

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai



Sunday 15 March 2020

3rd Sunday in Lent

Sentence

‘The water that I will give,’ says the Lord, ‘will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’

John 4:14

Collect

**Fountain of life,
we your desert wanderers come to you
thirsty and parched.**

**Become in us a spring of eternal life,
bubbling and brimming over,
to eternal life.**

**With the Father and the Son,
you live and reign,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

1st Reading *Exodus 17.1-7*

2nd Reading *Romans 5.1-11*

Gospel *John 4.5-42*

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 Taupo parish and their clergy.

And we pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network and the Tikanga Maori delegates on the network.

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

Greetings

George Herbert (1593-1633) was a Welsh-born English statesman, priest and poet. He wrote poetry in English, Latin and Greek. His greatest work, a collection of 167 poems issued under the title *The Temple*, was published after his death in 1633. He could have risen to high office in the state but chose the life of a priest at a small church.

Herbert believed poetry was in some ways a type of preaching: 'A verse may find him who a sermon flies'. For the same reason, he was also fond of proverbs and many of those he used in his sermons survive today: 'Whose house is of glass must not throw stones at another'; 'The eye is bigger than the belly'; 'His bark is worse than his bite'; 'Half the world knows not how the other half lives'.

Several of Herbert's poems have become hymns, such as the one we sing as our gradual at the 10am service today. In the opening lines of his 1633 poem 'King of Glory', Herbert wrote:

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.

It is a powerful first stanza. Herbert asks for God's love and in return offers God his industry. He promises to move God and later to 'serenade him' with 'his utmost art'. His is a moving expression of devotion and service that invites us to think about our own life.

Few great poems make good hymns; this is an exception. Most of his poems are too intricate to be hymns, but this one, despite some archaic expressions, speaks simply of his dependence on God.

Arohanui, *Sue*

LAVENDER CRAFT GROUP MONDAY 16th MARCH

Meet at Liss Lloyd's, 20 Andrew Place (phone 576 9103).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH

The speaker this week will be Buddy Mikaere who will talk about "The future for young Maori growing up in Tauranga".

PARISH MAGAZINE

Many thanks to those who contributed articles for the first edition of our parish magazine **Word and Light**. It is a good read! The themes for the next edition will be **Easter** and **Holiday Memories**. This could be a holiday you have recently had or one you remember from years ago. The deadline is Monday 30 March (at the latest). If you would like to contribute an article (with a photo which would add colour and interest) or have ideas about themes for future editions please contact Lynda, the Parish Administrator, or the Vicar.

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 Penman Medical Centre, Zababdeh, The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities, & the 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: 16 March

Monday	9.00 am	Walking Group - meet at The Raft
	10.00 am	Lavender Craft Group meet
	1.00 pm	Mahjong in the lounge
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Communion
	2.00 pm	SAYGo in the hall
	4.00 pm	Music Group practice
	6.00 pm	Men's Fellowship in the lounge
Thursday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	8.30 am	Benedictine Study Group
Op Shop	10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)	
Playgroup	9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	
Toy Library	9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	

Services for Sunday 22 March – Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1:20-28; Colossian 3:12-17; Luke 2:33-35

8.30 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Eucharist

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