.00 am each Sunday.

**Wednesday Holy Communion** resumes on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**AAW Sunday** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February – The Executive of the Association of Anglican Women will be commissioned as part of the 9.00 am service.

## OTHER KEY INFORMATION

<b>Parish Office</b>	<b>Closed:</b> re-opening 5 <sup>th</sup> January (limited hours)
<b>Oasis Op Shop</b>	<b>Closed:</b> re-opens 11 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Toy Library</b>	<b>Closed:</b> re-opens 26 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Play Group</b>	<b>Closed:</b> re-commences Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February

### Contact Us

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### **Emergency contact while office is closed**

As the Vicar will be away off and on between 28<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> January please contact either of the Wardens in case of genuine emergency. Viv 021 304-266; Bill 021 982-984.