

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 21 September 2025

Liturgy: p.476

OT 25

Psalm 113

Greetings:

Please don't forget that **NZ Daylight Savings starts next weekend**. Clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night ... so if you arrive at church before me, you know what's happened.

The lectionary has a strange story for us this weekend; the parable of "the Shrewd Manager". At first glance this tale appears to reward a former employee for his bad behaviour, both before he was dismissed and even more so afterwards, but we need to look carefully before leaping to this conclusion. The man is charged with dealing inappropriately with his master's estate and is summarily dismissed. So far so good. But the man's response to his dismissal defies belief; he visits his master's debtors and reduces the size of the accounts to make them more palatable. *And then*, his previous master commends him *"because he acted shrewdly"*! He is not commended for dealing rightly, but for *getting off the fence* and making the best of a bad situation. Each of us also needs to consider carefully where we stand ... are we dealing *rightly* or should we instead be seeking to feather our nest for the time ahead. Careful! There's only one right answer.

Our **Organ Fund** is now active. If you wish to make a donation please contact Lynda or Erica.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 21 September 2025

Sentence:

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Collect:

Almighty God, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge; give us eyes to see and minds to understand Your marvellous works, that we may know You through Your handiwork and use Your creations to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading *Amos 8: 4-7*

NT Reading *1 Timothy 2: 1-7*

Gospel *Luke 16: 1-13*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and for the people of the Havelock North Parish and their clergy.

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

Concert for Creation

All are invited to an organ recital by Karen Missen and Chaliun Poppy to celebrate the season of creation. Handel, Bach, Couperin, Mendelssohn and other pieces. At St Peter's, Mount Maunganui, 4.00 pm Saturday 27 September. Entry by koha.

This Week Beginning: 22 September

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

Thursday 7.00 pm Vestry meeting

Friday 9.30 am Senior Chef

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

Playgroup 9.30 - 11.30 am Closed

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 28 September -

9.30 am Holy Communion

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