

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday 3 August 2025**

*Liturgy: p.404*

*OT 18*

*Psalm 49: 1-12*

### *Greetings:*

On Wednesday of this coming week we celebrate Transfiguration Day. This event is effectively the turning point for the journey narrative in Luke's gospel. Before this, Jesus and His disciples are working mainly in Galilee and in the surrounding areas, healing the sick and bringing the Kingdom of God close to the people who can recognise it. After this, while they still do perform miracles and healing, they turn south towards Jerusalem. The focus moves from teaching and signs, to the divine purpose for which He comes. The presence of Moses and Elijah at the mountain top show the close connection between what Jesus is doing (and still has to accomplish) and the Law, as well as the end times. From this point on there can be no doubt that Jesus is the Son of God and that He serves His Father's purpose.

We are grateful that Rev Lance Lukin is with us this weekend; a visit delayed from a few weeks ago. Welcome Lance. Thank you for making the journey to mark what is a new beginning for us in our ministry into the Port. We have supported seafarers for many years, but this new ministry is something different and challenging. Bless us as we step out in the Name of Jesus.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 3 August 2025**

### **Sentence:**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*Colossians 3:1*

### **Collect:**

**God of all the earth, You have given us the heritage of this good and fertile land; grant that we may so respect and use it that others may thank us for what we leave to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OT Reading:**   *Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23*

**NT Reading**   *Colossians 3: 1-11*

**Gospel**         *Luke 12: 13-21*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the people of Tonga, and for the Diocesan Standing Committee and its members.

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

### **Foodbank**

Foodbank greatly appreciates our weekly donations. On their wish list are some special items: marmite, nutella, coffee, milo, cocoa powder, icing sugar, coconut, dried fruit & nuts, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, laundry powder. If you are giving to Foodbank please consider these items.

### **This Week Beginning: 4 August**

**Wednesday** 10.00 am Mid-week Communion

2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

**Thursday** 12.30 pm Book Club at Kunul Cafe

**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 10 August -**

9.30 am Holy Communion

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