

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 21 June 2026

Liturgy: p404

Ordinary Time 12 Psalm 86:1-10,16-17

Greetings all:

Recently we celebrated our Church constitution – Te Pouhere, which weaves Māori, Pasifika, and Pākehā together like the flax strands in a whāriki or woven mat. Each Tikanga takes part in our church's life and mission knowing their voice and way of living the gospel is as important as anyone else's. It is a gift of God. On Sunday morning some will gather to remember the Battle of Te Ranga, the injustice of the land confiscations that followed, and their ongoing effects today. Māori lives did not matter then. Some still think they do not matter.

Some of you may not agree with what I have written. In our gospel reading last and this week we hear Jesus inviting his disciples to share in the mission task he described in the Beatitudes and had since lived; bringing the Kingdom of Heaven into the midst of humanity. He made the invisible visible; the sick, the widows, the orphans, the tax collectors and sinners, the poor – all whose lives did not matter to the powerful. His life and actions declared that in God's eyes their lives did matter and were as important as anyone else. Good news for some but not the privileged. He named the powers of evil that sought to silence and dehumanise. And for that he joined these outsiders on a cross, as if his life did not matter. In the resurrection and ascension God declared that ALL lives matter, especially those who Jesus had lived among. In that we know that we matter too. The disciples understood that they were to continue this task of making the invisible visible and that not all would welcome this. What does all this mean for us as we continue living the kingdom of heaven today?

John Hebert P.S.F.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 21 June 2026

Sentence:

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. *Matthew 10:39*

Collect:

**Holy God, grant us the beginning of wisdom
and love to cast out every fear:
that we may grow more brave,
more ready to hear,
more ready to obey;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

OT Reading *Genesis 21: 8-21*

NT Reading *Romans 6:1b-11*

Gospel *Matthew 10: 24-39*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and for the staff of the John Kinder Theological Library.

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

Historic Roof Fund

At the AGM there was a query about a roof fund that was held years ago. The answer is in the minutes of the last Vestry meeting. Minutes can be found in a folder under the noticeboard.

Women Seafarers Annual Drive

Prior to our Sea Sunday service on July 19th, please consider donating toiletries and other items that the women seafarers would appreciate.

Soup and Rolls

Save the date – 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: 22nd June

Wednesday 10:00 am Mid-week Communion
2:00 pm SAYGo in the hall
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 No Playgroup this week

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

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