

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday, 14 January 2024**  
**Epiphany 2**

### *Greetings:*

Thank you to those of you who have asked for a copy of our **Lenten Study** material (*The Long Road to Heaven*). I have ordered a few extra copies so we should have enough. We are now subject to the vagaries of the postal service!

**Monday 15 January** is Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, and there's a holiday in the US to celebrate that great man and all that he achieved. While I think there is still much more to do with regard to civil rights and justice in that country (as there is here) and there were several things in his personal life to remind us that he was (and we are) only human ... MLK was well known for standing up and shouting from the rooftops about things that needed to be said ... and he did get a lot done along the way. As we approach our own civil rights and justice 'celebration day', let's take time to ponder how we, in our situation, might do more.

Last week we blessed some chalk with which we can pray over and bless our houses and our visitors in the year ahead by way of an **Epiphany House Blessing**. The chalk is for marking the door lintel as a visible way of declaring our faith in the community. If you missed out ... please don't hesitate to see me afterwards ... I have some spares left over.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **Sentence**

We call to mind Your steadfast love O God, in the midst of Your temple. As Your Name is great O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth.

*Psalms 48: 9-10*

### **Collect**

**Praise to You, Creator God, for all Your work among us. Yours is the vigour in creation, Yours is the impulse in our new discoveries. Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.**

### **OT Reading**

*1 Samuel 3: 1-20*

### **NT Reading**

*1 Corinthians 6: 12-20*

### **Gospel**

*John 1: 43-51*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for Anglican Financial Care and for the people of the Whakatane parish and their clergy.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Reece.

### **This Week Beginning: 15<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>Tuesday</b>	12.00 pm	Fish n Chips and Games
<b>Wednesday</b>	2.00 pm	SAYGo
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am	Senior Chef
<b>Tues - Sat</b>	8:00 am	Silent Meditation

**Op Shop** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday  
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday  
**Playgroup** Recommences 23 January  
**Toy Library** 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

**Service for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January –**

10.00 am Holy Eucharist

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