

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

## St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



**Sunday 8 March 2026**

*Liturgy: p.404*

*Lent 3*

*Psalm 95*

### *Greetings:*

Here's a gentle reminder that the service on **Sunday 15 March**, has been **delayed from 9.30am until 2pm** and an afternoon tea will follow.

My study group has, among other things, been looking at ***The Chosen***. I recommend it highly and it's available free on YouTube (or on DVD available online or at Sonshine Books, 84 First Ave). While much of the text and narrative comes directly from Scripture, it's put together in a way that often takes us by surprise and gives us food for thought, raising plenty of questions. So far, the series has taken us from the beginning of Jesus' ministry up to the last supper. The next two seasons will (I hope) cover Jesus' trial and crucifixion/resurrection, as well as His post resurrection appearances and ascension. The most recent season is number five (of a planned seven) with each season comprising eight episodes. It is highly commended by a wide range of scriptural and theological authorities. Get a group together and engage!

This week our gospel message is the story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well. If you are looking for an example of how Jesus might have engaged a Muslim, this might well be it!

Grace and peace,

*Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 8 March 2026**

### **Sentence:**

God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners  
Christ died for us.

*Romans 5:8*

### **Collect:**

**Give us grace and courage to hope, and to risk disappointment. Teach us to pray expectantly, and when our prayers seem to fail, bring us to pray again and again; for You are our God, Who acts, and will act again. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.**

**OT Reading**    *Exodus 17: 1-7*

**NT Reading**    *Romans 5: 1-11*

**Gospel**         *John 4: 5-42*

### **Prayers of the People**

We pray for all who are suffering, grieving, or stranded in the Middle East as violence escalates, asking God's mercy, protection, and peace for every nation and every person caught in this conflict. We also pray for the people of the Mount Maunganui Parish and their clergy.

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

### **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.

### **Toy Library**

Did you know we run a Toy Library for our community? Donations of toys or financial gifts are always warmly appreciated.

### **Foodbank**

Thank you to all those who so generously give to our Foodbank collection. As we approach Easter can you please consider adding some Easter goodies to your contribution? These will be much appreciated by the families.

### **Tony and Christine Farewell Sunday 15 March**

Eucharist at 2pm (Bishop Andrew will be in attendance) followed by a farewell afternoon tea - ladies please bring a plate.

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

**Tuesday** 7.00 pm St John's Women's Fellowship

**Wednesday** 10.00 am Mid-week Communion

11.00 am Lenten Study

2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

3.15 pm Matua Lifecare Communion

**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 15 March -**

2pm Holy Communion

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