

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 14 June 2026

Liturgy: p404

Ordinary Time 11

Psalm 116: 9-18

Greetings all:

This Sunday will be the first Service of the Word that we have run together in a while, my first ever even though I've been licensed for almost five years to do this. Our order of service this time was actually prepared by Sue Beverly in case she and Sue Genner were both struck by COVID back in 2020/21/22, and Angela or I needed to lead the service. It's great to finally bring that good work to you this week.

In my sermon, our Gospel reading is from Matthew Chapter 9. Jesus requests his disciples to go out to serve the crowds of people present who were all in desperate need of help. Now let's be clear on this - four of Jesus' 12 disciples were career fishermen, they weren't capable trained theologians or counsellors or a team of physicians with ready answers to help crowds in emotional and physical despair. The disciples were people with empty hands who trusted Jesus, willing to have their hands filled by God to freely give in service, as they had received.

Wherever you happen to be today, I pray for you and all of us - for patience and willingness to open your heart and mind and hands to the ways you serve God, your family and our community, and that He would show you something new, creative and unexpected this week. Look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Tim

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 14 June 2026

Sentence:

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:37–38

Collect:

Almighty God,
by your grace alone
we are accepted and called to your service;
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and empower our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OT Reading *Genesis 18:1-15*

NT Reading *Romans 5:1-8*

Gospel *Matthew 9:35-10:8*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the women in Aotearoa New Zealand and across our Church who provide continuing support for overseas mission, and we pray for the parish of Whakatane and their clergy.

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

Soup and Rolls Lunch

Save the date – Tuesday July 14th. St John's Women's Fellowship annual Soup and Rolls lunch with entertainment provided by the St John's Singers.

Henry Williams - Trader, Peacemaker, Missionary

On Thursday 25 June in Tauranga Moana, bicentenary commemorations for Henry Williams (Karuwhā) will take place. For tickets go to: <https://www.waiapuanglicans.org.nz/post/bicentenary-celebrations-for-henry-williams-arrival>

This Week Beginning: 15th June

Monday 10:00 am Lavender Craft Group meet

Wednesday 10:00 am Mid-week Communion

2:00 pm SAYGo in the hall

7.00 pm Vestry meeting

Friday 9:30 am Senior Chef

Sunday 9:30 am Holy Communion

Op Shop 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday to Friday

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday

Playgroup 9:30am – 11:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Toy Library 9:30am – 11:30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

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