

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 29 September 2024

OT 26

Liturgy: p.476

Greetings:

Hello again, I can strongly recommend a silent retreat as being very recuperative ... yes, it followed a lovely holiday, but there's something about living in a rhythm of life that includes prayer and silence. Needless to say, it's been busy since I've been back, but that's good too.

I have been looking at our Christmas schedule this week. I will be circulating a draft programme to several key people for their input shortly, but I think we might focus on a simple offering this year, leaving space for other parishes too. More to follow in the weeks ahead. Either way there will be an Advent study for both daytime and evening groups if some of you are interested.

We have received advice this week that our Diocesan Synod in Gisborne has been shortened to two days ... that sounds like great news to me! I'm sure that whatever time we have will be used to good effect. I'm looking forward to seeing what comes out of our thinking about strategic direction and leadership into the future.

Please note also, that our Archbishops have responded to the final report of the Royal Commission this week. In essence, they have accepted the Commission's findings and have apologised for all the hurt that has been done in the name of our church. I pray that we

can now get on with putting all the hurt right, and not doing anymore in the future.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 29 September 2024

Sentence:

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.

Mark 9:50

Collect:

God of grace and goodness, You know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail; keep us always under Your protection and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

NT Reading

James 5: 13 – 20

Gospel

Mark 9: 38-50

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for Tearfund New Zealand and for all those involved in Mission to Seafarers.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Reece, Viv, James F, Hazel, Lynda, Lawrence, Adam, Sheryl T.

Farewell for Rev'd Ruth Dewdney

All parishioners are invited to attend a service to farewell Rev'd Ruth Dewdney – 3pm, Sunday 29 September at St John the Baptist, 47 Jocelyn Street, Te Puke.

Choral Evensong

All Parishioners are invited to attend the liturgy of Choral Evensong at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Mount Maunganui on the first Sunday of every month at 4.00pm.

Prayers for World Peace

Tauranga Moana Interfaith Council is once again hosting the Prayers for World Peace this year. This will be held on Tuesday October 15th at 7 pm at the Wesley Methodist Church, 100 Thirteenth Ave. Sue Genner is looking for volunteers to assist with the Anglican section of the evening. Please email or text Sue if you are interested. We have some volunteers from the Mount Parish already.

This Week Beginning: 30 September

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| Tuesday | 12.00 pm Fish n Chips and Games |
| Wednesday | 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist
2.00 pm SAYGo |
| Thursday | 12.30 pm Books and Friends at Kunul Cafe |
| Friday | 9.00 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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 6 October –
9.30 am Holy Communion

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