

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 12 October 2025

Liturgy: p.476

OT 28

Psalm 111

Greetings:

This week I attended a one-day seminar at Holy Trinity where the speaker was Matua Matt Hakiha. He's a truly gifted communicator able to listen and speak to both sides of our cultural divide. His topic was *Te Ao Māori and Christian Ministry in the 21st Century*. Among other things, he highlighted that as Christians we need to make space for God *and* for each other ... and to listen with grace and with peace. Another speaker identified that we are coming from two completely different understandings of the spiritual world, not in a bad way, but in a way which shapes our whole understanding of everything.

The thing that struck me the most was the shared recognition that God is bigger than any other idea or worldly reality ... if it's OK with God our Father, our Saviour and the Holy Spirit it's OK with us. There are many things we can share and come to grips with, if we let ourselves sit and listen with grace ... let's focus on those ... in the love of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

Tony

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 12 October 2025

Sentence:

What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Psalm 116:12-14

Collect:

God of compassion, deepen and increase our love for You so that we may leave behind the sins from which You have redeemed us, and serve You in perfect freedom. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.

OT Reading *2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c*

NT Reading *2 Timothy 2: 8-15*

Gospel *Luke 17: 11-19*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the staff and board of Anglican Missions and for the people of the Te Puke 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.

Vicar on leave

Tony is on leave from 13 to 22 October. If anything urgent arises in his absence please contact Lynda.

Office Hours

Office hours have been extended to Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 2.00pm.

Soroptimist's Event

Soroptimist International of Tauranga invite you to an evening with Liz Pennington (General Manager, Ovarian Cancer Foundation) on Tuesday 14 October (7.00 pm) at the Lyceum Club, 68 First Avenue. Gold coin entry, raffles available.

Taizé at St George's

You are invited to a contemplative service based on the music of the Taizé Community – at St George's, 7.00 pm Sunday 12 October.

This Week Beginning: 13 October

Tuesday 7.00 pm St John's Women's Fellowship meeting

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Communion

2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

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 19 October -

9.30 am Holy Communion

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