

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 15 March 2026

Liturgy: p.404

Lent 4

Psalm 23

Greetings:

Don't forget that the service on **Sunday 15 March**, has been **delayed from 9.30am until 2pm** and an afternoon tea will follow. Bishop Andrew will preside.

The man born blind challenges us in unexpected ways. Who sinned? *“No-one sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.”* When our assumptions are proved wrong, we are discombobulated, and when an explanation fails, we are further confused. And yet ... *“we must work the works of Him Who sent [us] while it is day ... night is coming ...”* There's a work to do and time is running out ... but what is the work?

My sincere thanks to all of you. Farewells are never comfortable and this one is worse because our time together has been shorter than any of us expected. Christine and I will miss you, and we are grateful for all we have achieved together. My prayer is that you discover what is that God has for you to do and be here in this next season, and that you find the Power in Whom that work will be done.

Haere i runga i te rangimarie, i runga i te aroha, me te ngakau hihiko, ki te mahi, ki te Ariki.

Go now to love and serve the Lord (with enthusiasm and passion) go in the Name of Him Who sends us [adapted].

Grace and peace,

Tony

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 15 March 2026

Sentence:

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow Me will have the light of life.'

John 8:12

Collect:

God of unchangeable power, when You fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy. Open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good. To the honour of Your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading *Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

NT Reading *Romans 8: 6-11*

Gospel *John 11: 1-45*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the staff of Anglican Financial Care and for the people of the Waikohu Co-operating 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.

Thank You Lavender Group

Many thanks to the Lavender Craft Group who have donated \$600 to the church. This is from funds raised at their annual craft sale and Devonshire tea.

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.

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.

This Week Beginning: 16 March

Monday	10.00 am	Lavender Craft
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Communion
	11.00 am	Lenten Study
	2.00 pm	SAYGO in the hall
Thursday	7.00 pm	Vestry Meeting
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 22 March -

9:30am Holy Communion

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