

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 29 June 2025

Liturgy: p.476

OT 13

Psalm 16

Greetings:

This weekend we not only begin the long green season but it's the beginning of the School Holidays! Well done to the teachers and carers amongst you who have endured once more; prayers and blessings over the grandparents etc (and their charges) for the next two weeks!

An alternative theme for this Sunday (OT 13) is the combined day of remembrance for St Peter and St Paul. While each has a day of their own at the start of the year, this day is set aside to remember their martyrdom in Rome (64 CE) under Nero's purges. Peter is thought to have been crucified (but upside down) and Paul (because he was a Roman citizen) is thought to have died by the sword. Whether these accounts are true or not doesn't diminish the power of the work they did for the Kingdom in those early years, setting the pace and tone of the work we are left to do here today.

Next week we are celebrating Sea Sunday (a week early) and I'm delighted to welcome Rev Lance Lukin, the Director of the Mission to Seafarers in New Zealand to preach. Can we please make a special effort to bring items for the Seafarers donation box on

Sunday, and I will make sure that it gets taken to the Welfare Centre during the week.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 29 June 2025

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:

Jesus crucified, despised and suffering, You made Yourself one with us. Help us to follow You and bear the shame; for the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

OT Reading: *1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21*

NT Reading *Galatians 5: 1, 13-25*

Gospel *Luke 9: 51-62*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Ontong Java Development Project, and for the Mission to Seafarers Oceania Region and United Seafarers Mission, Tauranga.

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

Power Outage

PowerCo has advised that there will be a power outage at the church on Tuesday 1 July (alternate day 2 July). This is the fourth time this work has been scheduled this year - if the weather is fine it should go ahead this time.

Soup and Rolls Lunch

The annual Soup and Rolls luncheon will be held on Tuesday 8 July. Be there at 11.30 for a 12 o'clock lunch. Entrance fee \$10; raffles \$2 or 3 for \$5. There will be entertainment after the lunch. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. All welcome.

This Week Beginning: 30 June

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Communion
2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

Thursday 12.30 pm Book Club at Kunul Café

Op Shop 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday

Playgroup 9.30 - 11.30 am Thursday only

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 6 July -

9.30 am Holy Communion

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