

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday 31 August 2025**

*Liturgy: p.404*

*OT 22*

*Psalm 112*

### *Greetings:*

It's been a busy week catching up with all the many things that happen while one is away. It's also a time of illness and recovery for many of us; please know that whatever your circumstances, you are loved and appreciated. I have contacted several people in the last few days either in hospital, or waiting to get in, or recovering at home ... I guess it's that time of year. All I can suggest is to be patient, be calm ... this too will pass. I'm very grateful for those who let me know about our folk who need some attention ... well done.

Earlier this week (28 Aug) our calendar remembered St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (not the chap of the same name who was the first Archbishop of Canterbury a couple of hundred years later). St Augustine was a convert to Christianity in his early thirties after a life "lived to the full." I don't support his view that "man is essentially evil," I prefer to think that we are born in the peace and goodness of God and that we discover distraction and temptation by ourselves along the way. But if anybody wants to read his *Confessions* or *The City of God* I have them in my library and you are welcome to borrow them.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 31 August 2025**

### **Sentence:**

Let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that confess His Name.     *Hebrews 13:15*

### **Collect:**

**Lord, help us to see what is eternally good and true, and having seen, to go on searching until we come to the joys of heaven; for the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

**OT Reading**     *Sirach 10:12-18*

**NT Reading**     *Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16*

**Gospel**     *Luke 14: 1, 7-14*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the love of the Father to inspire our care for the communities in which we live so that they experience God's heart for them, and we pray for Waiapu Pariha: Rev. Lilian Pomana, Rev. Harata Bennett, Rev. William Pepere, Rev. Patrick Tangaere.

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

### **Young at Heart Festival**

The Young at Heart Festival, 1- 8 October, is a week of community-led events that celebrates Tauranga's older community. The festival wraps around the official International Day of Older Persons on Wednesday, 1 October 2025. From fitness classes, a Musical Festival to workshops, the festival includes great events to get involved with. To see what is on offer visit the [Young at Heart webpage](#)

### **This Week Beginning: 1 September**

**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 7 September -**

9.30 am Holy Communion

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