

Welcome! Haere mai!

## St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Greetings:

The third Sunday in September is *Battle of Britain Sunday*; the day we set aside to remember “the few.” As time goes by (there are now no pilots alive who flew in that campaign) there is a risk that we will forget what the Second World War was all about and what a contribution all those brave men and women made to our collective freedom and security. *We will not succumb* to the vagaries of human memory ... *we will remember them!*

I can't help thinking however, that British PM Winston Churchill's remarks “*Never in the field of human conflict, was so much owed by so many to so few*” might overstate the case just a little. I am in no way diminishing the efforts of those who fought off invaders in the skies over Britain in the summer and autumn of 1940, but seek to recognise the sacrifice that our Lord and Saviour made before that and continues to make today.

Be in no doubt, Jesus lived in a state of human, spiritual, and military/political conflict in His time, and He continues to win battles today against formidable odds, *for the whole of humanity* whether or not they recognise it. We are all beautifully made in the image of God. He loves us and made us all for Himself.

I pray that every person comes to know the sacrifice that was made by Jesus Christ our Creator, Redeemer and friend, and that we each

recognise that He continues to make that same sacrifice today *for the very possession of our souls*. All we need to do is listen and believe.

Grace and peace,

*Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Sentence**

If You, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with You, so that you may be revered.

*Psalm 130:3-4*

### **Collect**

**God of infinite mercy  
grant that we who know Your pity  
may rejoice in Your forgiveness  
and gladly forgive others  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.**

**OT Reading**                      *Genesis 50:15-21*

**NT Reading**                      *Romans 14:1-12*

**Gospel**                                *Matthew 18:21-35*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the Archbishops of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia and for the Board and staff of Anglican Financial Care.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Isabel, Sheryll, Taylor, Viv, David, Kerri, Craig, Reg.

## Lavender Craft

Meet at Liss Lloyd's, 20 Andrew Place.

## Synod

Tony will be away, attending Synod, from 11am Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

## Word and Light OUR PARISH MAGAZINE

The theme for the next edition will be “**The Colours of Spring**”. Articles on other topics are also welcome. Photos add interest. Please send your contributions to Lynda, the Parish Administrator, by **24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

### **This Week Beginning: 18<sup>th</sup> September**

<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am	Lavender Craft
<b>Tuesday</b>	12.00 pm	Fish n Chips & Games
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
<b>Op Shop</b>	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)
	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Saturday
<b>Playgroup</b>	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
<b>Toy Library</b>	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

### **Services for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September –**

8.30 am Holy Eucharist  
10.00 am Holy Eucharist

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