

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 11th June 2023

Te Pouhere / 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends

Last year when the Queen died some Anglicans here in NZ were heard to speak of her being the head of our church. The worldwide Anglican Communion has an interesting history. Here in Aotearoa/NZ the Anglican church began as a Missionary church to the indigenous peoples of this country. Te Reo Māori was spoken in the NZ Anglican church from the time before we were fully established, dating back to that first Christmas service in 1814 with Rev Samuel Marsden, along with his interpreter, Ruatara. Bishop George Selwyn was the first bishop here in NZ and in 1857 the Constitution of the Church of the Province of New Zealand was signed in St Stephen's chapel, Judges Bay. While our church was **planted** by the Church of England we were established as an independent province. We have never been the church of England, governed by the monarch and headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. (Incidentally, the monarch holds the title of "Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England").

The missionaries made it a top priority to translate scripture and the book of common prayer into Te Reo Māori. The diocese of Waiapu was established in 1858, and our first bishop (William Williams) was the first Bishop consecrated in NZ. The church in this region owed much of its spread to Māori evangelists. The first synods in Waiapu were conducted in Te Reo Māori. It was only later that this became more of a settler church. Sadly, it took until 1928 before we had the

first Māori Bishop – Bishop Frederick Bennett was the first bishop of Aotearoa and appointed Suffragan Bishop of Waiapu.

In the 1980s it was increasingly realised that this Anglican church here in Aotearoa had not honoured the initial intention of those long-ago church planters. To recognise true equality and partnership between Māori and Pākehā in our NZ church, we needed a complete overhaul and restructuring; thus, the new constitution was developed. The need to incorporate our Pacifica community led to the current Three Tikanga church established in 1992. Our official name is “*The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, Te Hāhi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Nui Tirenī, ki Ngā Moutere o te Moana Nui a Kiwa*”. This structure was not intended to be a form of religious apartheid – it was not creating three separate Anglican Churches. We are one church, with three co-equal interweaving strands. Our own taonga/ treasure *A New Zealand Prayerbook/ He Karakia Mihinare Aotearoa* was published in 1989 and its multilingual content reflected the work which had already begun on our constitution. We continue to explore what this friendship and partnership between the different strands means for us today here in Waiapu. Last year in the Bishop’s charge at synod, he spoke of the theological concept that is now embedded in our church canons, *Te Oranga Ake – the flourishing of the people* as something “now part of Waiapu’s DNA”.

There is much that is modelled on the Trinity in this model of our Anglican Church and it is beautifully expressed in the collect for the day:

*Remind us you have woven us
so that no strand by itself reveals your design
but together we are the whāriki, Te Pouhere.*

It is so appropriate that we celebrate Te Pouhere Sunday on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday; we have been thinking of the unity and diversity found in the nature of our Triune God and how above all God is celebrated as a community of love.

Arohanui, *Sue +*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 11th June 2023

Sentence

There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there no longer is male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3: 28

Collect

Master weaver, you are the creator and we are the flax with which you have plaited Te Pouhere, a whāriki which unites our tikanga in Aotearoa and across Te Moananui a Kiwa. Your hand has woven us so that each tikanga is revealed in the perfection of its design, its pattern in the texture of our differences, and its strength in the unity of its purpose to shelter and support your promise. Remind us you have woven us so that no strand by itself reveals your design but together we are the whāriki, Te Pouhere. Amen

1st Reading *Isaiah 42.10-20*

2nd Reading *2 Corinthians 5.14-19*

Gospel *Matthew 7.24-29*

Prayers of the People

We pray for Lotu Youth Mission Community in Fiji and for the people of the Clive Co-operating Parish.

We pray for those in need especially those who ask for our prayers: John, Lou, Isabel, Sheryll, Taylor, Alan.

Looking for a House to Rent

Our current tenant at the Vicarage has been excellent but with the appointment of a new Vicar she is looking for housing from 1 August. If you know of anyone that has a suitable place, please contact Bill Aldridge or leave a message with Lynda in the church office. She is a widow with three young children.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 16 June.

This Week Beginning: 12th June

Monday	10.00 am	Craft and Chat
Tuesday	1.00 pm	AAW meeting
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	3.00 pm	Communion at Radius Matua
Op Shop	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)
	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 18th June –

8.30 am	Holy Eucharist
10.00 am	Holy Eucharist

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