

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 1 March 2026

Liturgy: p.404

Lent 2

Psalm 121

Greetings:

I have heard from the Bishop's office that while he intends to be present with us for my last service on **Sunday 15 March**, he is not able to be here until the afternoon. Therefore, the service on that day will be **delayed from 9.30am until 2pm** and an afternoon tea will follow. Please note the change in your diaries.

Our **Lenten Study** is underway and is well attended. If you want to work through the programme at home, please ask Erica for a booklet.

This Sunday is Lent 2, **Transfiguration Sunday**. We sometimes celebrate this feast on the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday and sometimes, if it falls on a Sunday, on 6 August. I'm of the opinion that as long as we give an airing at least once a year, any of the options are good. The Transfiguration of our Lord is a significant moment in His journey; it's that moment when Peter and James and John witness for themselves the intimate connection between the divinity of Jesus and His humanity, and they see Him talking with Elijah and Moses, with all the implications that has for the coming of the Kingdom for all eternity.

Before this event, Peter achieves a level of understanding about Who Jesus is, that convinces Jesus to identify him as the rock on which the future Church will be built. After this event we see Jesus' humanity come to the fore, expressing His frustration at the lack of faith in those closest to Him. This is **a challenge to us all**; how will we respond when we are called?

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 1 March 2026

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:

Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in Your Name, that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead. Give us passion, give us fire; make us transform the world from what it is, to what You have created it to be. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading *Genesis 12: 1-4a*

NT Reading *Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17*

Gospel *Matthew 17: 1-9*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the people of Fiji, a nation of beauty and resilience, as they face the pressures of rising seas, storms, and economic hardship. Strengthen families under strain, guide young people as they make decisions about their futures, and bring hope where there is uncertainty.

We pray for the retired Bishops of Waiapu.

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

Choral Evensong

Sunday March 1st – St David’s Day – A peaceful and contemplative evening of Welsh music and celebration. All Parishioners are invited to attend the liturgy of Choral Evensong at St. Peter’s Anglican Church in Mount Maunganui at 7.00 pm.

Parish AGM – Sunday 19 April

Our AGM will be held in church on Sunday 19 April. We will celebrate our life together as a parish in 2025 and look forward to the future. *In preparation for the AGM nominations for Vestry are sought – nomination forms are available in the foyer.* Ideally we would like more Vestry members than we had in 2025 so that we can ensure we have a quorum for all meetings.

Cleaner Wanted

We are looking for a reliable and thorough cleaner to help keep our church buildings and Op Shop clean, tidy, and welcoming. Do you know anyone that this would suit? Contact Erica for more information.

This Week Beginning: 2 March

Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Communion
	11.00 am	Lenten Studies
	2.00 pm	SAYGO in the hall
Thursday	12:30 pm	Books and Friends at Kunul Cafe
Friday	9.30 am	Senior Chef
Op Shop	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Monday 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 8 March -

9:30 am Holy Communion

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