

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

## **St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai**



**Sunday, 17 March 2024**

*Lent 5/Passion Sunday*

### *Greetings:*

For those of you who were not at the AGM last week we have a new Vicar's Warden (Roger Clark) a new People's Warden (Angela Stensness) and a revised Vestry (Bill Aldridge, Tim Cross, Sue Reed, Liz Skivington) with Tim also continuing as our Lay Synod's rep.

We expressed our grateful thanks for the services of Betty Owen and Bill Aldridge who have both given hours of service over many years and who have both decided to take a rest from their previous high level of commitment in their respective ways. Vestry has moved to the third Tuesday night of each month to accommodate our Study Group schedule.

While we have again delivered a sound financial report in 2023 (ahead of budget) it was noted that our 2024 budget is once again, forecasting a deficit (we may spend more than we anticipate bringing in) with insurance costs now being nearly 300% of the price we have paid before. Lynda and I continue to take a conservative approach to our discretionary spending and are confident that by being prudent we will do what we can to "finish in the black."

Our gospel this week is John 12: 20-33. This text follows on from the Pharisees planning to kill Lazarus (whom Jesus raised from the dead) recognising that they have lost the battle to control Jesus' effectiveness.

It's clear to us now, that this kind of thinking completely upends what God was trying to achieve at the beginning of Creation. Jesus came among us to make the Good News of the Kingdom available to everybody, in every nation, in every age ... if we will only agree to accept His gift freely offered.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 17 March 2024**

### **Sentence**

‘This is the covenant I will make with them,’ says the Lord: ‘I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’ *Jeremiah 31:33*

### **Collect**

**Almighty and eternal God, You have made of one blood all the nations of the earth and will that they live together in peace and harmony; so order the course of this world that all peoples may be brought together under Christ's most gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OT Reading** *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*

**NT Reading** *Hebrews 5: 5-10*

**Gospel** *John 12: 20-33*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for mission in Aotearoa New Zealand and for the Board and staff of Anglican Financial Care.

We pray for those in need, especially those who ask for our prayers:  
Craig, Reece, James, Viv.

**Taizé at St Georges**

All are invited to join St Georges, Gate Pa for a Taizé service at 7pm on  
Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday).

**This Week Beginning: 18 March**

**Tuesday**      12.00 pm      Fish n Chips and Games

**Wednesday**    10.00 am      Mid-week Eucharist

11.00 am      Lenten Study

7.00 pm      Lenten Study

**Friday**          9.00 am      Senior Chef

**Tuesday**        8:00 am      Silent Meditation

**Weds – Sat**      8.00 am      Morning Prayer

**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

**Services for Sunday 25 March –**

8.30 am    Holy Eucharist

10.00 am    Holy Eucharist

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