

Welcome! Haere mai!

# St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai



**Sunday 8 March 2020**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

## **Sentence**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

## **Collect**

**Holy Spirit of God, you blow where you will.  
Blow once more through us your chosen people.  
Enliven us with your power,  
and move us with your strength,  
that we might be born of the Spirit into eternal life.  
With the Father and the Son, you live and reign,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen**

**1st Reading**                      *Genesis 12.1-4a*

**2nd Reading**                     *Romans 4.1-5,13-17*

**Gospel**                              *Matthew 17.1-9*

Good hygiene reminder: for communion please do not dip the wafers into the wine (intinct). If you prefer not to drink from the cup, be assured that communion is complete in one kind (the bread). Rather than shaking hands at the peace, you may wish to offer a hands-together bow.

## **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the people of the Hastings parish and their clergy.

And we pray for parishes, groups and individuals who will leave our shores to support mission projects around the world in 2020.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Cherie, Gordon, Pat, Sherryl, John & Joyce, Craig, Nikki, Natasha.

## *Greetings*

The windhover is a bird with the rare ability to hover in the air, essentially flying in place while it scans the ground in search of prey. It is another name for the common kestrel (a Eurasian kestrel).

‘The Windhover’ is a poem by the Jesuit priest and poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-89), who had a gift of using a rich vocabulary to share startling insights into the way language can paint a transformed world. This is a world we do not necessarily understand but it is a world transfigured, to which we respond on an emotional level.

Like the tradition of using icons in the Eastern Church, the Transfiguration teaches us not to ask ‘how does this work?’ or ‘what happened?’ but rather ‘what does it mean?’ or ‘what truth is being expressed?’ or ‘what is it for?’

When a typically ‘Western’ mindset gets to work on an icon, it analyses the drawing, finds the perspective wanting, the colours unnatural and the composition stilted: ‘not a very good likeness, might be the verdict’. But the icon-writer is not trying to paint a picture or render a photographic likeness. He or she is opening a window into a different reality.

Arohanui,

*Sue*

## **AAW MEETING TUESDAY 10 MARCH**

The speaker at our AAW meeting will be Craig Wilson from the NZ School of Radio.

## **WORKING BEE 14 MARCH**

On **Saturday 14 March** at **9.00 am** we will have a working bee so the Church is spick and span for the run up to Easter. Anyone and everyone can help. There will be teams for the Grounds, Church, Hall, Kitchen & Lounge, Exterior (eg windows, sweeping paths). Even a little help is good. To indicate how you can help there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. At 10.00 am we will have a morning tea together. It will be the place to be.

## **AGM and SHARED LUNCH SUNDAY 29 MARCH**

Our **AGM** will be held after the combined **10.00** Enter the Mystery Service on **Sunday 29 March**. Drinks and nibbles will be served before we begin. The meeting (which will be brief) will be followed by a shared lunch and opportunity to chat. Please bring a plate. Do join us as we celebrate the past year and look forward to the next. *Nominations for Vestry are sought – forms are available in the foyer.*

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Our cleaner has resigned and will finish on 30 March. As a result, we are looking for a new cleaner – the cleaning duties total 6 hours a week, spread over 3 days. If you know of someone reliable who might be interested, please let either Sue (Vicar) or Lynda know.

## **ANGLICAN MISSIONS LENTEN APPEAL**

The Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal supports the following projects:

- ❖ The Penman Medical Centre, Zababdeh
- ❖ The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities
- ❖ Roofing of churches in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania

If you wish to support these important missions appeal envelopes are available in the foyer.

## **This Week Beginning: 9 March**

<b>Monday</b>	9.00 am	Walking Group - meet at The Raft
	1.00 pm	Mahjong in the lounge
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.15 pm	AAW meeting in the lounge
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Mid-week Communion
	11.00 am	Lent Reflections Group meeting
	1.30 pm	Bible Study, Praise & Prayer
	2.00 pm	SAYGo in the hall
	4.00 pm	Music Group practice
	7.00 pm	Lent Reflections Group meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	8.30 am	Benedictine Study Group
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00 am	Parish Working Bee
<b>Op Shop</b>	10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)	
<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 15 March – Lent 3**

*Exodus 17:1 - 7; Romans 5:1 - 11; John 4:5 - 42*

8.30 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Eucharist

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