

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday 27 July 2025**

*Liturgy: p.456*

*OT 17*

*Psalm 138*

### *Greetings:*

Today is Social Services Sunday, one day on which we give thanks for all those folk and organisations who serve those on the margins. Yes, in doing so we also hold a little closer in our hearts those who struggle to pay bills, those who suffer injustice, and those who suffer grief, but on this day our focus is on those who listen and care and serve those who, for whatever reason have trouble seeing the wood for the trees.

Many of those who do this work, do it because they have suffered themselves at the hands of an unforgiving system. Sometimes, WINZ or MSD seem to have all the power and yet struggle to bring the resources they control to help people get back on their feet. Many of the people who call on our Social Services infrastructure only need short term help to get over an immediate crisis. They need an advocate; someone to listen.

I wonder if our gospel today has any messages for us in this context? Would we, if we were asked, go down and open the door at midnight? But don't do this expecting to be paid back, do it simply because we can and for the purpose and glory of God.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 27 July 2025**

### **Sentence:**

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. *Luke 11:9*

### **Collect:**

**Almighty and merciful God, more ready to hear than we to pray, giving more than we desire or deserve; pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgive those things of which our conscience is afraid, and give us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, except through Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**OT Reading:** *Genesis 18: 20-32*

**NT Reading** *Colossians 2: 6-15*

**Gospel** *Luke 11: 1-13*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda, and for the Waiapu Anglican Social Services Trust Board.

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

### **This Week Beginning: 28 July**

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

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

### **Service for Sunday 3 August -**

9.30 am Holy Communion

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