

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 1 February 2026

Liturgy: p.456

Epiphany 4

Psalm 15

Greetings:

At our Vestry meeting this week we considered, among other things, what recommendation we would make to the Parish about the Organ Fund. As previously notified, a Special General Meeting has been called to decide whether we should either, accept Vaughan's very generous offer to sell us his organ and set it up at an all-inclusive price of \$10,000, or cancel the project and return the funds gathered (\$6,400) to the donors. 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 make a decision. Our Archdeacon, the Ven Peter Bargh will be with us to preach that day.

The gospel on Sunday is Matthew 5: 1-12, the *beatitudes*. Interestingly, you won't find the word *beatitudes* in the Concise Oxford Dictionary, but other authoritative sources list the meaning as "blessings" on the basis that they tell us who, in Jesus' eyes, is especially blessed and how/why. I wonder though, if this is the case, whether those of us who don't fit nicely into any one or other category might feel somehow excluded. I prefer to think of them as "*be- attitudes*," attitudes to which *each of us* can aspire; if you want to *be blessed*, this is what we need to be, and how we need to act.

Our mid-week morning service resumes this week; see you at 10am on Wednesday 4 Feb.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 1 February 2026

Sentence:

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6:8*

Collect:

Teach us, Jesus, how to live and worship without being worldly or greedy. Drive from our lives what spoils them and make us temples of the Spirit; for the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

OT Reading *Micah 6: 1-8*

NT Reading *1 Corinthians 1: 18-31*

Gospel *Matthew 5: 1-12*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the team at the Moana Anglican Services and Teaching Centre in Suva, and for the Retired Bishops of Waiapu: John Bluck, George Connor, Murray Mills, David Rice.

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

We pray for the soul of the recently departed, Hazel, and for her family.

Pickup From Kumeu?

If anyone is going to be in or near Kumeu in the next few weeks, please would they pick up a parcel for the church? We are moving the defibrillator to outside the building in a secure box so that the community may also access it. The courier cost for the storage box is \$50 so trying our luck to see if we can avoid that!

This Week Beginning: 2 February

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Communion

2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

Friday 9.30 am Senior Chef

Op Shop 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday to Thursday

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 8th February -

9:30 am Holy Communion

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