

Welcome! Haere mai!

# St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



**Sunday 25 January 2026**

*Liturgy: p.456*

*Epiphany 3*

*Psalm 27:1, 4-9*

## Greetings:

At our Vestry meeting this week we are considering what to do about the Organ Fund. Subject to the decision of that meeting, it may be necessary to call a Special General Meeting to consider whether to either purchase an organ, or cancel the project and return the funds gathered to the donors. I am required to give at least fourteen days' notice of such a meeting (Canon 1, clause 4.7), and in order that this matter is resolved before I leave the parish, I give notice of a **Special General Meeting of the Parish** to be held in the church, after our regular 9.30am service on **Sunday 15 February** to consider a proposal that will be detailed in next week's Newsletter. Our Archdeacon, the Ven Peter Bargh will be with us to preach that day.

While the above sounds a little convoluted I hope that you can see the wisdom of being prepared, in order that you all have an opportunity to have a say on such an important matter. I am grateful for your understanding and look forward to seeing you then.

This week our NT reading is about divisions in the church. Whatever our decision is in a couple of weeks' time ... let us not be divided.

Grace and peace,

*Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 25 January 2026**

### **Sentence:**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Matthew 4:23*

### **Collect:**

**Almighty God, Your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of Your saving love; renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OT Reading** *Isaiah 9: 1-4*

**NT Reading** *1 Corinthians 1: 10-18*

**Gospel** *Matthew 4: 12-23*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the Anglican Missions' programmes, one of which is ensuring access to safe water and hygiene so that communities can live with health and dignity, and we pray for the people of Southern Hawke's Bay Parish and their clergy.

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

## **This Week Beginning: 26 January**

**Wednesday** 2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

**Thursday** 7.00 pm Vestry Meeting

**Op Shop** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Tuesday to Friday

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday

**Playgroup** 9:30 – 11:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Toy Library** 9:30 – 11:30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

## **Service for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – 9:30 am Holy Communion**

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