

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday, 6 April 2025**

*Liturgy: p.404*

*Lent 5*

*Psalm 126*

### *Greetings:*

The gospel this Sunday is the first of two on which we tell the Passion story. This week we shall celebrate the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem (minus the waving of Palms which we will do next Sunday), and next we shall highlight the change in tone from His arrival into Jerusalem as “King” before His betrayal, crucifixion and burial five days later. For me this is a very human trait ... that we can in one moment, welcome our Lord and celebrate His arrival on the back of all the wonderful things He has done in the last three years ... and in the next, be swayed by our religious/spiritual leaders to have Him killed for those same actions. It's worth pondering and holding ourselves in this difficult time for some reflection.

During Holy Week (13-19 April) there are some extra opportunities to spend time in worship of our Lord. You are welcome to join us for a short Eucharist at 8am on Mon, Tue, Wed, and Thu, and for Evening Prayer at 5.30pm on Sun, Mon, Tue and Wed. There are also the principal services at 7pm on Thursday (Foot washing and Eucharist), at 9.30am on Friday (Prayer Vigil), at 7pm on Saturday (Service of Light and Word and Eucharist), and at 9.30am on Sunday (Easter Day). Plenty to get your teeth into and ponder.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 6 April 2025**

### **Sentence:**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*Psalms 126:6*

### **Collect:**

**Jesus, receive our love and worship. Show us how to give You what we have, for nothing is too big or too small for us to offer, or for You to use; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. Amen.**

### **OT Reading**

*Isaiah 43: 16-21*

### **NT Reading**

*Philippians 3: 4b-14*

### **Gospel**

*John 12: 1-8*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the Anglican Church in Melanesia, and for Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke: Bishop Ngarahu Katene and the Rohe of Tauranga, Te Puke, Whakatāne/Ruatoki, Te Kaha, Ohinemutu, Te Ngae, Murupara, Taupō.

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

### **Parish Office**

The office will be closed on Tuesday 8 April.

### **Taizé Service**

All are welcome to join the people of St George's, Gate Pa for a contemplative service based on the music of the Taizé Community – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

### **Foodbank**

As we lead up to Easter some treats for children for Easter would be welcomed by Foodbank. Your support of this important cause is greatly appreciated.

### **This Week Beginning: 7 April**

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

**Wednesday**    10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist  
                      11.00 am Lenten Study  
                      2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall  
                      3.15 pm Service at Radius Matua  
                      6.30 pm Alpha course in the lounge

**Op Shop**        10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday  
                      10.00 am - 1pm Saturday

**Playgroup**      9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Toy Library**    9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

### **Service for Sunday 13 April –**

9.30 am Holy Communion

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